

TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT HOLLEY HALL, LOWER LEVEL
THURSDAY, 12 JULY, 2018

- I. Call to order, 6:00 pm. Present: Carolyn Dash, Ken Johnson, Kristen Underwood, Randy Durand, Dave Henderson, Richard Butz, Jim Stapleton. Guests: Steve Libby, Alicia Daniel
- II. Public comment period - **See below.**
- III. Addition of items to the agenda - **RB - Mosquito Spraying - see below.**
- IV. Approval of minutes of 14 June, 2018 – **RD moved, CD 2nd, Unanimous.**
- V. Correspondence: **Select Board Agenda, Administrator’s Report**
- VI. Old Business - P,O,M out of order
 - P. Flood Adaptation Proposal **Steve Libby, VT River Conservancy presented a proposal that the BCC become involved in a 3-town (Bristol, Lincoln, New Haven) project to help protect the towns from future flood events. The idea is to interest landowners who have property with a history of flooding. It may be funded through a Lake Champlain Project grant. For example, flood plain protection in areas above Lincoln Village might benefit Bristol. RB moved that we support the proposal and appoint a member to participate in the effort. JS 2nd, Unanimous.**
 - O. Conservation Reserve Fund **KU provided a comprehensive report on the history of the town’s Conservation Reserve Fund. The Eagle Park fishing platform and the Saunders land acquisition have been the main projects, Memorial Park may well be the next big one.**
 - M. Vermont Naturalist program **Alicia Saunders described her proposed program for the 5-town area and related her past successes with similar programs in Chittenden County. She has 10 students now enrolled. Because of a less-than expected award from a grant proposal, Alicia asks 1) for ideas for further support, and 2) financial support from the Conservation Reserve Fund. Several members questioned whether the CRF guidelines would admit educational purposes. KU pointed out that the Select Board would have the final say on that. The general sense was that we would put this on the August agenda.**
 - A. South Street Historical Interpretive Trail (joint project of BCC and Bristol Historical Society to create historic signage at the former Bristol Manufacturing site) **Not yet in place.**
 - 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) **Josh Ryan of Timber & Stone, trail designers, met with members of the Trail network and the BCC to discuss correcting the hazards of the Memorial Park Trail and re-routing it. He will submit a detailed assessment shortly to Porter. CD reported on a wetlands assessment of the proposed BTN trails with Zapata Courage and found no problem. They also visited Beaver Meadows on South Mountain to assess its possibility as a hiking venue.**
- 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 Website below.**
- 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.**
- I. Eagle Park: Repairs for this spring. **The surepak is in, but the project is not yet finished.**
- J. Conservation Commission membership. **KJ will put a notice of vacancy on FPF.**
- K. Strategic Planning results. **Postponed to August**
- L. Upper Notch trash problem **CD talked to Valerie - it doesn't appear to be on the front burner. After a spirited discussion, members asked DH to buy a security camera and install it, funding the project on the spur of the moment.**
- N. Website **JS and Bruce Acciavatti, who is leaving the area and will no longer be able to host the BCC website, spent 2 hours trying to transfer the hosting role, but without success. They will try again. All options for future development are still open.**

VII. New Business

RB suggested we inform ourselves on the town's role in spraying for mosquitoes. He will research this issue.

VIII. Other

IX. Events

X. Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug 9, 2018

XI. Adjournment **DH moved, CD 2nd, Unanimous**