

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 1/10/23 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

Present: Lisa Campbell, Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Chris Fors, Mark Heckman, Danny Dover, Christian Pelletier

1. Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved.
2. Plans for improvements to River Street and Peavine Park (Christian Pelletier, White River Partnership)
 - a. The WRP plans to apply for funding in January from the Recreation Trails Program. If we receive the funding, the work might happen at the end of 2023 summer or fall.
 - b. Items the grant would address:
 - i. River Street Access: steps, boat access, and a kiosk. We discussed whether we want to pursue full ADA compliance, something more minimal or something in between.
 - ii. Some improvements at Peavine Park, including the removal of the old boat launch and an improved trail through the knotweed so people can put in boats in an easier location and a kiosk.
 - c. The CC would be happy to write a letter of support for the project. We will get that signed and delivered to the WRP before our next meeting.
3. Planning Commission Update
 - a. Discussion about the current draft of the Bylaws. The CC is pleased with the changes and direction things are moving in.
4. Bethel Parks Challenge Update
 - a. Looked at the cool swag that people got for participating.
5. Land Stewardship webinar coming up
 - a. Land Stewardship: The Cold Hollow to Canada Woodlots Toolkit
 - b. Format: Zoom Webinar (With a Q&A session)
 - c. Date: Friday, January 20, 2023
 - d. Time: 1:00-2:00pm Location
 - e. Presenter: Monica Przyperhart, Cold Hollow to Canada Program Director
6. Any other business
 - a. Legislative breakfast, 7:30am, 2nd Monday of every month through the legislative season. Get the word out.
 - b. Carla's meadow
 - i. Wetland stakes need to be moved a bit on the northern edge.
 - ii. The wetland area might benefit from a small walking bridge to keep folks out of the wet soils.
 - c. VOREC updates
 - i. Landowner agreement forms have been submitted, multiple times.
 - ii. Still waiting on funds to be released.

- iii. The trail around the ball fields may need some additional permitting to accommodate wetlands at one part. That part might benefit from a big Green Up Day clean-up.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 2/7/23, 6:30pm at the Town office.