

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
AT 6:00 P.M. ON
THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015
AT HOLLEY HALL, BRISTOL VT**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Pete Diminico (PD) Vice-Chair; Katie Reilley (KR), Clerk; David Henderson (DH); David Rosen (DR); Kristen Underwood (KU).

ALSO ATTENDING: Tim Bouton, Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC), Steve Libby, Vermont River Conservancy; Peter Grant, resident.

- I. Call to order.
Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.
- II. Public comment period.
Peter Grant was present to discuss the on-going efforts of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) Natural Resources Committee regarding regionally significant resources in the Town of Bristol. He requested that the Commission identify Bristol's resources and give the information to him, so that it might be added to the ACRPC inventory.
Mr. Grant also expressed his interest in the activities of the Conservation Commission: in particular, he was interested in hiking trails in different parts of the town. One area he mentioned was a trail known as Sunday School Trail that existed along the western slope of the Bristol Cliffs wilderness Area in the vicinity of Preacher's Hole.
- III. Addition of items to the agenda.
See discussion under VIII. Other.
- IV. Approval of minutes of 12 February 2015:
DH moved that the minutes of 12 February 2015 be approved; KU seconded; approved by all.
- V. Correspondence: emails related to agenda items.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Water Quality Chat: New Haven River Anglers and Bristol Conservation Commission co-hosted a discussion of water quality at last month's meeting. No follow-up at this time.
 - B. Vermont Geological Survey mapping of Bristol and South Mountain Quadrangles; update; discussion of water quality reports and derivative maps. Pete had three maps from Vermont Geologic Survey (VGS) for our review and comment: Surficial Geology, Bedrock Geology, and Well Locations. The maps presented combined the quadrangles to provide a layout showing the entire town. Portions of the maps are on available to the public on the VS website www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo under Mapping Program, Maps Completed (bottom of the page). Further analysis of the information will be forthcoming; however some of the characteristics shown on the Surficial

Geologic Map were fairly evident even without significant a background in Geology. The primary recommendation to Kristen was to somehow darken/configure the major roads so that people could more readily orient themselves to landmarks. The Commission was appreciative of the work and detail that went into the production of these maps.

(Item discussed last).

- C. Bristol Village tree inventory: Follow-up coordination Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program; distribution of reports. Randy will follow-up with Elise Schadler on developing an implementation plan for Best Management Practices as discussed in the Tree Inventory.
- D. Conservation Reserve Fund: on-going discussion; Pete discussed putting money in community projects, such as rain gardens, and other projects to control/improve stormwater runoff.
- E. Conservation Commission membership: on-going discussion. Pete will put on Front Porch forum again. Gary Unger has other commitments at this time.
- F. Bristol Conservation Commission 2014 Annual Report: final copy. No discussion; remove from agenda.

VII. New Business

- A. Steve Libby of the Vermont River Conservancy regarding possible stormwater projects. Steve and Tim Bouton were here to discuss the possibility of a project involving the New Haven River in three separate towns: Bristol, New Haven and Lincoln. They are in the process of putting together a grant application to the High Meadows Fund Resilience Committee to form the New Haven River Resilience Project: a three-town working relationship that develops ways in which the river communities can promote interest in, concern for, and connection with the river and its resources. This active involvement will not only enhance the existing condition of the New Haven River, but will also develop the ability to recover from storm events that might otherwise devastate adjacent communities.

Kristen recommended that we contact the Bristol Selectboard to gain their endorsement of the participation of the Bristol Conservation Commission. She will take care of this. Steve will contact Ed Clark in Lincoln. The Vermont River Conservancy will be the lead agency.

Applications for the grant are due by April 15th, 2015. The New Haven Conservation Commission will be meeting on Thursday March 19th, and Tim will try to set up an earlier time for the Conservation Commissions to meet. He will get that information from Katie for distribution.

VIII. Other

- A. Bristol Historical Society: Kristen and Dave Rosen are planning to attend the May Historical Society meeting to discuss the possibility of a collaborative project to highlight the history of the New Haven River in the vicinity of the former Bristol manufacturing site below the Village.
- B. Water quality projects and stormwater mitigation discussion: Pete discussed a proposed meeting with Claire Tebbs of ACRPC to discuss “Green Infrastructure” and Low Impact Development to help protect surface water quality. This will be put on next month’s agenda.

IX. Next Meeting Schedule and Agenda

- A. Next meeting: Thursday 9 April 2015.

- X. Upcoming events
 - A. Tuesday, 17 March 2015: Clean Water Day at the Vermont State House; invitation to show support for clean water across Vermont; Room 11, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. (added.)

- XI. Adjournment
 - DH moved that the meeting be adjourned; KR seconded; approved by all.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.