

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
TO BE HELD AT HOLLEY HALL
AT 6:00 P.M. ON
THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2017**

- I. Call to order.
- II. Public comment period.
- III. Addition of items to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of minutes of 9 March 2017.
- V. Correspondence.
E-mails related to items listed below.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Conservation Commission membership: Review of Commission membership, By-Laws and special interests of commissioners.
 - B. Flood Resilience Master's Project: review of Gabe Andrews' presentation; update.
 - C. River Corridor Protection: Discussion on position statement regarding recommendations to the Planning Commission and Selectboard on river corridor planning and management; discussion with Planning Commission on 18 April 2017.
 - D. South Street Historical Walk: update.
 - E. Paul Fuller site: control of Japanese Knotweed: update.
 - F. Saunders River Access: coordination regarding maintenance, spring transplanting and watering tree saplings; update.
 - G. Green Stormwater Infrastructure: Update on status of Vermont Community Fund Grant; discussion on strategies for expanding green infrastructure, including making rain barrels available (see attached).
 - H. Bristol Village tree inventory: Follow-up coordination Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program; update.
 - I. Eagle Park: on-going maintenance discussion; update.
 - J. New Haven River, Bartlett Falls: Addison County River Watch Collaborative to install signpost providing information on water quality; to be done in the spring.
 - K. Town Natural Resource Map for Town Meeting Day: update.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Information concerning the status of the Eastern Coyote in Vermont and associated management strategies; discussion.
 - B. Addison County Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan: discussion on biking and hiking trails in the Town of Bristol.
 - C. Vermont Agency of Natural Resources website BioFinder: discussion of presentation on use of software (<http://biofinder.vermont.gov>)
- VIII. Other
- IX. Events
 - A. Planning Commission Meeting regarding river corridor planning: Monday 18 April 2017.
- X. Next Meeting Schedule: Thursday, 11 May 2017.
- XI. Adjournment

Bristol Rain Barrels

Draft Description

The Bristol Conservation Commission is developing plans to increase our citizens' awareness of stormwater issues by encouraging the use of rain barrels connected to downspouts. The water collected can then be used to water lawns and gardens in a controlled manner.

Rain barrels not only collect water, reducing run-off, they can also collect awareness and can help generate community. To this end BCC is hoping to sponsor a campaign to encourage Bristol residents to adopt rain barrels by engaging our recreation department, arts organizations, and schools in adopting rain barrels and decorating them to be auctioned at a town festival. Along with the barrels we'll provide information about the problems created by run-off and the benefits of controlling it.

The plan is to provide rain barrels, at no cost, to those organizations that participate and to make rain barrels available to members of the community at cost. The Bristol Recreation Department has offered to sponsor several rain barrel workshops and handle sales. Bristol CORE has agreed to give us a table at the Pocock Festival at no cost. And the Five Towns Arts Council will consider participating at their next meeting

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Logistics

The "Barrel Man" will sell us olive barrels for \$20.00 each, a \$5.00 discount. The "Rain Guys" in Columbus, Ohio, will sell us the parts kits for \$28.00, also a \$5.00 discount.

So, a barrel will cost us \$48.00

Proposal #1: that we initially purchase 12 barrels and kits, install the kits, and make the barrels available to our Recreation Department, arts organizations and schools, to decorate so they can be placed around town and then auctioned off at the Pocock Festival on June 17, in the park. (Cost \$576.00 offset by auction)

Secondly, we have been invited to introduce the rain barrels at an event sponsored by the Recreation Department at Holley Hall on Saturday, May 6, at 10:00am. We'd be included with a composting workshop.

Proposal # 2: that we purchase another 12 barrels and kits so they can be available for the May 6 event at Holley Hall. (Initial cost \$576.00, offset by sales)

Thirdly, the Recreation Department has offered to sell the rain barrels for us. Darla Senecal indicated that they can collect the money at the Rec. Dept. office and credit the funds to the BCC account. She also said they could sell them at the Town Wide Yard Sale on June 6.

Fourth, The Recreation Department will help us set up a workshop in the park if we decide to do so.

Proposal # 3: that we partner with the Recreation Department to take orders for barrels and kits for \$50.00 each and for assembled rain barrels for \$60.00 each.

Finally, we will need to find a place to store the rain barrels between events.

Richard Butz