

Town of Bethel, Vermont  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 2/7/23 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, Mary Floyd

1. Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
2. River Street Access and Project Updates
  - a. The CC signed a letter of support for the White River Partnership's grant application to support the work at River Street. We will get that signed and delivered to the WRP before our next meeting.
  - b. Stairway up from the rec field to the church.
    - i. Put an application in for Better Connections Community Grant to cover the costs of a stairway to connect the rec field to the church.
    - ii. This will connect some of the rec park trails.
  - c. VOREC updates
    - i. Still waiting on funds to be released.
    - ii. Will not be any building this summer.
3. Town Meeting Display
  - a. We have a spot to set up.
  - b. We will focus the table materials on the importance of forest blocks.
  - c. Summary of what the CC has done within the last year.
  - d. Responsibilities of the CC.
4. Snowmobile Club Permission at Carla's Meadow for their March meeting
  - a. The CC agrees that motorized vehicles should only be on the VAST trail and a loop through the field (excluding the staked wetland). It should only be on frozen ground.
5. Sarah Albert from Hardy Plant Circle - Victoria Weber honoring
  - a. Mary received a call from this group who want to honor Victoria in some way.
  - b. We talked about some ideas, including supporting the seed library (through the Bethel library) or planting some native plants at Peavine.
6. Any other business
  - a. The birding grant has found a home! Holly Williams (White River Valley Middle School science teacher) and her 8th grade pod will use them to study.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 3/14/23, 6:30pm at the Town office.