

Bethel Conservation Commission Minutes – 4/14/15

Present Mary Floyd, Emily Miller, Tom Warhol, Moe Brigham, Lisa Campbell
Action on Minutes minutes from March were approved.

Business

- Green Up Day and invasive plants
 - CC will contribute information to a Green Up Day handout to spread the word about identification of Non-Native Invasive Plants:
 - CC would like to include a note about exploring the idea of the formation of a Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA).
 - Emily will draft something and send it around to the CC before sending it to Lisa.
 - Lisa mentioned the HOBY group may be interested in helping in Bethel again on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Might be able to have them do invasive plant work pulling garlic mustard or chervil.
- Planning Commission meeting on 3/18/15
 - Discussed options for river corridor protection and a firm 50' set back;
 - Tom attended to represent the CC;
 - Chris Sargent (TRORC) will present the idea and what would be entailed if set backs are adopted at the public meeting 4/18/15.
- Garden/Trail volunteers and Parks and Public Spaces
 - Jen shared list of potential volunteers with Lisa;
 - Lisa will review notes and come back to next meeting to let us know what her committee was charged with and how the Parks and Public Spaces Committee might mesh with the CC.
- Reviewed potential workshops and potential grants
 - UVM's VT Woodlands Association
 - EM will put it on FPF
 - TOEC
 - VT Association of Conservation District grant
- Ancient Roads Committee
 - There's been no action;
 - Moe is a member and will keep us informed of any developments.
- Emerald Ash Borer
 - Randolph has a lot of work on this front. They plan to hold a public meeting about Emerald Ash Borer in August and have invited Bethel, Braintree and Brookfield to attend and be involved. Emily will keep the CC informed.

- CC agrees that we should support this event and look into EAB in more detail.
- Branliere Forest
 - Tom will get Rick Benson's past grant application from the town (and request file cabinet space).
- CC Project Progress Spreadsheet
 - Emily is working on it and will have it done to review by the May meeting.
- Marsh Meadows buyout property will be planted by 3th/4th graders from Bethel Elementary on the afternoon of May 8th. Other buyout properties will be planted in late April/early May as well. Contact Emily if you'd like to attend or get more information.

Meeting adjourned around 8:15pm

Next meeting will be May 12th, at 6:30pm.