

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

### **Minutes**

March 9, 2023

6:00 pm

Location: Holley Hall conference room, zoom option\*

**Members Present:** Carolyn Dash, Chair, (CD), Kristen Underwood, Vice Chair, (VC), Alex Smith (AS), Zelig Smith (ZS), Helen Young (HY), Nancy Morrison (NM)

**No members of the public present**

### **I Call to order: 6:00 pm at Holley Hall**

The March 9, 2023 BCC meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

### **II Public Comment Period**

No public comments.

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

No new items were added to the agenda

### **IV Review and approval of minutes from Feb 9 meeting**

NM made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th meeting. AS seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

### **V Correspondence**

No new correspondences.

### **VI Old Business**

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

- a. There is still one open seat for a Bristol resident.
  - i. One member of the public is going to the SB next week for approval to join the BCC!
- b. Annual Meeting: election of leadership roles
  - i. The BCC agreed to make it the Clerk's duty to post the agenda to FPF before the meeting each month.
  - ii. HY nominated CD to continue in the position of Chair, NM seconded. The motion passed and CD will continue as the BCC Chair.
  - iii. AS nominated ZS to continue in the position of Clerk, NM seconded. The motion passed and ZS will continue as BCC Clerk.
  - iv. No one was nominated for Vice Chair. The BCC will reassess at the next meeting when all members are present whether or not to dissolve the position or nominate and elect a member.

#### **B. Updating wildlife maps**

- a. Status of collaboration between Middlebury College and the Tracking Connection
  - i. HY is meeting with Sophie Mazowita and Lauren Gemery this week for their workday starting the wildlife mapping of Bristol.

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- ii. Lauren Gemery has a long list of things she will be working on this semester. This project will then be passed to more students in the fall and finally to an entire class the following spring.

#### **C. Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access-**

- a. Eagle park: The permits for the universal fishing platform renovations have been prepared. They will be reviewed and approved. The hope is that work will start this summer.
- b. The BCC will discuss park management plans next month.
- c. Schedule Eagle Park work day and Sycamore Park work day
  - i. Sycamore park: During the school April break the boy scouts may do a clean up of Sycamore park before knotweed brush hogging. The BCC will contact the boy scouts about that and possibly make that a workday for the BCC.
  - ii. Eagle Park: Meeting and work day on May 11.

#### **D. Mowing:** continued discussion of “No Mow May” possibilities

- a. Submitted a request for funding from Neat Repeats for signage. Have yet to hear back.
- b. The Bristol rec dept is asking that the BCC try No Mow May only at Eagle Park this year to try it out. The BCC will suggest adding a small but prominent section at sycamore park for advertising/ education.
- c. **Peace Garden:** is looking to grow their membership
  - i. The peace garden now has several new members. The BCC is willing to help their search for members in the future if needed again.

#### **E. Green Up Day:** Saturday May 6, 2023, updates

- a. Flyers will go up soon. These flyers will be put up along with no mow may flyers.

### **VIII Events**

Green up day will take place on May 6

Eagle Park Workday will take place on May 11 at 4pm.

Sycamore Park Workday TBD (potentially late April)

**IX Next Meeting:** April 13, 2023 Holley Hall/zoom

### **X Adjournment**

AS made a motion to adjourn the meeting. ZS seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

**A recording of the entire meeting is available at <http://bristolvt.org/fy-2022-2023-meeting>**