

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016, 6:30 PM

Bethel Town Office

Present: Mary Floyd, Emily Miller, Jennifer Schomp, Mark Heckman, Lisa Campbell

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Minutes from April were reviewed and accepted with a few revisions, including the year.
2. Prospective members
 - a. Mary will talk with the Selectboard about appointing Mark Heckman to the CC.
3. Branliere Forest VT Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) Grant Status
 - a. Waiting on dates from VYCC for the assessment walk (Emily and Mark will accompany VYCC, Jen will manage dates and email correspondence, etc.);
 - b. Signage: will consider how many signs are needed for the trail over to the overlook;
 - c. Could cut tree(s) for a vista;
 - d. Whitcomb science classes are planning to do an NNIP inventory along the potential trail next week. They will generate a map that may be useful to the CC.
 - e. May want to get something about the town forest(s) into the "Bethel Operator's Manual".
4. CC members' appointments and terms
 - a. 2 year terms, July-July;
 - b. Mary and Emily (terms up in July 2016);
 - c. Jen (term up in July 2017);
 - d. Lisa and Mark (terms up in July 2018).
5. Tree plantings
 - a. Spring Hollow (5/6 with Bethel's 3/4th grades, 5/11 with HMMS and 5/14 with community);
 - b. Gilead Brook Rd (5/13 with Braintree School).
6. Class 4 Roads Committee (formerly the Ancient Roads Committee) interest
 - a. Mary, Lisa, Jen and Mark would be interested in being part of the committee;
 - b. Might want to get in touch with the White River Partnership to learn about the protocol they've used to inventory Class 4 roads.
7. Other business
 - a. Reviewed Bethel CC Planning document that lists on-going and completed project;
 - i. We should plan to update the documents regularly.
 - b. Members attended a pre-hearing for a possible siting of a Dollar General in the floodplain across from trailer park on Rte. 12.

- i. The CC is opposed to any such development in the floodplain.
- c. Water Quality conference at VTC on 6/8, 8:30-3:30, if any member is interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned around 8pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at the town office.