

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 7/13/21 6:30 PM
Meeting in the Town Hall

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from 6/8/21 were reviewed and approved.
2. Carla's Meadow Update
 - a. [Carla's Meadow Planning document](#) (not really being used)
 - b. Bird houses
 - i. Dietre Feeny of the Summer Recreation Program is interested in participating in placing them. We will hand off most of the houses.
 - c. Work day for the path
 - i. Tasks:
 1. Reflag to be able to show the landowners.
 2. Look into signs about private property.
 3. Put up signs about non-motorized use. Ferron and Mary have arranged for that.
 - ii. Dates: Sunday, 8/8 at 9am at the ballfield.
 - d. Land Owner Agreements
 - i. Most landowners have them now.
 - ii. Still waiting to hear back from Nolato/GW, who have had to send the agreement up to headquarters. We're optimistic that this will be approved.
 - e. Wetland
 - i. The wetland area of Carla's Meadow was hayed and manured recently.
 - ii. Wetlands are productive ecosystems and important hydrologically. Cutting and compacting this area puts that at risk.
 - iii. Wetlands are delineated by soils, plants and hydrological regime. The wetland was staked out and the state wetlands folks have a copy of the map to show this.
 - iv. Typically the farmer does not mow that area, but has done so this year. The CC will stake the area and talk with the farmer about not mowing that area.
3. Climate Forester meeting update
 - a. The CC will host the VT state climate forester for a gathering, to be separate from our regular meetings.
 - b. We will publicize the event (once we know the details) and reach out to other groups who might be interested in attending.
 - c. Danny will follow up with the climate forester after Labor Day.
4. Spring Hollow Kiosk Sign

- a. Mary is working on it.
- 5. CC Shelf at the Library update
 - a. Cathy would be happy to have us curate a shelf in the library.
 - b. Bring suggestions or books from our own collections to our September meeting.
- 6. Forward Festival
 - a. Topic will be: How to get into your town forest? And will focus on the Quimby and Branliere forests, and buyout properties
 - b. Ferron will talk with landowners at the entry points to the Quimby Forest.
- 7. Any other business to come before the committee
 - a. The invasive Multiflora rose is widespread in Peavine Park.
 - b. Concerns about grounds maintenance at Peavine Park:
 - i. Walnut tree has been girdled (probably by a weed wacker) and weed killer has been applied along the fence and boulders.
 - ii. The CC requests that herbicide not be applied at the property or other town properties.
 - c. Ferron shared the Request for Proposals for Bethel for All: Village Accessibility and Stormwater Master plan. They are currently looking for a consultant to carry out the plan.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 8/10/21, 6:30pm at the Town Hall.