

## **Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC) Minutes**

May 12, 2022

6:00 pm

Location: Pavilion by the Hub

**Members:** Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair (KU), Zelig Smith, Clerk (ZS), Helen Young (HY), Jono Chapin (JC), Alex Smith (AS), Dave Rosen (DR)

**Members absent:** Nancy Morrison

**Members of the Public:** Alex Mihavics

### **I Call to order: 6:00 pm at the pavilion by the hub**

- The May 12, 2022 BCC meeting was called to order at 6:05

### **II Public Comment Period**

- No members of the public made a comment

### **III Addition of Items to the Agenda**

- No new items were added to the Agenda

### **IV Review and approval of minutes from April 14, 2022**

- AS made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 BCC meeting. KU seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

### **V Correspondence**

- The BCC reached out to the Lewis Creek Association about collaborating on updating the wildlife survey of Bristol. The Lewis Creek Association responded and will be unable to join the project.

### **VI Old Business**

#### **A. Conservation Commission Membership**

- The BCC has one open membership slot. There is an interested party who will be getting in touch with the BCC about joining.

#### **B. Parks Updates:**

- Town Green
  - New wood chips will be added to the playground on the town green before summer starts.
- Eagle
  - Someone in the community worked on the perennial garden at Eagle Park, the BCC will finish cleaning up and mulching the garden at a workday in June.
  - The two memorial stones at eagle park will be adjusted to make the engravings more legible.
  - The BCC and any interested citizen volunteers will meet at Eagle Park at 4:30 on June 9th for a work day.

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- Memorial
  - At some point in the future the concrete bench at Memorial park will need to be removed.
- Sycamore
  - Workday is Saturday May 15 at Sycamore Park from 9am to 12pm. The bulletin boards will be updated, trails cleared, brush and fallen trees cleaned up. The perennial garden will be weeded, mulched, and the fence will be fixed.
  - New fence posts were purchased with the BCC budget. The fence posts will go around the perennial gardens. Fencing will be loaned to the park by HY. Once the perennial garden is well established, the fencing will be removed and returned to HY.

### **C. Eagle Park Management Plan-**

- As voted on at the April 2022 meeting, KU will go forward with finishing the draft of the Eagle Park Management Plan and bring it to the SB.
- Sycamore park management plan has a few edits left and will then be complete.

### **D. Discuss annual calendar:**

- No new annual tasks added to the calendar at this time.

### **E. Operating budget:**

- The BCC spent \$97 on sycamore park work day supplies.
- BCC will also spend some money on food and drinks for volunteers at the work day.
- The BCC is waiting to hear how much is left in the BCC budget for the fiscal year.

### **F. Updated wildlife survey-**

- The BCC discussed hiring a consultant for wildlife crossings survey in Bristol. This would involve grant funding to hire a consultant. It was agreed that it could be an important informative and educational tool for the community and is worth keeping up to date.

### **G. Edith Stock Trust-**

- The Otter Creek Classic presented by Green Mountain Adventures and Middlebury Mountaineer will be hosted at Sycamore park on May 15th. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Edith Stock Trust to be used by the BCC under the terms of that trust.

### **H. Illegal Dumping Sites:**

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- A BCC member happened upon a woman who cleans litter daily at the illegal dumping site on Gilmore Road . This member of the public coordinated the removal of recently dumped appliances. BCC discussed ways to show appreciation for this and the potential for an annual gift and recognition for a person or group making an impact on the conservation of Bristol.

### **I. Tree planting committee:**

- This committee meets on the first friday of each month at 5 o'clock at Holley Hall or on the Town Green. The committee is open to the public and anyone is welcome to join at any time. The idea of the committee is to take the momentum of the Emerald Ash Borer Committee and bridge the gap between people who want trees in front of their residence and the funding and manpower to put these trees into place. The group is looking to advise the town public works department on where and when to plant. Less than ten years ago Bristol made a tree planting plan so this group can work off of that and create an updated version.

### **J. ARPA committee:**

- No new updates.

### **K. Green Up Day May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

- It is too soon for an update on the numbers for Green Up Day. These will be reported at the next BCC meeting.

## **VIII Events**

- Sycamore Park workday is on May 14th from 9-12.
- Eagle Park workday is on June 9 at 4:30 pm (weather dependent)

## **IX Next Meeting:**

- June 9th, 2022 at Eagle Park at 6pm after the work day. Location may change based on weather. The official location will be announced in the agenda the week before the June 9th meeting.

## **X Adjournment**

ZS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. AS seconded the motion. The motion passed and the May 12, 2022 BCC meeting was adjourned at 7:12.