

Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC)

Agenda

March 14, 2024

6:00 pm

Location: Holley Hall conference room with Zoom option

Members Present: Nancy Morrison, Carolyn Dash, Kristen Underwood, Alex Smith

Members of the Public: Alexis Mychajliw, Eli DiBari, Bailey Walker, Brain Lee

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

6:05 No Quorum

II Public Comment Period

none

III Addition of Items to the Agenda

IV Review and approval of minutes from Feb 8, 2024 meeting

no quorum - moved to next month

V Correspondence

none

VI Old Business

A. Wildlife project partnership with Middlebury College

- a. Updates from S24 ENVS0401 students and their BCC mentor Alex Smith
16 cameras have been placed around town - Bristol Pond Access, Piney Woods Road, Notch Road, S New Haven river with the possibility of putting more cameras in the areas Sofia M. identified

Students are planning on sending out a survey to the Bristol public for community support. CD suggested contacting Porter Knight to give advice, and help distribute the survey. Front Porch forum and QR codes placed around town were also suggested as ways to get surveys to the public.

Students plan to put data collected into a brochure/ story map to educate the public/ homeowners in creating a backyard habitat

AS - I have found people are quite interested in information on what wildlife is around them, especially those new to Bristol .

KU -Add the brochure to the new homeowners bag. Give the Brochure to Realtors

CD - place brochures in the town office or library.

KU - the Wildlife report could be used by the zoning committee

- b. Course field trip debrief with students
- c. Discuss upcoming presentation and/or needs from students
CD - May BBC meeting the students will come and present at the meeting.
invite the public to see the results of the complete wildlife project and results of the survey. .

B. Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, etc.

- a. Updates on Eagle construction

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KU - The fishing platform has been finished. They created stair steps to the water from the ramp. The split rail fence will be going in. They will put new stone on the side of the walkway.

The BCC task is to decide about perennials and replanting. Think about moving the perennial garden so it will not be ruined if other repairs are needed. During the April meeting the committee can look at pictures and make a decision about the Perennial garden and decide next steps. Then add a work day to the calendar.

- b. Sycamore workday/site visit debrief - no members involved were present, moved to April meeting.

- i. Pollinator garden -

Porter has interns that can do the sign. Agreed Edith Stock can be used to buy supplies for putting up signs.

- c. Any other park updates?

In the Feb meeting the Select board voted for Dubois and King to review and do site inspections to improve accessibility at each of the parks.

- C. **No Mow May 24:** planning updates NM having a table at Green up day to educate the public on other ways to participate instead of not mowing. Including planting pollinator friendly plants and flowers in residential areas.

CD suggested to use front porch forum information to educate the public

- D. **Green Up Day is May 4th:**

CD -Supplies pickup will be at Holley Hall during the week and a table will be set up on the Green that day.

- E. **Vulnerability Mapping Index:** new tool release- John was not here to report. Item has been moved to the April meeting.

- F. **Conservation Commission Membership:**

- a. The BCC has a vacancy for 1 member

VII New Business

- A. **Public personas:** how can we best separate private opinions from official Town decisions -

CD Future Comments just to be clear if it is private opinion or official BBC

- B. **Annual meeting:** elect chair, vice-chair, clerk - Postponed to April meeting due to no quorum.

VIII Events

IX Next Meeting: April 11 at 6:00pm will be in the Holley Hall conference room with a Zoom option

X Adjournment - 6:56

* Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84574267401?pwd=ZmEzQWZiQUtWRzVxaW5WOU9EbXRzZz09>

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