

Town of Bethel, Vermont  
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 3/13/24, 6:30 PM  
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Ferron Griffin, Danny Dover, Mary Floyd, Emily Miller, Lisa Campbell

1. Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.
2. Reviewed Terms of Conservation Commission members
  - a. Mary Floyd 2025 all 3-year terms
  - b. Ferron Griffin 2025
  - c. Emily Miller 2025
  - d. Danny Dover 2025
  - e. Lisa Campbell 2026 (the CC voted to renew Lisa's term)
  - f. Mark Heckmann 2024
  - g. W. Chris Fors 2024
3. VOREC update
  - a. Discussion about the CC's interests in the Bethel steering committee upcoming meeting on 4/2/24.
  - b. Past activity:
    - i. On and around 1/9/24, the CC voted by email to approve the VOREC Funding request for \$3,500 for Carla's Meadow scope of work (dated 1/9/24, sent by Chris Fors, VOREC Grant Project Manager).
    - ii. Mary made the motion, Lisa seconded and everyone else agreed.
4. White River Conservation Group Discussion
  - a. Danny joined a zoom meeting with the local Natural Resources Conservation District. Focused on agriculture. No action necessary.
5. Camp Brook Restoration
  - a. Problem at the bottom bridge: Gravel has piled up under the bridge on Rte 12 at the bottom of Camp Brook.
  - b. Plan:
    - i. Dubois and King surveyed in the fall for the AOT.
    - ii. Bruce Martin, AOT engineer, has a plan to take out the gravel. Mary shared the original plans for the weirs, etc. with him. Bruce will share it with the geomorphologist.
    - iii. Casella will haul away the gravel.
6. Any other business
  - a. Current balance in the CC account with the town: approximately \$10,000.
    - i. What is the process for funding things? When do we need to run things by the Selectboard?
    - ii. What is the actual current balance?
    - iii. We'll clarify before the next meeting.
  - b. Bench donation: Kathy Fechter's class (Bethel Elementary School) has a bench to donate and put on Carla's Meadow.

- c. Quimby Forest. AJ Follensbee's management project in the Sayward Town Forest in Randolph and if we can do something similar in Quimby TF. CC members will review AJ's QTF Forest Management Plan to discuss further at the next meeting. Ferron is emailing AJ about our plans and hoping to schedule a meeting with him after the next meeting.
- d. 2. Lisa talked about symbioticschoolyard and getting something going with local students. CC members will review and discuss further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 4/9/24, 6:30pm at the Town office.