

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
AT 6:00 P.M. ON
THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015
AT HOLLEY HALL, BRISTOL VT**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Ken Johnson (KJ), Chair; Pete Diminico (PD) Vice-Chair; Katie Reilly (KR), Clerk; David Rosen (DR); Kristen Underwood (KU); Randy Durand (RD); Rick Taylor (RT).

ALSO ATTENDING: Dennis Krampetz, resident

- I. Call to order.
Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.
- II. Public comment period.
Dennis Krampetz was present to observe the Conservation Commission as a possible member in the future, and to look for opportunities to assist the Commission in its mission.
- III. Addition of items to the agenda.
E-mails related to items listed below.
- IV. Approval of minutes of 9 April 2015.
DR moved that the minutes of 9 April 2015 be approved; RT seconded; approved by all.
- V. Correspondence
E-mails related to items listed below.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. May 2nd, Green-Up Day: town activities.
DR discussed the overall results of the Green-Up Day trash collection. With thanks to Randy Durand, Dave distributed approximately 230 bags, resulting in over 1400 lbs. of garbage. Dave was concerned as to how the Green-Up Day activities would be handled next year, given the new regulatory requirements regarding recycling separations.
 - B. Green Stormwater Infrastructure: On-going discussion regarding stormwater management.
Grant applications for Ecosystem Restoration Grants need to address implementation steps delineated in the Addison County Regional Planning Agency (ACRPC) regional evaluation for Bristol. The Commission thought that the rain garden approach might be best focused on spring construction activities, which would require grant applications this summer. KU will ask Claire Tebbs about whether or not the regional study has been completed.
 - C. New Haven River Resilience Project: Update on The River Conservancy and the Addison County Regional Planning Commission application to High Meadows Fund Resilience Committee.

Kristen related that Steve Libby from The River Conservancy will not hear until mid-June whether or not the High Meadows Fund will fund their proposal.

- D. Vermont Geological Survey bedrock mapping of Bristol and South Mountain Quadrangles; update; discussion of water quality reports and derivative maps.

The projected completion date is late this year. Progress continues.

- E. Bristol Village tree inventory: Follow-up coordination Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program; Tree Inventory update.

As Randy discussed, Claire Tebbs, ACRPC, has templates for the planning/management plan as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding with the UVM Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program. The Town of Bristol is to follow those templates.

Randy was also concerned about the planting and maintenance practices followed by town staff in the care of town street trees. This includes the need to allow the roots of the tree to receive oxygen by exposing the upper portions of the roots to air. He will follow up with information to be distributed regarding proper procedures.

The consensus was that it was important to talk with town staff about these concerns before taking any action.

- F. Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF): on-going discussion.

Pete was concerned as to how much we have in the CRF and what that amount will be after the 1 July 2015 distribution of approved budget funds. He also stated that we need to discuss policy/mission statement for the CRF.

- G. Conservation Commission membership: on-going discussion.

Katie will put Dennis Krampetz on the email list.

VII. New Business

- A. Eagle Park Maintenance: Summer work to be scheduled.

Pete thought the best approach was to have everyone who was willing to work there to just work as they saw fit. He also suggested that the area needed a sign like “stay on path” or “use walkway” to keep people from walking through the planted area.

VIII. Other

- A. Pete discussed the need for signage at public areas including Bartlett Falls, South Street, and Sycamore Park. He will evaluate a possible sign configuration that would work and which can be used to show e-coli results on a monthly basis from May through September. Kristen will assist.

IX. Events

- A. May 21st, Bristol Historical Society meeting: starts at 7:00 p.m., with Historical Trail discussion at 8:00 p.m. at Howden Hall.

Dave and Kristen discussed the benefit of the collaborative effort to focus on the historical importance of the area, especially the significance of the New Haven River.

- X. Next Meeting Schedule: Thursday, 11 June 2015.

XI. Adjournment

KU moved that the meeting be adjourned; KR seconded; approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.