

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2015, 6:30 PM

Bethel Town Office

Present: Moe Brigham, Mary Floyd, Emily Miller

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Minutes from February were reviewed and accepted.
2. Town meeting recap
 - a. Money for mowing was voted down: disappointing, but the CC felt like it's not worth doing it twice if they're not going to do it right the first time. We will work to make our suggestions or requests clear in next year's budget.
3. New membership
 - a. Around 10 people expressed interest.
 - b. Mary will invite all of them to our April meeting.
4. Continued Branliere Forest discussion
 - a. Jen and Mary attended the Selectboard's 2/22/16 meeting and presented the VYCC proposal.
 - b. The town supports the proposal.
 - c. The Selectboard has asked the Town Manager to look for money to cover some or all of the required \$4500 in matching funds.
 - i. The Town Manager has possibly found money for \$3000 of the match, but needs to confirm with the Selectboard.
 - ii. The CC has to close the \$1500 gap –
 1. The CC is concerned that we will not be able to overcome this challenge of the end-of-March deadline.
 2. Mary will talk with Keith and ask if the town might possibly cover the funds temporarily while we fundraise over the next couple of months.
 - iii. Funding possibilities
 1. Mary will ask Keith about how to proceed with the fundraising letter?
 - a. Who needs to approve it? Selectboard? Town manager?
 2. The CC will check with Jen to clarify what funding sources she's specifically following up with.
5. No other business

Meeting adjourned around 7:45pm.

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