

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9/8/20 6:30 PM
Bethel Town Hall

Meeting brought to order at 6:40pm

Present: Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Danny Dover, Mark Heckmann, Mary Floyd,
Chris Fors, Jayne Straight

1. Minutes: Minutes from 8/11/20 were reviewed and approved.
2. Meet and greet Jayne Straight
 - a. talked about various trail possibilities.
3. Update with Chris Fors on Integrated Forest Management
 - a. Camp Brook Town Forest
 - i. Chris has read through the county forester's excellent Camp Brook forest report. Does note one discrepancy in that it states that there's currently no legal access to the forest. The old road maps indicate otherwise in that there was a road running through the forest historically. There is access, but the exact location of that road (right of way) is not clear. The ancient roads committee is currently working on this.
 - ii. Need to establish goals for the management of this forest.
 1. We will review some of the resources available to come up with goals.
 - iii. Brainstorming about steps to analyze the land.
 1. Determine boundary lines. (Highest priority is to get the western boundary line surveyed - we have an estimate of \$6000 to do this).
 2. Timber stands
 3. Water resources and wetlands including plants
 4. Access to the parcel (roads, trails)
 5. Plant inventories (non native invasive plants, rare and endangered)
 6. Topography
 7. Wildlife/habitats
 8. Cultural/historic points
 - b. We would like to develop a process to come up with an integrated management plan to apply to all our forests.
 - i. We'll do a trial run with 428 Pleasant St. on Saturday, 9/12 at 9am.
4. 428 Pleasant St update
 - a. Nothing at this time.
5. Any other business to come before the Commission

- a. There are some folks who are interested in purchasing a parcel at the four corners in Lympus to conserve. They are exploring fundraising options.
- b. We will be working with the Rec committee on trails at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 10/13/20 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall with the Rec Committee.