Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC)
Minutes
January 8, 2026
6:00 pm
Location: Holley Hall conference room (with a Zoom option)

I Call to order: 6:02 pm Carolyn Dash,Nancy Morrison, Kieran Mulvaney, Zelie Smith, Kristen Underwood, Gail Klein, Jono Chapin (7:00-7:07)
Members of the public: Freeda Powers
II Public Comment Period - None
III Addition of Items to the Agenda
IV Review and approval of minutes from Dec 11, 2025 - minutes approved
V Correspondence
VI New Business

A. **Discussion with Freeda Powers, Bristol's grant administrator** -
    a. Grants for land acquisition for conservation for smaller land owners. Funds to pay for surveys and lawyer fees. FP the state likes to fund projects that protect steeper parcels needing erosion control and around water. The state is focusing on fish passages right now and environmental protection and animal corridor protection.
    b. Funding for a new bridge at memorial park.
    c. The state is funding flood mitigation and for people living near rivers.
    d. How can the BCC be grant ready? - Focused scope within each project and if applicable start getting quotes on hand.

VII Old Business

A. **Educational outreach**
    a. Discuss water quality presentation - Feb 5th at 7pm at Holley Hall. Lewis creek assoc. Talking about water quality around Bristol that leads into Lake Champlain. Talking about issues and land owners options to improve water quality especially with recent flooding.
    Help with Advertising and spreading the word.
    Arrive at 6:15 to set up chairs and tables.
    b. Future events discussion- Pollinator event or talk in March or April possibly with pollinator pathways.
B. **Radio Station** continued discussion - GK Emailed David with our questions. He is looking for a representative to join a sub committee. The sub committee will create content for 2-3 radio programs per year. Or the sub committee just creates 12 total shows. Gail and Kieran will be our representatives
C. **Parks Updates:** no updates
D. **Annual Town Report**: due Dec 31- not submitted.
E. **Green Up Day is May 2, 2026 -** same plan as past years. Pass out bags early and have a table on the day of the event. A group out of Mt. Abe is looking for a large section to clean. BES does streets in town.
F. **Pollinator Plans for spring 2026-** Have a talk or event in March or April. Spread awareness around pollinators. Make up flyers/ brochures to pass out, post on FPF, and put on the BCC website.
G. **Timberlands Multi-Trail Partnership**: no update
H. **Vermont Land Trust request for volunteers** – no updates but they are organizing for late April or early May planting.

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I. **Annual calendar -** Review our plans for the upcoming year.

J. **Annual Report -** will be submitted 1/9/26 to the select board.

VIII Events
IX Next Meeting:
The BCC meeting the second Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm. Our next meeting is planned for February 12, 2026 in the Holley Hall conference room with a zoom option.
X Adjournment 7:22 motion by ZS, KM seconded.

* Join Zoom Meeting
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