

TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT HOLLEY HALL
THURSDAY, 14 JUNE, 2018

- I. Call to order, 6:05 pm. Present: Carolyn Dash, Ken Johnson, Katie Reilley, Kristen Underwood, Randy Durand, Dave Henderson, Pete Diminico, Richard Butz, Jim Stapleton. Guests: Meredith MacFarland, Porter Knight
- II. Public comment period - **See below**
- III. Addition of items to the agenda.
- IV. Approval of minutes of 10 May, 2018 – **KR moved, RB 2nd, unanimous.**
- V. Correspondence: **Emails: Select Board Agenda, Administrator’s Report, many posters, booklets etc. on tick awareness from Meredith.**
- VI. Old Business
 - L. Conversation with Meredith MacFarland, new head of Bristol Parks and Rec **After sharing a brief personal history, MM explained she is open to finding ways of cooperating with the BCC. Her formal job description apropos parks reads “...at times when needed, be a park manager.” CD ran through the list of Bristol parks. An extended discussion followed of the uncodified role of the BCC in e.g. Eagle Park. We reviewed the prior cooperation between the Rec Office and the BCC, new possibilities were discussed including education, public programs, and a regular newsletter. She will work on resurrecting the Rec Dept Calendar.**
 - D. Bristol Trail Network (trail activities coordinated by Porter Knight and the Bristol Rec Club)
Extended discussion about upgrading and relocating the trail at Memorial Park. Discrepancies exist between maps concerning the size of the park, whether 19 or 36 acres. PK would go to the American Legion for support and funding for trail development. KU pointed out that a management plan like that developed for Sycamore Park by David Brynn and Eric Sorenson would evolve in the years ahead. JS moved and RB seconded that the BCC encourage Porter to explore the possibility of enhancing the trail at Memorial Park. Unanimous. PK mentioned a walk, talk and potluck at Green Mountain Family Campground at 6:30 on Wed. June 27th.
 - 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 obtained Select Board approval for an approach trail near the parking area on South St. PK said the extension of the loop trail to the fire station would begin in August. KU asked for approval to request at the next Select Board meeting that up to \$3500 from the Conservation Reserve Fund be allocated to finalizing the kiosk at the site. RB moved and KR 2nd to that effect. Unanimous.**

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]) .**The grant was awarded to Regional Planning, we await the next development.**

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. **See discussion under D above.**

G. River Corridor Protection: discussion of coordination with the Planning Commission regarding river corridor planning. **No action. RB This may pick up again in the fall.**

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. **RB Matt Witten will present the relevant data to the New Haven CC with a possible follow up of a joint meeting between the New Haven CC & BCC.** I. Eagle Park: Repairs for this spring. **PD spoke to the Select Board who approved the work to repair the flood damage outlined previously.**

J. Conservation Commission membership. **DH is willing to remain as a member, but because of frequent absences, past & future, requested the Commission look into replacing him with a new member.**

K. Strategic Planning results. **RD - Monica will conduct a follow-up session at the July meeting. He expects a questionnaire from her before that meeting.**

VII. New Business

CD suggests the Commission retain the Upper Notch trash issue as ongoing business. She will talk with Val Capels about it.

VIII. Other

PD expects to take some time off from Commission work later this summer for personal reasons.

IX. Events

June 11 Select Board meeting

X. Next Meeting: Thursday, 12 July, 2018

XI. Adjournment **RB moved, JS 2nd, unanimous**