

Town of Bethel, Vermont  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 2/8/22 6:30 PM  
Meeting via zoom

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from 1/11/22 were reviewed and accepted.
2. Peavine Park pollinator patch update
  - a. Lisa and Ferron have staked out a roughly trapezoidal patch down near the boat launch for the spring (sides ~65’).
  - b. Bee the Change plans to do the planting and raise the money. We’ll inquire about ways to cut costs or volunteer labor. We don’t want to burden our local businesses.
  - c. Next step is to bring this before the Selectboard in the next couple weeks to get approval with an aerial view of the .
3. Climate Forester
  - a. Jane Lazorchak, the Director of the Global Warming Solutions Act, will be providing a number of webinars on climate action planning for towns and commissions. Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s Community Wildlife Program invites you to learn about climate action-planning. Vermont’s first Climate Action Plan has been released and there is a lot to do! But where to begin? What are appropriate climate-related projects for Vermont’s Conservation Commissions and towns to tackle? Join the Agency of Natural Resources’ Global Warming Solutions Act Coordinator, Marian Wolz, and Jens Hilke from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s Community Wildlife Program to learn more about what is in the Climate Action Plan and what your town can do to address these pressing issues.
  - b. The first webinar is Climate action-planning: What should towns do to address climate change? It will be on Thursday, March 10, 10:00am-11:00am. [REGISTER HERE](#)
    - i. Danny has registered and encourages others to register.
4. VT Housing & Conservation Board
  - a. Mary is testifying about Carla’s Meadow in front of the legislature on behalf of the VT River Conservancy and Steve Libby.
5. Tiny Grant for birdhouse project with Rec Center
  - a. We’ll discuss this at March’s meeting.
6. Any other business to come before the committee
  - a. Discussion about GMNF Robinson IRP project near Chittenden.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 3/8/22 , 6:30pm via Zoom.