

TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT HOLLEY HALL
THURSDAY, 10 MAY 2018

- I. Call to order, 6:05 pm. Present: Carolyn Dash, Ken Johnson, Katie Reilley, Kristen Underwood, Randy Durand, Richard Butz, Jim Stapleton. Guests: Andy Dash
- II. Public comment period - **Andy was quiet but observant.**
- III. Addition of items to the agenda. **JS suggested a Rule of Procedure that any line item which received 'No Action' for 3 consecutive meetings be temporarily delisted. General agreement, no vote. RB added the topic of Rain Barrels (New Business).**
- IV. Approval of minutes of 12 April, 2018 – **RB moved, KU 2nd, unanimous.**
- V. Correspondence: **Emails: Select Board Agenda, Administrator's Report**
- VI. Old Business
 - A. South Street Historical Interpretive Trail (joint project of BCC and Bristol Historical Society to create historic signage at the former Bristol Manufacturing site) **KU met with Porter and Reg. There will be an ADA-acceptable dirt path from the end of the sidewalk on South St. into and around the historical building site.)**
 - B. Green Stormwater Infrastructure (VT River Conservancy and the Lake Champlain Basin Program [LCBP] grant to implement a few Green Stormwater Infrastructure projects in the village). **No action.**
 - C. Bristol village Stormwater Master Plan (ACRPC/ Town of Bristol, funded by a separate grant from Ecosystem Restoration Program [ERP]) . **No action**
 - D. Bristol Trail Network (trail activities coordinated by Porter Knight and the Bristol Rec Club) **KU Porter did not get the grant she applied for, because all easements were not in place, but was assured that, given the easements, the grant will come next year. Meanwhile she has 150 volunteers ready to work. CD suggested they be employed at Memorial Park this year. We should (a) arrange a time for a commission field trip to the park to determine the scope of work, and (b) check with Select Board for approval. KU will follow up.**
 - E. All Hazards Mitigation Plan: discussion of on-going meetings. **No Action**
 - F. Town of Bristol Resources: Disseminating information about the natural and cultural resources of Bristol. **CD visited the new head of the Rec Dept. She suggested we invite her to our next meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest. CD will follow up.**

- G. River Corridor Protection: discussion of coordination with the Planning Commission regarding river corridor planning. **No action**
 - H. New Haven River Watershed: continued discussion regarding Addison County River Watch Collaborative information on water quality and the on-going sampling; possible meeting with New Haven Conservation Commission. **No action, waiting for funding for Matt Witten's presentation to New Haven CC.**
 - I. Public presentation on cougars with Susan Morse. **RD A successful venture, \$160 donated, 100 people attended, well received by all.**
 - J. Eagle Park: Repairs for this spring. **PD has been active with emails to/from firms who might repair the path. JS asked if the landing structure is misplaced. KR thought no, recollected the planning that preceded its construction. RD asked if a '98 type flood might take the whole structure out. KR & KU thought not, KJ was not certain.**
 - K. Conservation Commission membership. **Dave Henderson is away, has not responded to KJ's suggestion of a note of resignation to the Select Board. Suggestions for replacements: Ian Albinson, Jono Chapin, Caitlin Cusack.**
 - L. Strategic Planning results. **RD will be in touch with Monica for a follow-up session.**
 - M. Green Up Day. **CD reported 390 trash bags were handed out, about 600 people involved including 410 students. Over 1 ton of trash and 4/10 ton of tires were picked up. In the future specific sites will be targeted and specific groups, e.g. sportsmen's clubs and the high school football teams, will be contacted.**
- VII. New Business
- A. **RB noted a rain-barrel workshop will be held at Holley Hall on Saturday May 12th, 9:30am.**
 - B. **RB - The critter board at the Library is a great success, Nancy Wilson does not want it removed.**
- VIII. Other
- RD noted the large number of kayakers recently on the New Haven and suggested we tap into this activity as a popular feature of Bristol life.**
- IX. Events
- May 14 Select Board meeting**
- X. Next Meeting: Thursday, 14 June 2018
- XI. Adjournment **RB moved, JS 2nd, unanimous**