

Town of Bethel, Vermont  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 2/19/19, 6:30 PM  
Town Office

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

Present: Mary Floyd, Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Katie O'Neill, Mark Heckmann

1. Minutes: Minutes from 1/15/18 were reviewed and accepted as written.
2. 428 Pleasant Street property acquisition
  - a. We are actively seeking donations to help cover expenses of the sale.
    - i. We reviewed the letter that has been donation letter.
    - ii. The letter has so far been sent out to approximately 70 residents.
  - b. We discussed the amount of money we need to "bridge the gap" between what the town will pay and what we need to cover all expenses of the sale.
  - c. Other fundraising strategies
    - i. donation box at Town Meeting
    - ii. donation letter
    - iii. contacting local businesses?
    - iv. After town meeting, we'll start reaching out to locals with a letter in hand to solicit donations. People can write checks to the "Town of Bethel" for 428 Pleasant Street.
      1. Emily will create a google sheet to track who we've contacted for donation.
  - d. Mary is planning to write a letter to the Herald about the donations.
3. Town meeting preparation (meeting is on Tuesday, March 5th at 10am)
  - a. The CC would like to have a space at Town Meeting.
    - i. Set up at 9am.
    - ii. Visuals for 428 Pleasant Street: Katie will work on it.
    - iii. Mary will get a cash box and we'll record any cash donations.
    - iv. Mary will bring copies of the donation letter on letterhead.
  - b. Establishment of a capital fund
    - i. Ferron will speak to this.
    - ii. Include examples, like the trails in Branliere.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 3/12/19 at 6:30pm at the town offices.