

Bristol Conservation Commission
Agenda
October 10, 2019
6:00 pm at Holley Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Underwood, Katie Reilley, David Rosen,
Randy Durand, Carolyn Dash, Carla Fenner

- I. Call to order 6:05
- II. Public Comment Period
 - Guest attendees Valerie Capels and John Swepston (see Item VI H below)
 - *Discussion of Bristol creating/adopting a response and management plan for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)*
 - *Other towns with plans that have been reviewed: Middlebury, Rutland, Montpelier*
 - *Management alternatives = inoculating, cutting, leaving; each has its own costs*
 - *Public hearing would be required before removal of ash trees*
 - *Village ash trees vs. "other ash trees" not in village; roadside trees, park trees, powerline ash trees all to be considered*
 - *Selectboard meeting Oct 21 and Nov 4; agenda item will be added for Selectboard to ok the formation of a committee*
 - *BCC members can join committee once formed*
- III. Addition of Items to the Agenda
 - Add an agenda item of "Parks" will be added to future agendas and all parks-related topics will be discussed under that*
- IV. Review and Approval of REVISED Minutes from 12 September 2019,
Move by KU, second by RD, all in favor
- V. Correspondence
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Eagle Park: Update on trail improvement/extension
No update
 - B. Conservation Commission Membership: new members needed; update on Jono Chapin membership.
Jono Chapin attended BCC meeting last month, will be attending Oct 21 Selectboard Mtg
 - C. South Street Historical Interpretive Trail : Update.
No update
 - D. Bristol Trail Network: Update.
KU: UVM students going to do site visits for assessment at Memorial Park and all trails (example: Basin St, South St, Airport Dr crossing, Elementary School)

- E.** Town of Bristol Resources: Disseminating information regarding town natural and cultural resources.
CD: New town brochures have been released; language looks the same, new pictures, brochure to be updated every couple years. BCC can update language/photos for the next issue. Consider adding photos/description of Memorial Park?
- F.** Paul Fuller Parcel: Status.
*Selected for funding by VT Housing and Conservation Board; Purchase & Sale agreement is proceeding with Charlie Fuller.
Collateral funding needs to be raised, so outreach to organizations and previous project partners is next step.*
- G.** Sycamore Park Signage: Status.
*RD says Eric suggested just leaving the sign as is for now and see if there are any complains/issues
Discussion around how "PVT" is interpreted by park visitors*
- H.** Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) response plan: Update, with input from Valerie Capels and John Swepston
See above in Section II
- I.** Update to Town Plan: River Corridor planning
No update. The ACRPC has put this off until after Town Mtg Day.
- J.** Association of Conservation Commission (ACVV) – dues pay update
Don't know if the ACVV dues have been paid yet or not. KR is looking into it
- VII.** New Business
Under direction by KU, the stairs at Memorial Park were torn down on Sept 28. RD contributed time and chainsaw skills. Lots of manual labor offered by BCC members and wider town members
- VIII.** Events
Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) Meeting; October 17 10:00am-12 noon; topics will include presentation on the Beaver Meadow Wetlands Class I petition.
- *UPDATED this has been rescheduled to October 31 in; Held in State offices in Montpelier, Dewey Bldg, F&W Conference Roo*
 - *Ripton Conservation Commission meeting Nov 14 at 7pm, discussion on EAB*
- X.** Next Meeting Schedule: November 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Holley Hall meeting room.
- XI.** Adjournment 7:35