

June 11, 2026

I Call to order: 6:00 pm

6:02 Called to order

Amanda Garland Vermont River Conservancy

Aiden

II Public Comment Period

None

III Addition of Items to the Agenda

None

IV Review and approval of minutes from May 14, 2026

Not sent out ← tabled for next time

V Correspondence

So much mail

Maps and preparedness kits

VI New Business

None

VII Old Business

- A. **BCC membership:** the BCC is looking for 2 new members that are Bristol residents
- B. **Radio Program and Vermont Master Naturalist collaboration (6:00-6:15):** discuss their plans for a Sycamore Park theme piece
 - a. Vermont master naturalist Statewide program to teach natural history hyper-local. 20 hours volunteer work.
 - b. Want to do content in three sections
 - i. Natural history
 - 1. Interview: Kristen – Depending on timing
 - ii. When it flooded
 - 1. Posting to FPF for people that lived here in late 90s
 - iii. What's it currently used for and what are future plans?
 - 1. Interview: Aiden
 - 2. Porter Night (sp) for future accessibility plan
 - c. 40 minute long radio piece
 - d. Email contact from Carolyn for giving more info
- C. **Parks Updates:** Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, etc.:
 - a. General updates?
 - i. See Email content below
 - ii. Jono & Carolyn pulled knotweeds at Eagle Park
 - b. Eagle spring clean-up: debrief
 - c. (6:50-7:15) Saunders/Fuller management plan discussion
 - i. Association for Vermont Conservation Commissions & Vermont River Conservancy.
 - ii. Protect and restore rivers
 - 1. public access areas
 - 2. Protect land for access
 - 3. Setup river to be a flood sink for flood resiliency
 - iii. Worked with Kristen on management plan
 - 1. Snowmobiles are technically outside of buffer zone
 - a. Do we put in the plan that it is officially allowed? Yes (voted)

- b. "Allowed outside of the buffer"
 - 2. Swimming safety signs
 - a. Sending 2 more, so we'll have three
 - b. Aiden will put them places?
 - 3. Revise name of property?
 - a. Keep as "Saunders River Access" but call it out in the plan (was the decision for the interim plan)
 - b. "River Access" is what makes it misleading
 - c. "Saunders Conservation Area" ← voted as official new name
 - d. Saunders Fullers Flats is what the North one is called colloquially, so that rules it out for this
 - 4. Double check size:
 - a. It's been checked and is correct in the plan now
 - 5. Designate a local steward? Diane Saunders ← what are the "duties"
 - a. Reporting mechanism to email the board if there's an issue
 - b. She already does this but kind of make
 - iv. Measure buffer plane (50' from edge) ← put in buffer stakes
 - d. Floodplain Restoration at Saunders River
 - i. 100 year flood would be a few inches lower if floodplain project proceeds, but higher in the lower end.
 - ii. 2,000 truck loads of dirt needed
 - iii. It's all in people's back yards
 - iv. This type of project can get approved technically by the VRC, but costs, politics and public concern are going to limit the feasibility of bringing this into realization.
- D. Town Plan:** discussion on big vision of the future, hopes, and perceived barriers
- a. Natural resources are going to be highlighted more in the Town Plan, so what can we bring to the table?
 - b. Memorial Park and Bartlett Falls need some attention
 - c. Needs safety measures/messaging
 - i. Very complex/dynamic with so many different departments involved as well as hot potato-ing risk/liability
 - ii. Is there a way to make it safer and reduce liability to the town?
 - iii. "Explore instead of ignore"
 - iv. How could we get a long term vision/plan that proposes infrastructure ideas to the state?
 - v. Volunteer stewards and outside agencies to help improvement
 - vi. Safety Management Plan at a minimum
 - d. Wildlife habitat connectivity
 - e. In fill development?
 - f. 30/30 50/50 plan ← can we be proactive about finding folks to make their properties conserved
 - g. Carolyn has a shared drive to dump in all of the historic plans
 - h. Jonathan:
 - i. support the conservation of natural resources and biodiversity
 - ii. encourage sustainability via energy, resource use, and development practices
 - iii. encourage ease of recreational access

- iv. encourage ease of transportation by sustainable means
- E. **Green Up Day:** announce final numbers
 - a. 423 volunteer
 - b. 424 Bags
 - c. .9 tonnes = ~2k lbs
 - d. 34 Tires
- F. **Timberlands Multi-Trail Partnership:** updates?
 - a. Community meeting postponed
 - b. Next Development Review Board meeting is June 23rd, then will assess when to setup the community meeting
- G. **Summer meetings:** discussion
 - a. Zoom only for July meeting
 - b. 2 people missing each meeting
 - c. Not canceling any meetings, no hiatus

7:46p ended

VIII Events

IX Next Meeting:

The BCC meeting is the second Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm. Our next is planned for July 9, 2026 via Zoom.

X Adjournment

* Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 845 7426 7401

Passcode: 566093

Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Park Updates

Eagle Park

Completed:

- Vegetation cutbacks and fence repairs
- Split rail fence repairs.

Upcoming:

- Picnic table repairs

Town Green

Completed:

- Lawn repairs around the playground

- Playground repairs, including railings and ladder improvements
- Repainting and sealing of the playground structure and roofs
- Removal of three stumps near the playground area
- Installation of new gravel at the playground entrance pathway
- Renovation of the bandstand stair landing with new pavers
- Repainting of the bandstand porch and stairs
- Fountain maintenance and repainting
- Peace Garden renovation

Upcoming:

- Tree canopy trimming throughout the park
- High-elevation limb pruning of mature trees

Sycamore Park

Completed:

- Site work for the North River Access emergency road. The roadway is established; additional surface material will be added throughout the year to improve drainage and crown the roadway.
- Creation of additional access points between lawn areas to improve maintenance operations and utility vehicle access.

Acknowledgments:

- Special thanks to the Department of Public Works, and John Sweptson of Arbor Works, for their collaboration and support.

Lord's Prayer Rock Rest Area (Green Space)

Completed:

- Removal of leaning and hazardous trees
- Installation of a new picnic table

Memorial Park

In collaboration with Greg, Town Administrator, and Freeda from the Grants Department, the Parks Department is preparing a grant application to the **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**. The last LWCF grant awarded to the Town of Bristol was approximately **\$1,500 in 1966**, which supported infrastructure improvements at Memorial Park.

The Bristol Parks Department is pursuing a stewardship and management role in support of this application process. Town departments involved will continue to provide updates as the grant application moves forward.

Thank you for your continued support of Bristol's parks and public spaces. These improvements help ensure our parks remain safe, welcoming, and accessible for residents and visitors alike.