

Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC)

Minutes

January 11, 2024

6:00 pm

Location: Holley Hall conference room with Zoom option

Members Present: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Jono Chapin, Vice Chair (JC), Zelig Smith, Clerk (ZS), Alex Smith (AS), Kristen Underwood (KU), Nancy Morrison (NM), John Merriman (JM)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07PM

II Public Comment Period

none

III Addition of Items to the Agenda

none

IV Review and approval of minutes from Dec 14 meeting

KU made a motion to approve the minutes from Dec, 14. JM seconded the motion. JC abstained because he was absent for that meeting. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

V Correspondence

The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions wrote and needed administrative information about our commission. This was provided.

VI Old Business

- A. **Conservation Commission Membership:** the BCC has a vacancy for 1 member
 - a. no new information
- B. **Wildlife project partnership with Middlebury College**
 - a. discussion of ENVS0401 course collaboration during S24
 - i. task: finalize mentors and project proposal statement
 1. Middlebury has not yet provided a project proposal statement. When they do they want the BCC to look over and approve it. This will be done via email.
 2. AS is willing to do the mentoring. HY previously said she could help whoever wanted to mentor. The BCC will reach out to others in the community who have information about wildlife in Bristol to see if they are interested in participating.
- C. **Parks Updates:**
 - a. **Eagle**
 - i. After the restoration work was done on Eagle park, a few more tasks were tabled until spring. This includes the installation of split rail fencing near the parking lot and the removable railings for the platform. Dock doctors, the project engineer, and the town of Bristol have discussed how to manage the removable railings. Dock doctors is currently coming up with options and estimates.
 - b. The Vermont Department of Tourism reached out to Bristol and asked for information to promote parks in Bristol. They were sent information on and pictures of Eagle Park.
 - c. **Memorial**
 - i. no updates

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d. Sycamore

- i. The Park performed as the floodplain it is during a recent flooding event. Flood waters touched almost all parts of the park. The BCC will assess if a workday is needed after the flood event and recent wind storms.

e. Saunders River Access –

- i. No update

D. Webpage:

- a. The BCC reviewed the BCC webpage. Information has been updated on the site and the BCC will add the park management plans to the webpage for easy public access.

VII New Business

A. ACRPC: requests letter of support

- a. Reminder: Saunders River Access and 1+ miles upstream are being considered for an Alternatives Analysis Grant to create more flood resilience. This grant would cover hiring a professional to determine options and estimates.
- b. JC recused himself from approving the letter of support because he will be one of the benefiting property owners. AS made a motion to approve, JM seconded the motion, the motion passed and the letter of support will be sent from the BCC.

B. Management Plans: review new Prayer Rock Management Plan draft

- a. The BCC reviewed the draft of the management plan. This plan will be approved and sent to the selectboard once a couple more management plan drafts are ready for approval.

C. Planning: Create rough calendar for 2024 business

- a. The BCC reviewed yearly tasks and created a rough calendar for 2024.

VIII Events

No new events before the next meeting.

IX Next Meeting: February 8 at 6:00pm, in Holley Hall conference room with Zoom option

X Adjournment

KU made a motion to adjourn the meeting. AS seconded the motion. The motion passed and the January 11, 2024 meeting of the BCC was adjourned at 7:24pm.