

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 4/8/25, 6:30 PM

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Emily Miller, Mark Heckman, Ferron Griffin, Stephanie Nyzio, Lisa Campbell, Chris Fors, Danny Dover, Mary Floyd, Dan Healy (virtual for item 2)

1. Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.
2. Meeting the new county forester, Dan Healey
 - a. Dan joined us via zoom. Most of our discussion focused on the management plan for the Quimby Town Forest.
 - b. Dan will contact the town about road improvements and about whether the logging job needs to go out to bid.
 - c. The work is on track to possibly happen winter 25-26.
 - d. The CC will review [the plan](#) before our next meeting.
 - e. It has been several years since AJ's plan. We discussed possible modifications to the plan.
 - i. One possible change to the initial plan may include some changes to stand 1 - plan called for group selections at a small size. Would recommend going up to slightly larger sizes, up to ½ acre.
 - ii. We discussed the need to think about any trails we want to save, improve, make space for. The CC will discuss this idea further at a future meeting.
3. Green up day, 5/3/25
 - a. Lunch will be provided to volunteers by BFAS and the Rotary at the White Church at 12pm.
 - b. Data collection sheet available at the trucks and lunch.
 - c. Stephanie will tackle some details for the CC. For example, are trucks scheduled? 8-12 at the lot? Stephanie will follow up.
 - d.
 - e. Publicizing
 - i. Herald (Stephanie)
 - ii. Facebook (Lisa)
 - iii. Front Porch Forum
 - iv. Hang posters (Mark and Stephanie)
 1. Addendum will be included (Emily and Stephanie).
 2. Info to include: where to pick up bags, where to bring your trash, hours, lunch
4. Kate's Pond Update
 - a. Meeting with Jaron Borg 4/23/25 at 2:30pm
 - b. Some CC members plan to join.
5. Staircase from Ballfield to brick church street
 - a. Tree fell directly on it causing minimal damage.
 - b. The tree has been removed. Repairs are planned for the next couple of weeks.

6. Other

- a. Wayfinding is going well.
- b. At least one trail intern has been hired for maintenance and some trail improvements in Bethel this summer, will likely be 2 people.
- c. Gilead Park parcel has dirt bike trails being built. The CC will approach him about it.
- d. Marsh Meadow and Spring Hollow kiosks will be relocated - one to the ball field and one to the rec center.
- e. Some discussion about what is going on at the state level about land use districts. Maybe representatives of the Planning Commission can join us for our May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/13/25, 6:30pm at the Town office.

Record keeping

- 1. Terms of Conservation Commission members (dates indicate end of 3-year terms)
 - a. Mary Floyd 2027
 - b. Ferron Griffin 2028
 - c. Emily Miller 2028
 - d. Danny Dover 2028
 - e. Lisa Campbell 2026
 - f. Mark Heckmann 2027
 - g. W. Chris Fors 2027
 - h. Stephanie Nyzio 2027
- 2. CC Capital Investment Fund Balance as of June 2024 = \$9074.