

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11/14/23, 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm.

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were approved as written.
2. Pollinator Patch
 - a. Tilled and seeded with winter rye.
 - b. It will be tilled again in the spring and planted with native wildflowers.
 - c. Emily will check with the Pollinator club at the middle school to see if they're interested.
3. VOREC update
 - a. Nice writeup in Front Porch Forum from Therese about the stairs. Not sure if it also ran in the Herald.
4. Current Use Taxation Discussion
 - a. Several from the CC went to a meeting with forester AJ Follensbee hosted by VT Coverts.
 - b. Those with pre-existing forest management plans can have part of their woodland set aside to not be logged and to mature naturally. The idea is this could be helpful to wildlife, carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation, etc.
 - c. Looked at a map of conserved land in Bethel generated by the VT Conservation Land Trust.
5. Any other business
 - a. Information for the Town Report.
 - b. Gave permission for VAST to use Carla's Meadow when there's snow cover this winter. Mary signed on behalf of the CC.
 - c. VT Center for Geographic Information on VT ANR's website. Very cool mapping program that's worth exploring.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 12/12/23, 6:30pm at the Town office.