

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 5/10/22 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm

Present: Emily Miller, Ferron Griffin, Mary Floyd, Lisa Campbell, Mark Heckman, Danny Dover, Eric Webb, Gene Kraus

1. Minutes: Minutes from 4/19/22 were reviewed and accepted.
2. Peavine Park and Small Parks update
 - a. Peavine
 - i. Good turnout for green-up
 - ii. Water (fountain and spigots) not working. Lisa will look into it.
 - b. Staircase down to ball fields from church.
 - i. Mark and Ferron did some measuring to see what would be required.
 - c. Bethel river access project
 - i. The CC met with folks from the White River Partnership about potential upgrades or changes to the current Rte. 107 river access. They reviewed a proposal from Hermit Woods Trailbuilders, LLC.
 - ii. The CC is interested in the project. We have some CC funds that we could put towards the staircase and boat ramp. VOREC money might be able to cover signage and the kiosk.
 - iii. Ferron will connect with the WRP.
 - d. Carla's Meadow
 - i. The CC will move the trail so it doesn't go along the actively eroding edge of the bank.
 - ii. Stake the wetland to delineate where it is.
 - iii. Need to put up "No vehicle" signs.
 - iv. We need to mow the trail.
 - v. Work day on Saturday, 6/4, 9-11am. Meet at the t-ball field.
3. VOREC update
 - a. Information is slow in coming from the state.
 - b. See 2.c.ii for other parts we discussed.
4. Bethel 4 All update
 - a. Bethel Better Parks tour and brainstorming on Thursday, 5/12. Mary will try to attend the afternoon events.
5. Planning Commission Update
 - a. TRORC is hosting an upcoming meeting to do a review of the zoning bylaws. We should stay aware of what they're doing.
6. "Two Hollows" by Leyland Wood, History of Gilead area presentation
 - a. Mary shared this excellent book of the history of Gilead.
7. Any other business
 - a. Eric Webb is planning to join the Planning Commission. Hopefully he'll still come visit the CC.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 6/21/22, 6:30pm.