

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

### **Minutes**

October 10, 2024

6:00 pm

Location: Zoom\*

**Members of public: Jim Quaglino, Aidan Lenihan**

**BCC members present: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Jono Chapin, Vice Chair (JC), Kristen Underwood (KU), Zelie Smith (ZS), Alex Smith (AS)**

### **I Call to order: 6:00 pm on zoom**

The Oct. 10, 2024 BCC meeting was called to order online and on zoom at 6:04PM.

### **II Public Comment Period**

There were 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 September 12, 2024**

AS made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 12th BCC meeting. CD seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

### **V Correspondence**

No new correspondence

### **VI New Business**

**A. Rec Department and BCC collaborations:** a discussion with the Rec Dept's new Programs Coordinator

- a. The new Rec Dept's Programs coordinator will overlap with the BCC in their management of the green spaces in Bristol. Welcome Aidan Lenihan!
  - i. Aidan is settling in by going over the parks and putting lists together of maintenance needs. This includes a Sycamore park overgrowth list. Aidan is working on a plan to maintain wider pathways for the safety and convenience of river users. Aidan also mentioned that the glass fell out of the kiosk and needs to be repaired.
  - ii. At Memorial park the old rebar from the stairs going down to the bridge is still sticking up where the steps used to be. They'll need to be removed or pounded further into the ground.
  - iii. The BCC provided Aidan with information about the Saunders River Access- the history and current management plan.
  - iv. Aidan has a list for the town green, repairs to the playground and painting of the bandstand.

### **VII Old Business**

**B. Conservation Commission Membership:**

- a. The BCC has a vacancy for new 1 member
- b. The BCC would like to take this opportunity to note the passing of a former Conservation Commission member, Katie Reilley, who died on 10 August 2024.

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Katie was a founding member of the Commission in 2003 and served diligently as Clerk for 17 years and as Chair in her last appointed year, resigning in March of 2020. She was passionate about land preservation and worked as an environmental planner and permit specialist before retirement. She wrote the first management plan for Sycamore Park, which we have adapted for other town park management plans.

- i. Here is a link to Katie's obituary for anyone who would like to read it <https://www.addisonindependent.com/2024/08/21/kathleen-mulvey-reilley-74-of-bristol/>

#### **C. Wildlife corridor project:**

- a. Discuss final document from Middlebury students
  - i. Each member of the BCC was given an organized compilation of the data done by the students at Middlebury College over the BCC's time working with the students.
- b. Next steps? The BCC discussed that a possible next step is to continue the data collection for a full year and make the collected information into a concise product that can be easily digestible for others.
  1. In the meantime, the BCC will reach out to the planning commission to start bringing this information to their attention and inquire about what products or further data might be helpful for their uses.

#### **D. Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, etc.:** updates

- a. This section was rolled into the discussion with Aidan Lenihan in section VI

#### **E. Accessible Design for Town Parks:**

- a. no new updates

#### **F. Bookkeeping: update on missing minutes**

- a. Missing minutes from the website will be re-sent to the town.

### **VIII Events**

No upcoming events.

**IX Next Meeting:** The BCC meeting the second Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm in Holley Hall with a zoom option. Our next meeting is planned for Nov 14, 2024

David Brynn will attend to talk about the Seth Hill property management.

### **X Adjournment**

ZS made a motion to adjourn, AS seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.

**A recording of the entire meeting is available at <http://bristolvt.org/fy-2023-2024-meetings/>**