

**Bristol Conservation Commission**  
**May 9, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**Present: Zelig Smith, Alex Smith, Carolyn Dash, Kristen Underwood, Helen Young, Jono Chapin, Nancy Morrison**

**Public present: Philip Mosenthal, Linda Andrews, Jen Wagner, Karen Swanson, Mary Bissen, , Jim Quaglino, Joe Barrett, Sue Barrett, Cindy Brisson, Cindy Maquire, Bruce Beeken**

**Middlebury College: Eli DiBari, Max Zeltsar, Brian Lee, AJ Rossbach, Bailey Walker, Alexis Mychajliw**

**Zoom: Rebecca, Karen, Kevin Hanson, Zac Farnham-Haskell, Marin Howell (Addison Independent), Sally Burrell, Douglas and Kathie Veltre**

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

**II Public Comment Period - none**

**III Addition of Items to the Agenda - none**

**IV Wildlife Presentation (6:05-7:01)**

- “How did the bobcat cross the road?: mapping wildlife corridors to support connectivity across shared spaces” presentation by the students in Middlebury College’s Spring 2024 ENVS0401
- Q&A - consider joining “Keeping Track” - citizen transects; share this presentation with the Planning Commission.

**V Review and approval of minutes from April 11: AS moved to accept, JC seconded**

**VI Correspondence - VT River Conservancy reports about Saunders; KU has copies**

**VII Old Business (7:15-7:30)**

- **Conservation Commission Membership:** The BCC has a vacancy for 2 members
- **No Mow May:** signs at Sycamore Park
- **Green Up Day:** 401 bags distributed, 260 BES students + 206 others
- **Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, etc.**
  - Discussion of frisbee golf with the Bristol Rec Dept, (in-ground option (permanent), with sleeve (can be removed), or above-ground (very temporary); 8-9 holes given size of area; will hire a company to plan/map it. Permanent structures not permitted in town parks. May consider starting small, with temporary cages. Is there enough interest in disk golf in Bristol? Middlebury College may be installing one of edge of campus (golf course?)
  - Sycamore Park: BTN interns (through Porter Knight) helped install pollinator garden sign and cleaned up garden
  - Gravel will be delivered at Sycamore Park this summer to fix parking lot
  - **Accessibility of parks project** (JC and KU involved); June 4, 1-4pm they will tour all Bristol parks. They would come to June meeting.

- **Future meetings:** summer plans - no Aug meeting; zoom July

**VII Next Meeting:** June 11 from 6:00-7:30pm

**IX Adjournment (7:50)** - ZS proposed; NM seconded