Bristol Conservation Commission (BCC)
Minutes
Feb 12, 2026
6:00 pm
Location: Holley Hall conference room (with a Zoom option)

I Call to order: 6:04 pm Carolyn Dash, Nancy Morrison, Jono Chapin,Kieran Mulvaney, Zelie Smith, Roger Sullivan, Kristen Underwood, Gail Klein.
Member of the public - AZ Larsen, Helen Young, Alex Smith
II Public Comment Period - None
III Addition of Items to the Agenda - None
IV Review and approval of minutes from Jan 8, 2025 - KM motion, RS second Minutes approved
V Correspondence
VI New Business

A. **Town Plan planning:** discussion with Bristol's Planning & Zoning Administrator AZ Larsen -Town plan ready for March 2028. Grant being used for flood, shoreline mitigation. Pilot town for a town planning guide, social resilience guide. Working with the climate action office. Useful tool for planning projects and updating maps and collecting data. Check back in for the April meeting. Put together the BCC main focal points and things that BCC wants to focus on for the 2028 plan. Review the 2020 town plan to prepare for 2028.
B. **Bristol Pond student project:** discussion about report by UVM Applied River Engineering students- Bristol pond alternatives analysis to consider all the alternatives with the dam - beaver built dam on top of human dam. Alternatives- remove beaver dam, rehabilitate current dam, remove dam, do nothing approach. HY does A&R have a copy of your report? KU it has not been shared but they would probably be grateful for help. The beaver dam was removed in the fall of 2025. The students will be invited to speak at a future meeting in March or April.
   Alex Smith update- a bill is currently in committee at the VT legislature to reassess the previous bill about the dams around the state. Nothing will happen at the Bristol dam until at least the fall. Suggests sending students reports to interested parties.

VII Old Business

A. **Discussion of future projects**: debrief grant discussion from Jan meeting - Continue thinking about this.
B. **Educational outreach**
   a. Water quality presentation (debrief) - We had
   b. Future pollination presentation- maybe March or April. ZS is contacting possible presenters. GK - move focus from No Mow May to educate about not cleaning leaves/ plants.
C. **Conservation podcast**
   a. General updates- KM met with CC from the 5 town area. Come up with 3 ideas of possible programming - anything from any current projects, our presentations, any thing about conservation in or around Bristol. JC - mic the Lincoln series and that would be 5 presenters content. CD - The Saunders River Access Backstory would be an interesting topic.
   b. Vermont Master Naturalists project team- 2 volunteers are interested in working with KM to do a project with the radio project.

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D. **Parks Updates:** Eagle, Memorial, Sycamore, Saunders River Access, etc.:
    a. Updates - None
    b. Planned spring work - Pruning for the apple trees in March.
E. **Operating budget** check-in - $300 total and we have spent $100 so we need to think of what to use our $200 remaining on for fiscal year end. (June 30th). Edith Stock fund is just under $2000It is up to the CC as to what we spend it on.
F. **Green Up Day is May 2, 2026**
G. **Pollinator Plans for spring 2026 -** Educational outreach
H. **Timberlands Multi-Trail Partnership**: no updates
I. **Vermont Land Trust request for volunteers** – no updates, tabled for future meeting.
J. Webpage: Updated with the Town Plan.

VIII Events- Town Hall Meeting
IX Next Meeting:
The BCC meeting is the second Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm. Our Annual Meeting is planned for March 12, 2026 in the Holley Hall conference room with a zoom option. The meeting will begin with the election of officers.

X Adjournment - 7:33Motion: KM 2nd: JC

* Join Zoom Meeting
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