

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015, 6:30 PM

Bethel Town Office

Present: Jennifer Schomp, Moe Brigham, Mary Floyd, Emily Miller

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Minutes from 12/8/15 were reviewed and accepted.
 - b. We regretfully accept Dave Stanley's resignation from the CC, as of December 2015.

2. Continued Branliere Forest discussion
 - a. We missed the pre-application deadline for Recreation Trails Program (new this year), so we'll pursue other avenues.
 - b. We are pursuing the idea of a project with VYCC (similar to Phase 1 or the 2011 RTP Application):
 - i. VYCC change in staff has slowed things, but Jennifer is now in touch with Bob Coates who is acting VYCC staff contact.
 - ii. Asking for brush clearing, invasive plant removal (Japanese barberry, chervil, garlic mustard, and poison ivy), basic trail work, minimal signage.
 - iii. CC will bring the plan to the Selectboard for approval prior to next steps.

3. Invasive Species/Emerald Ash Borer
 - a. Table for the present.

4. Info for Town Meeting Day
 - a. New member outreach
 - b. Description of the plan for Branliere.

5. Invite new Country Forester to an upcoming meeting
 - a. Moe will look into it.

6. No other business

Meeting adjourned around 7:25pm.

Next meeting will be on April 12th at the town office.