

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 3/9/21 6:30 PM
Meeting via Zoom (the meeting was recorded)

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm

Present: Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Mary Floyd, Lisa Campbell, Chris Fors, Danny Dover

1. Minutes: Minutes from 2/9/20 were reviewed and approved.
2. CC Member Terms
 - a. Chris Fors' term expires in 2021.
 - b. Mark Heckmann's, Lisa Campbell's, and Emily Miller's expired in 2020.
 - c. All will email Kelly Hill to indicate our interest in continuing to serve on the Conservation Commission.
3. Town Social Media Policy update - Lisa Campbell
 - a. The town is in the process of creating a social media policy for the town. If we want to continue with a social media account, we would need to go before the Selectboard and say so. We would also need to decide who will manage it.
 - b. Pages will be information only. We can limit comments by filtering comments.
 - c. Do we want to continue with our Bethel Conservation Commission Facebook page? The Conservation Commission will consider this while the town works on their policy. We are inclined to keep the page that we have.
4. Carla's Meadow Update
 - a. [Carla's Meadow Planning document](#)
 - b. Bird & wildlife management Sub-committee Mary F, Lisa C., Dieter F.
 - i. Explore planting milkweed for monarchs
 - ii. Explore habitat for bluebirds and building houses for bluebirds
 - c. Land owner use agreements are in progress for these parcels: Nolato-GW Plastics, Tracy, Bergeron. Chris adapted these from the state agreements and RASTA templates. Revisions will be incorporated and given to the town for their review.
 - d. We took a look at the Integrated Management Plan developed for the school. We plan to use this format as a template for all of our Conservation Commission projects.
5. Quimby Town Forest update - Ferron Griffin
 - a. [Quimby Town Forest Timeline](#)
 - b. Waiting for the snow to melt a bit in order to assess where the best spot would be for logging access.
 - c. The Conservation Commission will set a work party to do some boundary work around our next meeting time.
6. Better Connections Grant update - Ferron Griffin

- a. Ferron sent in an endorsement from the Conservation Commission.
We're waiting now to hear if they receive the grant.
7. Any other business to come before the committee.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 3/13/21 at 6:30pm via Zoom.