Members: Carolyn Dash, Chair (CD), Zelie Smith, Clerk (ZS), John Merriman, Nancy Morrison, Helen Young, Alex Smith
Members of the Public: Jim Quaglino, Dave Rosen, Porter Knight, Andy Dash, Zabby Dash, Mike Dash

I Call to order:
The May 11, 2023 BCC meeting was called to order at 5:58 pm.

II Public Comment Period
None

III Addition of Items to the Agenda
The BCC decided to make the first order of business finishing the mulching of the perennial garden.

IV Review and approval of minutes from April 13 meeting
NM made a motion to approve the minutes, AS seconded, the motion passed and the minutes from the April 13 meeting were approved.

V Correspondence
None

VI Old Business

- **Conservation Commission Membership**
  - John Merriman officially joined the BCC. Welcome, John!
- ~~***Updating wildlife maps***~~
  - ~~***Updates on collaboration between Middlebury College and the Tracking Connection***~~
    - Research students from Middlebury will be putting up camera traps in Sycamore Park on the weekend of May 20th/21st. BCC members are welcome to join and learn. These traps will provide some information about summer activity of wildlife since in the coming years students will mostly be working during the school year.
  - ~~***Last spring 23 semester student update***~~
    - Lauren Gemery, the student who worked on the project this spring semester, is now graduating. Lauren made a 25+ page document containing all of the information she gathered throughout the semester. This can then be used as a jumping off place or guide for future students. Congratulations, Lauren and thank you so much for all your hard work!
  - ~~***open discussion***~~
    - Alexis Mychajliw will join the September BCC meeting to discuss plans for students during the 23/24 school year.

- ~~***Parks Updates:***~~
  - The BCC completed a workday at Eagle park, clearing and mulching the perennial garden.
  - Porter Knight will come to the BCC's June meeting to discuss a grant from the Vermont Dept of Health for increasing accessibility at the Bristol parks.

- ~~***Mowing: "No Mow May" updates***~~
  - Several people have requested signs.
  - Another advertisement for signs will be put on Front Porch Forum.

- ~~***Green Up Day:***~~

- The Sheriff's office was able to identify an individual who dumped trash at the Upper Notch Road pull offs. A ticket was issued.
- The Sheriff's Dept organized a volunteer Green Up Day clean up of the Upper Notch river banks and pull offs.
- The Sheriff's Dept is discussing different options for how to stop the dumping. They may consider blocking off those pull offs so they are only accessible by the town road crew.
- Final numbers for Green Up Day will come back in June.

- ~~***Conservation easement along Rt 116: new activity is within a 30-acre exclusion zone of the conservation easement***~~
    - People are approaching the BCC with concerns about the building activity near the conservation easement on the farms on Rt 116. This activity is permitted as it is within a 30 acre exclusion zone of that easement.

VIII Events

Alexis Mychajliw will be setting camera traps at Sycamore park the weekend of May 20/21st.

IX Next Meeting: June 8th, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom only.

The BCC is canceling the July and August meetings. A final decision about that will be announced in the minutes of the June meeting.

X Adjournment

HY made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JM seconded the motion. The motion passed and the May 11, 2023 BCC meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.