

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, 6:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm

Present: Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Mary Floyd, Lisa Campbell, Chris Fors, Danny Dover,
Mark Heckman, Moe Brigham

1. Minutes: Minutes from 3/9/20 were reviewed and approved.
2. CC Member Terms
 - a. All member terms are now current.
3. Town Social Media Policy update
 - a. No new updates
4. Carla's Meadow Update
 - a. Landowner agreements
 - i. Chris shared updated landowner agreements for Tracy, Bergeron and Nolato-GW.
 - ii. The CC moved to send the agreements along to Terese Kirby for next steps. After the town looks at them we'll bring them to the landowners.
 - b. A group of 6th graders is working on building bluebird houses for the meadow.
5. Quimby Town Forest update
 - a. Date for a work day: Saturday, 4/17/21 at the top of Rindge Hill at 9am.
 - i. Confirm boundaries, look for corners and digitize them.
 - b. Ferron is waiting to hear from Allen Patton about a meeting with AJ to determine which way might be the best way to access the parcel for logging.
6. Better Connections Grant update
 - a. Bethel did receive the grant and was fully funded! Will cover planning costs for projects.
 - b. Now in the process of putting together a steering committee. Ferron will keep us updated.
7. Introduction to Proforestation - Danny Dover
 - a. Proforestation refers to how we manage forests to increase the amount of carbon we store. Proforestation encourages letting portions of the forest to grow to maturation to maximize carbon sequestration.
 - b. The NE broadleaf forest is one of the best carbon sinks around. Large trees and their accompanying ecosystems are particularly good at storing carbon.
 - c. "30 by 30" is the idea of setting aside 30% of our forests as reserves.
 - d. Something we can do locally to work on the issue of climate change.
8. Any Other Business - none

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/11/21 at 6:30pm in person at Peavine Park (in case of inclement weather we will meet on Zoom).