

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

### **Minutes**

May 8, 2025

6:00 pm

Location: Holley Hall conference room (with a zoom option\*)

#### **I Call to order: 6:03**

Attending: Carolyn Dash, Roger Sullivan, Alex Smith, Zelig Smith, Kristen Underwood, Jono Chapin, Nancy Morrison, Nikki Belanger, Kieran Mulvaney

Member of the public: Jim Quaglino

#### **II Public Comment Period**

None

#### **III Addition of Items to the Agenda**

None

#### **IV Review and approval of minutes from April 10, 2025**

Motion to approve - NM; 2nd AS

#### **V Correspondence**

None

#### **VI New Business**

**Bristol Pond Dam** - State needs to bring all state owned dams up to compliance. Many are buried under beaver dams. Option 1 remove the dam Option 2 replace the dam with one up to code. AS is asking if this something the BCC will be interested in contributing money or input. The timeline is by priority with BP being low priority but the state has started taking action. KU is reaching out to Lewis Creek Association to get their understanding and provide more information.

Homework: be prepared to discuss whether the BCC wants to be involved and what we want done.

**Clean Water Projects** - No project will be ready by the June 20th deadline so the BCC will pass on applying for the grant.

#### **VII Old Business**

**BCC Membership**- Welcome new members!

**Annual Meeting** vote on officers

- a. Carolyn Dash re nominated and elected as Chair
- b. Kieran Mulvaney nominated and elected for vice chair
- c. Nancy Morrison nominated and elected for Clerk for 1 year term

**Wildlife corridor project:** discuss next steps

Draft for homeowners - AS was going to draft something for homeowners with Max.

Nothing has been drafted but it is still in progress.

Suggested next steps from Tracking Connection- Looked over documents from Sofie Mazowita at the Tracking Connection. Items 1a and b and 2a have been fulfilled.

CD follow up with Monica and decide on what we have and where we can go with the information we have.

AS - come up with a template/ framework for the planning commission or landowners to use to help facilitate wildlife corridors on their land.

CD can we get something to put in the town plan ( 2028)

AS lack of access to private land makes it difficult to map the wildlife areas.

Homework: Documents sent to the BCC members to look over and discuss at the June meeting.

**Timberlands Multi-Trail Partnership:** discussion

RS the RFP submissions have come in and the Timberland group is scoring the RFPs. Each RFP included an ecological survey.

**Parks Updates: Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, Seth Hill, etc.:**

updates and discussion

a. Seth Hill field trip is scheduled May 22nd at 5 pm.

KM is extending an invite to Don who is leaseholder on the land

b. Eagle park “Walk and Weed” debrief -

Pulled out lots of Japanese Knotweed. Long term for the garden is to wait and see what will come back. Return next month and see what gaps in the garden need to be filled.

c. Memorial park field trip proposed to discuss next steps and long term ideas for the park.

d. Plan a trip to Saunders River Access

**Green Up Day:** debrief

26 people came to get bags on Saturday. Discussed making a banner/ flag to advertise. 331 bags were passed out. All students from BES participated. CD will update next month.

**Education outreach:** Continue discussion

ZS it is time to start thinking about winter projects. Pollinator pathways would be a good resource to look into having a presentation.

**Webpage:** updated.

CD will have it updated with new roles

**Summer meetings:** discussion

July and August zoom only with option to cancel

## **VIII Events**

### **Seth Hill field trip May 22nd 5pm**

**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 June 12, 2025.

## **X Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (AS); 2nd (NB); meeting adjourned 7:27pm

\* Join Zoom Meeting

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