

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 3/11/25, 6:30 PM

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm.

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved as written.
2. Meeting the new county forester, Dan Healey
 - a. will join us for our April meeting.
3. Follow up on Forestry BU class on Friday, 3/21
 - a. Some members will try to attend.
4. Kate's Pond Update
 - a. Mary has been in touch with Jaron Borg, VT River Management.
 - i. Jaron will come to Kate's Pond on 4/23/25, 2:30-3:15pm.
 - ii. Chuck Davis or a representative landowner will also be present.
 - b. Ferron has submitted a request to Julie Chalmers from VT Wetlands Division.
5. Terms process discussion
 - a. The following members would like to be renominated:
 - i. Mary Floyd 2027
 - ii. Ferron Giffin 2028
 - iii. Emily Miller 2028
 - iv. Danny Dover 2028
 - b. The CC would like to nominate for the first time:
 - i. Stephanie Nyzio 2027
6. Other
 - a. Green up day, 5/3. The CC plans to do the same thing we did last year. Stephanie will look for some information.
 - b. Marsh Meadow buyout property. The CC will talk with Bethel Mills about the possibility of moving the kiosk.
 - c. Reviewed the open meeting law for advisory boards such as the CC. We may meet virtually, unless "a resident, member of the committee or the press requests an in-person or remote access to the meeting, at least two business days before the meeting, you have to grant it." (2/27/25 Memo from Therese Kirby regarding the Open Meeting Law Changes)
 - d. Bethel trails on Saturday, 3/15.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 4/8/25, 6:30pm at the Town office.

Record keeping

1. Terms of Conservation Commission members (dates indicate end of 3-year terms)
 - a. Mary Floyd 2025
 - b. Ferron Griffin 2025

- c. Emily Miller 2025
- d. Danny Dover 2025
- e. Lisa Campbell 2026
- f. Mark Heckmann 2027
- g. W. Chris Fors 2027

2. CC Capital Investment Fund Balance as of June 2024 = \$9074.