

Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC) Minutes

July 14 2022

6:00 pm

Location: HUB pavilion

Members: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair (KU), Zelig Smith, Clerk (ZS), Nancy Morrison (NM), Alex Smith (AS), Dave Rosen (DR)

Members of the Public: Meredith McFarland, JaZubow, Jim Quaglino, Archer Smith

I Call to order: The BCC meeting for July 14th was called to order at 6:03 at the HUB Pavillion.

II Public Comment Period

Members of the public saved comments for the Parks Update section of the agenda.

III Addition of Items to the Agenda

No new items added to the agenda

IV Review and approval of minutes from June 9, 2022

DR made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9 meeting. KU seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

V Correspondence

The only correspondence pertained to the section titled Updated Wildlife Survey of the agenda.

VI Old Business

A. Conservation Commission Membership

B. Parks Updates:

- a. The parks and recreation department is looking into putting a disk golf course at Sycamore Park. The team working on this brought the proposed map of the course to the BCC for discussion. The BCC provided information regarding the floodplain area in the park, past flooding and damage, and the FEMA agreement stating that no structures are to be placed on the land.
The parks and recreation team working on this will edit the proposed route to avoid major flooding areas, look into types of disk golf baskets to determine which will survive flooding without breaking the FEMA agreement, and determine whether a nine or an eighteen hole course will be appropriate.
- b. The BCC had a work day at Eagle park on June 16. The garden was weeded and mulched and the path to the platform was worked on to make it more accessible.
- c. Sycamore park's perennial garden needs weeding and watering. A BCC member is able to donate rain barrels for water collection. Another BCC member is able to donate part of a gutter so that rainwater can be guided from the roof of the kiosk into the barrel.

C. Updated wildlife survey

- a. KU reached out to biologist and naturalist Monica Przyperhart regarding the wildlife survey. Przyperhart is not in a position to help with the survey but made suggestions for who to contact. Przyperhart suggested getting in contact with the

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Vt Fish and Wildlife's Community Wildlife Program. They may be able to help with various aspects of the project including creating the maps for inclusion in town plans. Przyperhart also gave the BCC the contact information of another colleague who may be in a position to provide consultation and training programs. In addition to these suggestions and contact information, Przyperhart suggested contacting the surrounding towns to see if they are interested in updating their wildlife surveys. If a few towns banded together they could be eligible for a Municipal Planning Grant, which could be applied for this fall. The BCC will take steps to contact the surrounding towns and decide on a course of action.

D. Edith Stock Trust

- a. No new updates

E. Illegal dumping

- a. BCC intends to give an award of \$50 in Bristol Bucks this month to a citizen who has worked hard this year to clean up an illegal dumping site in Bristol.

F. Management Plans

- a. The Eagle Park Management Plan is almost complete. The Sycamore Park Management Plan is also being worked on.

VIII Events

No upcoming events.

IX Next Meeting:

The August meeting will be canceled due the lack of a quorum. The BCC will next convene on September 8th, 2022 at the Hub Pavillion.

X Adjournment

AS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. KU seconded the motion. The motion passed and the July 2022 BCC meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.