

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 4/10/24, 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm.

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.
2. Quimby:
 - a. CC members will further review AJ's QTF Forest Management Plan and/or video (Northern Windsor County Forester youtube channel).
 - b. We are hoping to have AJ join us via zoom for an upcoming meeting.
3. VOREC update (from Chris)
 - a. Carla's Meadow: some significant erosion left a very steep bank. Chris is looking at rerouting slightly to keep things safe.
 - b. Path around rec fields: looks like things may finally be able to move forward after a lot of hang-ups. Applying for extension, just in case of further delays.
 - c. Outer loop behind school: construction will happen this summer.
 - d. Rec path: accessible swing coming and ADA paths will be added/extended.
4. Bethel for All - Wayfinding meetings
 - a. Good opportunities for local input.
 - b. The planning firm is working through the information now and will produce a comprehensive plan.
5. Edible Tree sale and grants
 - a. NRCD is having an edible tree and plant sale: "Order your edible perennials here: <https://forms.gle/9kLKVtfhQEQbnixZ6>. This year our Conservation District is partnered with [Yellowbud Farm](#), a New England nursery that focuses on producing high quality perennial tree stock for a future resilient food system. Plan for future famine protection on your property by planting any of our available trees, including: Chestnut, Persimmon, Yellowbud Hickory, Shellbark Hickory, Honey Locust, Hazel, Black Walnut, and Oak. Questions? Contact [White River Natural Resources Conservation District: whiterivernrcd@gmail.com](mailto:whiterivernrcd@gmail.com). Place orders by April 24th. Pickup is planned for Saturday, April 27th, in White River Junction, VT. Reach out for alternative pick up options. Payment by cash or check will be accepted at the time of pick up.
 - b. We will spread the word via FB.
6. Pollinator Patch at the school. Tabled until April.
7. Any other business
 - a. Reviewed Terms of Conservation Commission members
 - i. Mary Floyd 2025 all 3-year terms
 - ii. Ferron Griffin 2025
 - iii. Emily Miller 2025
 - iv. Danny Dover 2025
 - v. Lisa Campbell 2026

- vi. Mark Heckmann 2024
- vii. W. Chris Fors 2027 (the CC voted to renew Lisa's term)
- b. CC account questions to answer:
 - 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?
- c. Green-up Day on Saturday, 5/4.
 - i. CC will spearhead.
 - ii. Mary will check with Kelly about town trucks, etc. and let us know.
- d. Danny talked with us about the possibility and interest in a trail from Branliere to the flag pole.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/14/24, 6:30pm at the Town office.