

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 4/11/23, 7 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Lisa Campbell, Ferron Griffin, Mark Heckman, Danny Dover, Mary Floyd, Emily Miller, Chris Fors, Patrick Kitchen (for item 2)

1. Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved.
2. Pollinator Patch (zoom with Patrick Kitchen of Bee the Change)
 - a. Possible locations: at the school, Carla's Meadow (around the wet spot), Spring Hollow
 - b. Could be multiple patches; trying to limit it to 1 acre.
 - c. Ideal site: close to school is great, mowed grass is not competitive so it's a good place to plant.
 - d. Seed mix from America's Meadows (Shelburne, VT). Plant a mix of seedlings and seeds.
 - e. Would love to involve the school. MS could help design the garden and all ages could participate in planting parties.
 - f. Next step is to have a site visit with Patrick. Plan to have a group meet on Monday, 4/17/23, at 8am.
3. Green-up Day, 5/6/23, CC's role
 - a. Mary will grab and hand out snacks using the voucher for Shaw's.
 - b. Town truck at the Town Hall, 8-12.
 - c. Getting the word out: the Herald and Front Porch Forum.
 - d. Green up day bags available at a few local businesses for the week leading up.
 - e. We may focus some effort on the ball field embankment, to be determined.
4. Carla's Meadow 2023 action plan
 - a. upgrading the trail behind the little league ball field.
 - b. Work day on Saturday, 4/15/23, 9-11ish.
5. VOREC update
 - a. Chris will be the project manager, starting in May.
 - b. RFPs will go out first; work on the ground to follow for the next year, mostly.
6. Planning Commission Update
 - a. Public hearing will be on 4/20/23 at 6:30pm.
 - b. The CC will try to attend.
7. Any other business
 - a. Mark's been up to Branliere and found some maintenance work that needs to be done.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/9/23, 6:30pm at the Town office.