

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 5/21/19 6:30 PM
Town Office

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

Present: Mary Floyd, Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Mark Heckmann, Jennifer Schomp, Lisa Campbell

1. Minutes: Minutes from 4/16/19 were reviewed and accepted as written.
2. Flooding Report
 - a. We had a discussion about replacing undersized culverts with appropriately sized bridges and culverts to allow for flood conditions. Larger structures will also allow for fish passage.
 - b. Climate change is causing more extreme storms.
3. EAB workshop June 1st with AJ Follensbee, 9am-12pm.
 - a. COVERTS is co-hosting (<https://vtcoverts.org>)
 - b. Ferron will speak at the start.
 - c. Discussion followed by a walk in the Branliere Forest.
 - d. We will not do refreshments.
 - e. We will continue to publicize the event.
4. Mission statement - Thatcher Hinman and trail sub-committee
 - a. We're waiting for language Camp Brook management plans.
5. 428 Pleasant Street property
 - a. The town is responsible for approximately \$10,000. We currently have \$8,602 in donations.
 - b. The CC agrees to put the remainder of our allocated \$2500 from this year towards the appraisal.
6. Animal control - game warden
 - a. game warden is interested in coming to speak with us about wildlife and animal control, including bears, beavers, coyotes, etc.
 - b. we'd be interested in hearing from him.
7. Any other business.
 - a. Round table discussion at the Town Hall.
 - i. June 6, 2019, 6pm
 - ii. Ferron and members of the CC will attend.

- b. Non-native invasive plants
 - i. ANR has a weed library in Rutland from which we could borrow tools, gloves, etc. for a future event.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/18/19 at 6:30pm at the town offices.