

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11/15/22 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
2. Bethel Parks Challenge Update
 - a. Around 20 people handed in their passports and 75% earned the top prize! Prizes to be decided soon.
 - b. Some were frustrated by a missing sign at Cleveland Brook.
 - c. Definitely a success.
3. Planning Commission Update
 - a. Next meeting on Thursday, 12/15/22, 7pm at the Town Office. At that meeting they will likely schedule hearings for the Bylaws.
 - b. Rezoning effort is now focused on the Core Business, Village, Hamlet districts, not all of the districts in town.
 - c. Mary is proposing a subcommittee composed of at least two Conservation Commission members, at least two Planning Commission members and someone from TRORC to work on drafting or reworking verbage for the Rural District and Resource Conservation District sections of the Bylaws. The meeting would also be open to the public. Mary, Danny and Mark are willing to work on it for the Conservation Commission. Eric will get in touch with the Planning Commission and Town Manager to see about how to proceed.
 - d. Additional ways to mitigate habitat fragmentation may include limiting driveway length on large parcels.
4. Forest Block Training webinar
 - a. Thursday, 11/17/22 at 7pm.
 - b. Hosted by TRORC.
5. Any other business
 - a. Bethel apple tree discussion.
 - b. VOREC update. Rebecca has submitted the revised grant budget.
 - c. Dennis Wood has signed a 10 year agreement for access to the trails.
 - d. Accessibility loop at the Rec fields have been flagged. One very small wet section may need a wetland permit or to be rerouted.
 - e. Big Tree Quest (Putney did this during this year). Could be a great idea for Forward Fest next year.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 12/13/22, 6:30pm at the Town office.