

Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC) Minutes

April 14, 2022

6:00 pm

Location: Zoom*

Members: Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair (KU), Nancy Morrison, Helen Young, Jono Chapin, Zelig Smith

Members absent: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Alex Smith (AS)

Members of the Public: Jim Quaglino, Alex Mihavics, Amos Martin

I Call to order: 6:00 pm on Zoom

The April 14, 2022 BCC meeting was called to order at 6:02 with KU (vice-chair) standing in for CD.

II Public Comment Period

No members of the public commented.

III Addition of Items to the Agenda

No items were added to the agenda.

IV Review and approval of minutes from March 10, 2022

ZS made a motion to approve the minutes for the BCC meeting on March 10, 2022 (HY substituted for ZS and wrote the minutes for the March meeting), NM Seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

V Correspondence

No correspondence took place this month.

VI Old Business

A. Conservation Commission Membership

- a. **Annual Meeting-** Being the annual meeting the BCC voted to appoint members for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk of the BCC.
- b. ZS made a motion to reappoint KU for the position of Vice-Chair and CD for the position of Chair. HY seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and CD will continue to serve as Chair and KU will continue to serve as Vice-Chair.
- c. KU made a motion to reappoint ZS for the position of Clerk. HY seconded the motion. The motion passed and ZS will continue to serve as Clerk.
- d. ZS, JC and AS's terms came up this year. All three members asked to continue their positions on the BCC. During the March SB meeting the SB voted to reappoint all three members for another four terms.

B. Parks Updates:

- a. AM reported that lots of litter is appearing in the park as the snow melts. In general the park's parking areas have remained serviceable during this mud season.
- b. Town green

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- i. AM reported that the recreation department had a meeting with a representative from the peace garden group. The group brought up a few concerns they would like to address. The meeting concluded with the idea that the peace garden group will write down what they do and what the garden needs and this will be written into a future version of the Town Green Management Plan.
- c. Eagle-
 - i. At the March SB meeting the SB voted to approve The Dock Doctor proposal to level and repair the platform. The Dock Doctors will get to this project at some point during the upcoming season. In the meantime, the BCC now has approval to patch up the flood damaged (from the 2019 halloween flood) path to the current platform and make it more serviceable and safer for the season before the platform is repaired. A pile of Surepak is already at the location and will be used to fill in ruts and holes during the upcoming BCC Eagle Park workday.

C. Memorial Park Management Plan –

- a. At the March 14 selectboard meeting, the SB reviewed the proposed Memorial Park Management Plan. The SB suggested a few small edits that will be revised. The document will then be brought back to the SB for final approval.

D. Eagle Park Management Plan-

- a. The BCC reviewed the draft of the Eagle Park Management Plan. JC made a motion to leave it to KU's discretion to finish editing the document and send it on to be reviewed by the SB.
- b. The next management plan to work on will be Sycamore Park, which was completed over five years ago and is in need of revising.

E. Discuss annual calendar:

- a. BCC reviewed the new annual calendar document. This year the Sycamore Park workday will be May 14th. Eagle park workday may be June 4th or 5th.

F. Operating budget:

- a. The BCC will use a significant amount of the annual budget for the May 14th Sycamore Park workday. BCC members will purchase 12 or more metal poles and sturdy wire fencing to secure the pollinator garden.

G. Updated wildlife survey-

- a. BCC discussed updating wildlife corridors and crossings maps. The last time a study was done was in the early 2000s by the Lewis Creek Association. It was concluded that the members of the BCC will do more research and contact other associations and towns about their methods and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

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- a. This topic was tabled until next meeting

- I. Library spring project-**
 - a. A wall in the children's section of the library has been dedicated to spring observations. Members of the public may bring in or email in a picture or drawing of something spring related that they found in nature.

- J. Illegal Dumping Sites:**
 - a. no new updates

- K. Tree planting committee:**
 - a. The Bristol Tree Planting Committee had a first initial meeting. Met with the Middlebury tree planting group to discuss what their mission and actions have been. The first step for the committee will be to come up with a mission and plan.

- L. ARPA committee:**
 - a. no new updates

- M. Bristol Climate Change**
 - a. The Bristol Climate Change Forum was held on Wednesday, April 13th at 7 pm- Members of the BCC gathered a list of ways in which the BCC works to combat climate change. This list was presented to the forum.

- N. Green Up Day May 7th, 2022:**
 - a. This will once again be a socially distanced event. Bags are provided to all Bristol schools. Bags can also be found on the porch of Holley hall starting one week before the event.

VIII Events

Green up day is May 7th

IX Next Meeting: May 12, 2022 at the pavilion near the Hub, no zoom available

X Adjournment

ZS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. HY seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.