

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

### **Minutes**

April 13, 2023

6:00 pm

Location: Holley Hall conference room, zoom option\*

Members Present: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Nancy Morrison (NM), Jono Chapin (JC), Zelig Smith, Clerk (ZS)

Members of the Public: Zac Farnham-Haskell, John Merriman, Jim Quaglino

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

The April 13th, 2023 BCC meeting was called to order at 6:04.

### **II Public Comment Period**

No public comments

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

Management plans- added as section VI F

New Tree on Green - added as section VI G

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

NM made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9th meeting. KU seconded the motion. The motion passed.

JC abstained due to not being present at that meeting.

### **V Correspondence**

The BCC received a Letter from Neat Repeats approving a grant for \$267 for signs to promote No Mow May.

### **VI Old Business**

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

- a. There is still one open seat for a Bristol resident on the BCC
  - i. A Bristol resident came to observe and potentially join the BCC.
- b. Decide on vice chair role
  - i. ZS nominated JC for the role of Vice Chair, KU seconded the motion, The motion passed and JC is Vice Chair.

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

- a. Updates on collaboration between Middlebury College and the Tracking Connection
  - i. Friday after the last BCC meeting, Tracking Connection's Sophie Mazowita, Middlebury College student Lauren Gemery, BCC's Helen Young, and Middlebury Professor Alexis Mychajliw surveyed Bristol to get an initial sense of wildlife crossings. The BCC thanks whoever anonymously donated money to cover Sophie Mazowita's time.
- b. Updates on student work
  - i. Lauren Gemery is putting together information about what has been discovered so far and where this may lead. Other students will be taking the project over in the subsequent semesters/years.

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- c. open discussion
  - i. The BCC is very excited about the progress being made.
- C. **Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access-** updates?
  - a. Finalize Eagle Park work day and schedule Sycamore Park work day
    - i. Eagle park is May 11 at 5:00PM
    - ii. Sycamore Park workday will be planned next month
  - b. A table at Sycamore is missing a bench.
  - c. Eagle park update: Permits for the repairs of the universal fishing platform are in the process of being approved and the engineer expects to put that project out for bid for construction this season.
  - d. Meet the newest member of the Rec Dept
    - i. Zac Farnham-Haskell has joined the rec dept. Welcome, Zac!
- D. **Mowing:** “No Mow May” planning
  - a. The Rec Dept has requested that No Mow May only be practiced at Eagle park this year.
  - b. Lawn signs have been made and will be distributed to those who wish to participate.
  - c. Large signs will be placed at Eagle Park and other prominent locations.
- E. **Green Up Day:** Saturday May 6, 2023, updates
  - a. BES and Red Cedar are already set up with bags and gloves.
  - b. Bag pick up is a Holley Hall Monday-Friday.
  - c. The BCC will be tabling on Green Up Day to hand out bags and gloves 8AM-12PM on the Town Green.
  - d. The Green bags need to be in highly visible areas on the shoulder of a public road in Bristol by Monday morning for pick up.
- F. **Management Plans**
  - a. Memorial Park Management plan is done, Eagle Park Management Plan is done in draft form. Sycamore Park Plan is half done. Saunders River Access already has a plan. The BCC may consider doing a management plan for Shattuck Picnic Area, Lord Prayer Rock, and the Town Green.
- G. New Tree on Green:
  - a. A resident has requested to plant a Memorial tree on the town green. The Rec Dept will look into the procedure form for memorials on the Town Green and will assess if the tree is among the items that require formal permission.

### **VIII Events**

1. Green Up Day Saturday May 6, 2023
2. Eagle park work day May 11, 2023 at 5pm (Bring tools if you wish to participate!)

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**IX Next Meeting:** May 11th, 2023 at 6:00pm. This meeting will take place at Eagle Park. The location will change to the Hub Pavillion if it is raining.

**X Adjournment**

KU made a motion to adjourn the meeting. NM second. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

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