

Bristol Conservation Commission
June 13 2024
Minutes

I Call to order: 6:02 pm at Holley Hall. BCC members present: CD, KU, HY, NM, ZM. JC. Public present: Porter Knight, Kait Campbell, Dan Mallach, Zac Farnham-Haskell

II Public Comment Period - none

III Addition of Items to the Agenda - none

IV Review and approval of minutes from May 9, 2024 - proposed by ZS, seconded by NM; approved

V Correspondence - none

VII New Business

- **Accessible Design for Town Parks:** site visit debrief and discussion; lead by Dan Mallach, DuBois & King Inc., Planning & Landscape Architecture Group. Site visit to assess terrain, parking, paths, signage, specific information about access to water, etc. Will solicit public feedback; will develop specific plans and budgets. Greater access means that there will be more people, more different abilities to move about. Memorial Park: much larger than perceived; can the south part of it be accessed and developed (from driveway)? Access to water at this park might be from the south, removing bridge (which is dangerous) and access to bridge very dangerous; replace bridge with observation platform? No permanent structures permitted at Eagle and Sycamore Parks, due to frequent flooding.

VIII Old Business

- **Conservation Commission Membership:** The BCC has a vacancy for 2 members
- **End of Fiscal Year** June 30th, 2024. Operating budget might go away at end of fiscal year but not clear if this is true. Check with Justin Bouvier. If we have money that we need to spend by June 30, we could buy perennials for Sycamore and Eagle Park. Jono proposed that we use any funds available be spent on perennials by ZS; NM seconded.
 - **Wildlife corridor project:** debrief and next steps; postpone to July
 - **Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, etc.**
 - Any work days or site visits needed? Weeding at Sycamore Park pollinator garden needed - ask Porter if her intern could do this; if not, we'll arrange
 - Sycamore Park Port-a-potty getting trashed; may be removed
 - Illegal dumping at Eagle Park - contact sheriffs office if this happens in the future
 - **No Mow May:** debrief. Not clear what area was un-mown but near the pollinator garden had long grass at end of May; no No-Mow May signs. Contact Meredith and Zac to see what mowing happened there (did they brush-hog the edges). Talk about this at July meeting (with Meridith and Zac?)
 - **Green Up Day:** final debrief

- Number of volunteers (including ~260 BES students) = 466 volunteers
 - Number of bags distributed: 401 bags
 - Total weight of filled bags: 1,521 pounds
 - Total number of tires: 20 tires
 - Overall for Green Up Day: 2024 in Addison County, we helped collect >25,000 pounds of roadside litter.
- **Future meetings:**
 - summer reminders: Zoom only meeting in July; no meeting in August
 - agenda planning

VIII Events

IX Next Meeting: The BCC meeting the second Thursday of the July from 6:00-7:30pm via zoom only (August meeting cancelled)

X Adjournment: motioned by ZS; seconded by JC