

TOWN OF BRISTOL, VERMONT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT HOLLEY HALL, LOWER LEVEL
THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 2018

- I. Call to order, 6:05 pm. Present: **KEN JOHNSON, KRISTEN UNDERWOOD, KATIE REILLY, RANDY DURAND, RICHARD BUTZ, CAROLYN DASH, JIM STAPLETON.** Guests: **JOHN SWEPSTON OF SWEPSTON ARBOR WORKS**
- II. Public comment period - **John Swebston described his role as newly appointed Bristol tree warden - his mandate is sidewalks, not the whole town. He talked about recent maple removal on Maple St, they will be replaced. RB - can there be an open process to allow public input in such issues? - John: yes. KR - does a landowner have a right to have public hearing? - John will look into that. RB - go on FPF to reduce public dismay over tree removal; RD - Survey of Bristol Natural Resource Atlas list of trees of Bristol. John took part in several discussions below. He will consider joining the Commission.**
- III. Addition of items to the agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes of 11 October, 2018 – **RB moved, CD 2nd, Unanimous.**
- V. Correspondence: **Select Board Agenda, Administrator’s Report, card for Pete Diminico from Dave Henderson, Vermont Land Trust brochure.**
- 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) **No action**
 - 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]). **KU The Watershed Consulting Associates have completed a preliminary identification of projects.**
 - D. Bristol Trail Network (trail activities coordinated by Porter Knight and the Bristol Rec Club) **KU Memorial Park - Timber & Stone wish to get an engineering opinion as to the structural integrity of the existing bridge. KU moved to ask Select Board for \$1500 from CRF for this purpose, CD 2nd, unanimous. Josh has flagged path for inspection by engineer.**
 - 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/BCC website. **JS & Bruce decided there is no point in resuscitating the old BCC website now that a more substantial version is in the**

works. CD discussed natural & cultural resources, & town curiosities to be featured in the new website, received feedback on the design to date. Sycamore Park signage:

RB has figures for a state sign, will talk to Valerie about next steps. RD believes it would be less expensive (\$200) to erect our own outside the 25 foot State ROW.

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. Conservation Commission membership. **KJ will re-submit the notice of vacancy on FPF. John Swepston expressed an interest in joining.**

J. Upper Notch trash problem **KJ No new evidence of dumping**

K. Master Naturalist projects - **CD discussed 2 projects: 60-80 hours of work at Beaver Meadows and Seth Hill**

L. Conservation Reserve Fund **No action**

M. Flood Adaptation Proposal **No action**

N. Paul Fuller parcel/Saunders **KU There is interest in the Fuller family to sell the easement portion of the property to the Town. KU made a motion to ask the Select Board for up to \$2,000 from the CRF to pay for an appraisal. CD 2nd, Unanimous. KU will follow up with the Town.**

Saunders: KU Judy Tasetano wishes to remove a box elder on the border with town property. John Swepston said he would be in favor. RB moved the Commission authorize KU to contact Val to clear responsibility for removal of the tree, KU 2nd, Unanimous.

O. Suggestions for expenditure of the bequest from Andrew Johnson estate **JS suggested erecting working-forest signs on the Bristol Ledges trail (to be renamed Andrew Johnson Memorial Trail), & including the trail in BTN. The Commission asked JS to submit the idea to Val.**

RD suggested some of the funds be allocated for remedial work on the Bristol Pond boat launch area, which is owned & operated by the State, but which is in bad condition, the dock is about to collapse.

VII. New Business

VIII. Other

IX. Events

X. Next Meeting: **Thursday, Dec 13 2018**

XI. Adjournment **8:00 RB moved, JS 2nd, Unanimous**

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