

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Agenda
Monday, May 13, 2024
6 pm @ Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

[ZOOM LINK](#) Meeting ID: 869 5099 2842 Passcode: 690875 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

6 pm: Call the meeting to order and motion to approve/amend the agenda

6:00 pm: Ele Griffin and Recreation Committee re: skatepark open house

6:15 pm: JoAnn Marshal, Bethel Historical Society re: war memorial

Public Comment

Relocation/Adjustment Order between the Town of Bethel and GMP, Comcast, Consolidated Communications and EC Fiber due to Pinello Bridge.

Motion to authorize

Brian Wright and Cecil Washburn willing to serve on Class 4 Road Committee.

Motion to appoint

Eijah (Alvi) Reed is willing to serve on the Equity & Inclusion Committee (EIC).

Motion to appoint

Discussion of Suggested Operating Guidelines (SOG) and Suggested Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Bethel Fire Department.

Motion to adopt

Discussion of the Phase II Water Project

Discussion of moving the Monday, May 27, 2024 Selectboard Meeting to Tuesday, May 28, 2024 due to Memorial Day.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager's Report
2. Selectboard Minutes from 4/22/2024
3. Other Communications
4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board

Selectboard Meeting Agenda Notes for 5/13/2024 Meeting

- The work has been completed at the skatepark, which will allow us to submit for a reimbursement from the Land/Water Conservation Grant. Thank you to VOREC Project Manager Chris Fors and contractor REM for their work on completing the sidewalk. Ele will be here to discuss a skate park opening celebration.
- JoAnn Marshall of the Bethel Historical Society will be here to discuss some new ideas for the war memorial they previously proposed.
- The utility poles need to be relocated in order to install the new Pinello Bridge in 2025. We need to file a Relocation Order with the utilities.
- Brian Wright and Cecil Washburn have agreed to serve on the Class 4 Road Committee and Eijah (Alvi) Reed would like to serve on the EIC.
- There are 17 suggested operating guidelines or procedures in your packet that were written by Interim Chief Geary Coogler and reviewed by Asst. Chief Greg Timmons and myself. As discussed at a prior meeting, you will be adopting these. Some will be attached as appendices to the new personnel policy being created.
- Water project update.
- Moving our next meeting from a Monday to a Tuesday due to Memorial Day.

Town Manager's Report

- A big thank you to Dick Burnham for the wonderful job he did on replacing the Town Hall sign that was hit by a car last fall.
- We have received complaints regarding the patching of pot holes on Gilead Road. We need to discuss saw cutting and patching versus the cost to do larger patches like Geoff Gilman suggested.
- JA McDonald completed the culvert replacement on Campbrook Road in less time than planned. The work looks great and I will be submitting a reimbursement request next week.
- I have hired Philip Robinson for the Utility Position and he starts May 20th. Dietre, Denise and I have been interviewing for the Pool Director. Pam and I have been interviewing for the Asst. Town Clerk/ Lister Office Admin.
- We have received a couple of prices on completing the work on Upper Gilead. I will hire a contractor this week.
- The water project meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th at 9am at Town Hall.
- Property Taxes are due Wednesday, May 15th.
- The Tax Sale is Thursday, May 16th at 11am at the Town Office.
- May 21, 2024 is the first "kick-off" meeting with FEMA for the December 2024 Flood Event.
- We have a very qualified interested person to take over the WRVA Board seat. He is going to attend their next meeting and if he feels it is a good fit, you will appoint him at the June 10th meeting.

RELOCATION/ADJUSTMENT ORDER

UTILITY COMPANY: Green Mountain Power, Consolidated Communications, EC Fiber and Comcast.
PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER: Pinello Road Bridge Replacement

DIRECTIVE TO IMMEDIATELY MOVE UTILITY LINES WITHIN TOWN HIGHWAY
RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR ELSE FACE RELOCATION OF SUCH LINES
AND RECOUPMENT OF COSTS FOR RELOCATION OF SUCH LINES
AND DELAY CLAIMS FROM PROJECT CONTRACTORS

TO ANY UTILITY COMPANY WITH LINES ABOVE, ON, UNDER OR OTHERWISE WITHIN THE
TOWN HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PROJECT LIMITS; AND IN CONFLICT WITH THE ABOVE-
REFERENCED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

TAKE NOTICE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel ("Town") has a scheduled transportation improvement project (the "Project") along Pinello Road in the Town of Bethel; and

WHEREAS, Examination of the project area shows that overhead lines and poles that appear to carry utility company-owned power, internet, cable, and phone lines are in conflict with the Project plans; and

WHEREAS, The Town has provided affected utility companies advance notice of the intended work, has sought and considered input from the affected utility companies, and has coordinated with the affected utility companies regarding their need to complete timely relocations as soon as practical; and

WHEREAS, The Town desires to avoid delays, inconvenience or damage sustained by the selected contractor due to interference from said utilities, appurtenances, or the operation of moving them; and

WHEREAS, If the utilities are not moved in a timely manner, it will likely result in inconvenience to the traveling public, and unnecessarily increased costs for the Project and the Town; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 1111(a)(3) (as amended by Sec. 18 of Act No. 38 of 2017), provides, in relevant part:

When the Agency or a municipality issues a utility relocation or adjustment order in accordance with law in connection with highway maintenance or construction activities, and a utility fails to move or adjust its line or other facility within the time specified in the order, that utility shall be liable to the State or to the municipality for damages that the State or the municipality is required to pay a contractor for delay caused by the failure.

and

WHEREAS, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 30, Section 2504, provides, in relevant part:

If a line of wires is erected or maintained upon, under or across a street or highway, contrary to the direction of the Transportation Board or the selectmen, or is not changed when directed by them, they may remove such line, and recover the expense thereof from the person or corporation using the same in an action on this statute.

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF BETHEL SELECTBOARD HEREBY DIRECTS:

IF PROVISION AND ASSURANCE IS NOT IMMEDIATELY MADE TO THE FULL SATISFACTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL THAT SUCH UTILITIES WILL BE PROMPTLY RELOCATED AT A TIME AND IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT DELAY OR OTHERWISE IMPEDE THE PROJECT, THEN:

AS OF 11:59 P.M. ON **JULY 20, 2024**, SUCH UTILITY LINES MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PROJECT AREA WITHOUT REGARD TO INTERRUPTIONS IN THE OPERATIONS OF SUCH UTILITY LINES WHICH MAY THEREBY RESULT; AND

THAT THE INDICATED DATE IS THAT WHICH THE LAST UTILITY IS REQUIRED TO HAVE ITS MOVE COMPLETE; AND

THAT ALL UTILITIES SHALL COORDINATE THEIR SCHEDULES SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS DATE; AND

THE COST OF REMOVING SUCH LINES WILL BE SOUGHT AND RECOUPED FROM THE OWNERS OF SUCH LINES; AND

THE COST OF ANY DELAY CLAIMS FILED BY THE PROJECT CONTRACTOR WILL BE SOUGHT AND RECOUPED FROM THE OWNERS OF SUCH LINES.

THAT THE UTILITY COMPANIES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING INTERIM RELOCATION COMPLETION DATES:

Consolidated Communications: October 20, 2024

Comcast: January 20, 2025

EC Fiber: April 20, 2025

COPIES OF THIS ORDER WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL UTILITY COMPANIES WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS. COPIES OF THIS ORDER ALSO WILL BE PROVIDED, UPON REQUEST.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this relocation order is hereby executed this day _____,
for the TOWN OF BETHEL, by its SELECT BOARD.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

TOWN OF BETHEL:

SELECT BOARD, CHAIR

SELECT BOARD MEMBER

SELECT BOARD MEMBER

SELECT BOARD MEMBER

SELECT BOARD MEMBER

Therese Kirby

From: Alvi Reed <alvireed@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 8:55 AM
To: betheltownfinance@comcast.net; betheltownoffice@comcast.net
Subject: Equity and inclusion committee

Good morning,

My names Eijah (Alvi) Reed. I've attended several equity and inclusion committee meetings and would like to join the committee. If you need any more information please let me know.

Thank you,

Eijah (Alvi) Reed



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Bethel Water Mains #2 Schedule.

- 5/6-5/10 Temp water hookups and new main interconnection on Sand Hill Road
- 5/13-5/17 New 8" main on Sand Hill along with excavation for Krystal booster station
- 5/20-5/23 New 8" main completion on Sand Hill along with Booster station Concrete work
- 5/28-5/31 New service lines on Sand Hill along with Booster Building Construction.

June- Rail Crossing to be determined by permit along with Giako Well house and remaining krystal drive water line work.

Estimated Substantial Completion 6/28/24

• SITE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS •

ROAD BUILDING • FOUNDATIONS • MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER
SEPTIC SYSTEMS • PONDS • DRAINAGE • BOX CULVERTS

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Agenda
Monday, April 22, 2024
6 pm @ Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

Zoom Link Meeting ID: 820 2196 9118 Passcode: 580348 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Present: Dave Eddy, Denise Guilmette, Chris Jarvis, Paul Vallee, Therese Kirby and Julie Kraus.

Visiting: Jack & Orpha Borella, Mauren Burham, Geary Coogler, Sandy Farrell, Judy Ferland, Geoff Gilman, Ele Griffin, Geo Honigford, Carol & Francis Kelly, Chris Lathrop of Dubois & King (D&K), Richard Manning, Jesse Plotsky, D & Peter Sault, Rita Seto of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), Ron Trask, Cecil Washburn, Mark Washburn, Kirk White of the Vermont House of Representatives for Windsor and Addison Counties, Brian Wright.

6 pm: Chair Chris Jarvis called the meeting to order. The Board amended the agenda to add annual approval of the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). Dave Eddy moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. So voted.

6:03 pm: Dubois & King re: option of wall repair or no wall repair for Pleasant Street Sidewalk Project Chris Lathrop of Dubois & King and Rita Seto of TRORC.
(See the Selectboard Packet for details.) Dave Eddy, Denise Guilmette, Chris Jarvis, Paul Vallee approved the 3A option to repair the wall.

6:15 pm: Geo Honigford, Town of Royalton re: Royalton reclassifying their section of Perham Road to trail. Discussion if Bethel is interested in same. Suggest renaming the trail "Wild Cat Trail." Dave Eddy spoke to clarify any confusion of where the two roads connect. The Selectboard referred the question to the Class 4 Road Committee for their input.

6:30 pm: Bethel ATV Club, Richard Manning re: annual approval of trails. (map in packet). Richard said due to a change in land ownership, they were requesting approval to use approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the 4 corners of Dart Hill to Campbell Road to Bryant Road. There will be speed enforcement and speed signs posted. They will provide an updated map to the office. Denise Guilmette moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to approve the trail request for the Bethel ATV Club, with updated map to be provided. So voted.

6:45 pm: Interim Fire Chief Geary Coogler re: discussion and motion to approve Fire Department Advisory Board (See the Packet for Details).
Interim Chief Geary Coogler explained his would be an advisory board, not be an oversight board. The purpose would be to help reduce the work load of the Chief, increase workflow efficiency, etc. Interim Chief Cooler feels there are enough people with the requested qualifications (prior fire fighter, living in Bethel, left BFD in good standing and one local business person) to staff this board. He explained the history of how this idea/Board came to be. Assistant Chief Greg Timmons was also present and is in support of the Board. Geary will continue developing this board and report back to the Selectboard.
Denise Guilmette moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to approve the formation of a Fire Department Advisory Board.

Public Comment

Brian Wright spoke about the pot hole patching on Gilead Road. Chris Jarvis explained that the road needs to be taken to its base and rebuilt before repaving. Following the current schedule for road repair, this extensive work is not due to be repaved for 5-7 years. The work is not eligible for grant funding. Brian suggested removing the pavement and taking it back to dirt. Chris explained we discussed that option with some residents of Gilead, but some of those living on pavement were opposed. Chris recommends taking the road down to dirt until the repaving can begin but agrees this approach will not solve the current problems. Geoff Gilman suggested larger patches instead of just pot hole patching.

Ele Griffin from the Recreation Committee reported continued damage at the Recreation Center (purple paint, ice rink liner ruined, signage damaged). The Sheriff's Department will be notified.

Paul Vallee moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to approve the Creek House Diner, LLC request for a first-class liquor license and Babe's Bar request for a special event permit/ outside consumption permit at Babe's on 5/18/24 from 6 pm to 12 am and an outside consumption permit 2 pm to 12 am Tuesday through Sunday. So voted.

Killington Stage Race re: annual approval for event on Sunday, May 26, 2024, use of North Road from 10 am to noon.

Denise Guilmette moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to approve the request of Killington Stage Race for their annual event on Sunday, May 26, 2024, for the use of North Road from 10 am to noon. So voted.

Vermont Grand Fondo re: annual approval for event on Saturday, June 29, 2024, use of Pleasant Street and Campbrook Road.

Dave Eddy moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approve the request of Vermont Grand Fondo for the use of Pleasant Street and Campbrook Road for their annual event on Saturday, June 29, 2024. So voted.

Stipulation Agreement re: adjusted Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) with State of Vermont's Property Valuation and Review.

Paul Vallee moved, Dave Eddy seconded, to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the Stipulation Agreement re: adjusted Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) with State of Vermont's Property Valuation. So voted.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager's Report

Appointment of Bethel Town Representative to the White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA) Board. Therese Kirby noted this position has been advertised. She also discussed applying for another bike/ped grant, but this one to be used for pedestrian and ADA improvements on Main Street.

2. Selectboard Minutes from 4/8/2024. Dave Eddy moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approved the minutes as presented. So voted.

3. Other Communications

4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board
Paul Vallee wanted to know what happens to monies not used by any department. Therese explained that any money left at the end of the fiscal year becomes part of the Town's undesignated fund balance. To utilize this money, an article could be put on the Warning and voted on at Town Meeting to move money from the undesignated fund balance to another fund. This shows up in the audit and can be reviewed during budget time.

7:57 pm: Denise Guilmette moved, Paul Vallee seconded, to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. So voted.

The next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Submitted by Julie Kraus

TOWN OF BETHEL
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
3/25/2024 Minutes (Draft)

Members Attending: Rick Benson, Sandy Farrell, Scott Putney

Public Attending: None

The meeting was opened at 3:00 by former Chair Benson.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the ensuing year. Scott Putney was elected as Chair, Rick Benson Secretary, and Sandy Farrell as Treasurer.

The next item was the discussion of the Town Attorney's review of the Cox, Whitcomb and Clark wills and future maintenance of the funds regarding reinvestment of the annual income from the investments of the bequeaths. Attorney Robert Fletcher's review determined that:

The Clark Estate has no restrictions on investing, only that it be used for the benefit of the schools in the town of Bethel.

The Cox Will restricts the school from using any of the principal, but does not require the school to use **all** of the annual income. As a result the TPF have the discretion to designate the reinvested income and interest.....to provide more accessible funds if doing so would be in the best interest of the schools.

The Whitcomb fund, on the other hand, stipulates that the income be only used each year for the current expenses of the school and cannot be reinvested and used to increase the value of the trust.

It was decided that a meeting with the Northfield Savings Bank investment advisor who is handling the funds be scheduled to determine how to properly direct the Clark and Cox fund investments going forward. Chair Putney will handle the organization of that meeting.

S. Farrell mentioned that there are and additional eight wills that we are handling bequeathed funds from and would like to locate the copies of the wills to see what guidelines are required for these funds as well. Chair Putney agreed to go through the archives in the Town Office to see if they can be located. If not, we will investigate obtaining copies from the Vermont Probate Court. Once obtained, the Trustees will meet to determine how to best manage those funds moving forward. The Trustees will also

maintain a folder to include all of the wills in one place for future reference.

Other Business:

Treasurer Farrell provided a Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2023 of all of the funds currently maintained by the Trustees. Upon reviewing the document, a question arose regarding the handling of the cemetery funds, including burial lot rents, etc. Therese Kirby, Bethel Town Manager was available and was asked to clarify the management of the various funds. Her explanation was that the Trustees only manage bequeathed funds, while the Town handles all other funds as well as the maintenance of the cemeteries. S. Farrell asked whether the Trustees had the power to transfer the cemetery funds under their control to the Town. It was decided to wait until the wills are reviewed before making any decisions on that topic.

Chair Putney proposed that we revise the entry into the annual Town Report to include comparisons year to year as well as a short review of the actions of the Trustees over the course of the year.

S. Farrell made mention that she would likely not run for re-election when her term expires in 2026. Considering the importance of the Treasurer's position, it was determined that the group, in the mean time, should be looking for a suitable replacement to carry on Sandy's excellent work in that position.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Benson, Secretary

BETHEL RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.
- B. In attendance were Shane Kinsley, Chris Fors, Caleb Haywood, Lindsey Schell, Maureen Judge, Ele Griffin, and Kyle Cartwright on the phone.
- C. Ice Rink: Ele thanked everyone for coming out on Saturday the 20th to take care of the liner so that the rink frame could be picked up for this year. The frame was picked up Tuesday the 23rd. Thus we are done for the season. We hope we have a better ice skating season weather wise next year.
- D. Skateboard Park: Good News. The last work to be done at the park will be next week Monday, May 6th. With so many people climbing over the orange fence and using the park it will be great to finally have projects done, orange fence down, and park open to everyone. Ele noted that she has seen cracks in the structure. Shane told us that rebar is close to the surface of the concrete and provides structure in spite of the cracks. Hopefully, the cracks are superficial. The committee is still planning to have an Opening Party on Saturday, June 1st from 2 to 4 pm. At the next Select board meeting Ele will confirm the event. Further plans for the event will be worked out by way of e-mails. At our June meeting Kyle will have dates for Kickflip in July. Kyle talked to the store Splinters. Any skateboards we need they will sell to us at a reduced rate.
- E. Recreation Survey: Kelly has given the committee a copy of the surveys for the committee to tally. We divided up the paper surveys and totaled up the answers for the 3 questions on the survey. Then we will see if Kelly came up with the same totals. Multi-sport court was the top pick on the next project at the center. It was a pleasant surprise to see how many said that they would help. Now how do we find who they are or how to get their help? Pool was the top activity people participated in. On the Other line in question 1 it was interesting what the requests were. They were indoor pool, fitness center, hot tub, slide for pool, cross country ski trails, community center, and outdoor game tables.
- F. Summer at the Pool Update: Mr. Walker has been at the pool turning on the water. May 1st work to get the pool ready was being done. The pool will be open June 24-August 9th. Sign up for swim lessons will be mid-May.
- G. Other Business: Green Up Day- we will meet at 9:30 am to green up at the Recreation Center. VOREC Update- Chris Fors reminded us about the Activity trailer. Lindsey and Ele will meet with Chris at the school Wednesday the 8th at 4:30 pm. to inventory the trailer items. Chris also reported on the trails. Carla's meadow trail will be moved so it

won't be as close to the river. Other trails will be worked on in July. The wayfinding report should be done in June.

H. Past Minutes: The April minutes were approved.

I. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully,

Ele Griffin

Meeting Minutes

Bethel Planning Commission

Date: April 25, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Dana Cole Levesque; Chuck Davis; Samantha Godin; Allan Greenberg; Russell Rohloff; Eric Webb

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:34 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Since not all members had received the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2024, Dana moved to defer approval of those minutes until the meeting on May 16, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Eric reviewed the reporting and warning requirements for public meetings and the quorum definition for planning commissions described in the Vermont Open Meeting Law.

Discussion of updates to the Town Plan as adopted in 2020 began with Dana leading a walk-through of his edits and updates to the Land Use chapter, including questions about format and specific content. After a wide-ranging discussion of the Land Use chapter and the parameters of the Town Plan as an integrated document, the Commission agreed that particular goals, such as those Dana included in his review, are essential to the plan's effectiveness in all chapters, particularly land use.

The conversation stimulated several ideas to create a more lucid and proactive document that the Commission can propose to the Town in 2025.

Sam suggested we each log on to the websites of other towns to examine their town plans. TRORC's site also contains valuable information regarding drafting and approving town plans.

Chuck began an overview of the Flood Resilience chapter by emphasizing that this has become an ominous subject. Flooding has become a threat to the existence of many towns and cities, and it will remain a feature of life in the

coming years. The Commission will review this chapter before the next meeting when we intend to approve the final draft.

The Community Health and Wellness chapter, updated by Chuck, is near its final draft stage and may be ready for approval at the May 16 meeting. A salient topic of this chapter is the demographic influence of the average age of Bethel's and Vermont's aging population, and the planning challenges it presents.

A brief discussion of file management, edit tracking, and status reporting ended with an agreement that while members may edit their chapters on our Google Drive, Sam will track files and maintain the folders on the drive. Following a chapter's final review, the Commission will approve it by a motion and a vote.

Adjournment:

At 8:36 pm, Dana seconded Allan's motion for adjournment, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Webb

Next Meeting:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 pm at the Town Office.

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 3/13/24, 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:30pm.

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

1. Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.
2. Reviewed Terms of Conservation Commission members
 - a. Mary Floyd 2025 all 3-year terms
 - b. Ferron Griffin 2025
 - c. Emily Miller 2025
 - d. Danny Dover 2025
 - e. Lisa Campbell 2026 (the CC voted to renew Lisa's term)
 - f. Mark Heckmann 2024
 - g. W. Chris Fors 2024
3. VOREC update
 - a. Discussion about the CC's interests in the Bethel steering committee upcoming meeting on 4/2/24.
 - b. Past activity:
 - i. On and around 1/9/24, the CC voted by email to approve the VOREC Funding request for \$3,500 for Carla's Meadow scope of work (dated 1/9/24, sent by Chris Fors, VOREC Grant Project Manager).
 - ii. Mary made the motion, Lisa seconded and everyone else agreed.
4. White River Conservation Group Discussion
 - a. Danny joined a zoom meeting with the local Natural Resources Conservation District. Focused on agriculture. No action necessary.
5. Camp Brook Restoration
 - a. Problem at the bottom bridge: Gravel has piled up under the bridge on Rte 12 at the bottom of Camp Brook.
 - b. Plan:
 - i. Dubois and King surveyed in the fall for the AOT.
 - ii. Bruce Martin, AOT engineer, has a plan to take out the gravel. Mary shared the original plans for the weirs, etc. with him. Bruce will share it with the geomorphologist.
 - iii. Casella will haul away the gravel.
6. Any other business
 - a. Current balance in the CC account with the town: approximately \$10,000.
 - 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?
 - iii. We'll clarify before the next meeting.
 - b. Bench donation: Kathy Fechter's class (Bethel Elementary School) has a bench to donate and put on Carla's Meadow.

- c. Quimby Forest. AJ Follensbee's management project in the Sayward Town Forest in Randolph and if we can do something similar in Quimby TF. CC members will review AJ's QTF Forest Management Plan to discuss further at the next meeting. Ferron is emailing AJ about our plans and hoping to schedule a meeting with him after the next meeting.
- d. 2. Lisa talked about symbioticschoolyard and getting something going with local students. CC members will review and discuss further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 4/9/24, 6:30pm at the Town office.

Windsor County Patrol Info.

BILL #: M90-23/24

TOWN OF BETHEL

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 01, 2024

APRIL 30, 2024

DATE	TIME	HOURS	MILES
4/3/2024	1530-1830	3	
4/4/2024	730-1230	5	
4/5/2024	730-830	1	
4/5/2024	1430-1830	4	
4/6/2024	1100-1400	3	
4/7/2024	1400-1800	4	
4/12/2024	100-1500	4	
4/8/2024	1600-2100	5	
4/9/2024	1700-2000	3	
4/13/2024	2200-0100	3	
4/14/2024	1500-1800	3	
4/13/2024	2000-2200	2	
4/12/2024	1600-2000	4	
4/17/2024	1200-1600	4	
4/19/2024	2100-100	4	
4/20/2024	2100-2300	2	
4/21/2024	1300-1700	4	
4/26/2024	2000-2200	2	
TOTALS:		60	0

Court Hours* 0

Patrol Hours: 60

See attached listing for incidents and tickets issued.

Call Type	Incident Number	Date/Time	Location	City
Traffic Stop	24WNC002078	4/28/2024 20:59	Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC002077	4/28/2024 19:36	Rt12/Town Office, Bethel, Vt	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC002044	4/26/2024 20:00	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001979	4/21/2024 13:30	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001970	4/20/2024 21:33	Rt107/North Rd, Bethel, Vt	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001968	4/20/2024 21:07	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001967	4/20/2024 20:51	Rt 12, Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001952	4/19/2024 23:44	VT Route 107 / Vt Route 12, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Citizen Assist	24WNC001951	4/19/2024 22:53	Pleasant St/Campbrook Rd, Bethel, Vt	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001950	4/19/2024 22:39	Rt107/Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, Vt	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001949	4/19/2024 22:17	VT Route 107 / Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001947	4/19/2024 21:01	Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
GHSP	24WNC001946	4/19/2024 20:31	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001893	4/17/2024 12:00	134 S. Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001849	4/14/2024 17:10	River St / Graham St, Bethel, VT	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001847	4/14/2024 16:18	VT Route 107 / Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001846	4/14/2024 15:49	River St / Peavine, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001843	4/14/2024 15:00	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001835	4/13/2024 22:01	Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001832	4/13/2024 21:17	Rt107/Fish Hatchery, Bethel, Vt	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001830	4/13/2024 19:47	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Citizen Assist	24WNC001822	4/13/2024 13:59	32 Avon Dr, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001809	4/12/2024 19:44	Rt 107 / Rt 12, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001805	4/12/2024 16:25	137 Pleasant St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001804	4/12/2024 15:34	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001800	4/12/2024 10:38	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001796	4/11/2024 16:56	Main Street, Bethel, VT	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001760	4/9/2024 18:02	670 River St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001755	4/9/2024 17:00	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001738	4/8/2024 17:28	Mascoma Bank, Bethel, VT	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001737	4/8/2024 17:09	VT Route 12 / Cleveland Brook Rd, Bethel, VT.	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001736	4/8/2024 17:08	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	24WNC001719	4/7/2024 16:48	1935 Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WNC001711	4/7/2024 15:06	Route 12, Bethel, VT	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001707	4/7/2024 14:00	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001690	4/6/2024 21:53	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001682	4/6/2024 11:02	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001671	4/5/2024 13:58	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Traffic Hazard	24WNC001664	4/5/2024 9:23	Vt Route 12, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
Traffic Detail	24WNC001661	4/5/2024 8:11	Bethel Area, Bethel, VT	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001653	4/4/2024 8:04	Bethel Area, Bethel, VT	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001640	4/3/2024 15:12	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WNC001614	4/1/2024 14:33	273 Pleasant St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel

Ticket Date/Time	Ticket Number	Ticket Violation	Penalty	Actual Speed	Posted Speed	Violation Location	Violation City
4/28/2024 20:59		10887 DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	0			Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/28/2024 19:36		4100163 CEL - Using Portable Electronic Device Outside Work or School Zone&c" 1st violation	162			Rt12/Town Office, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/26/2024 21:53		4100215 LER - 24-30 MPH over speed limit - Local	259	73		50 Rt107/North Rd, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/19/2024 23:44		BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	63		50 VT Route 107 / Vt Route 12, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/19/2024 22:39		DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	0			Rt107/Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/19/2024 22:17		DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	0			VT Route 107 / Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05038	Bethel
4/9/2024 18:02		4099751 MJ2 - Possessing Marijuana/Heshish - 2nd Offense (Under 21)	500			River St / North Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/14/2024 17:10		VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			River St, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/14/2024 17:10		DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	0			River St, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/14/2024 16:18	verbal	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			Vt Route 107, Bethel	Bethel
4/14/2024 15:49	verbal	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			River St, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/13/2024 22:38		NR - Persons Required To Register	0			River St, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/13/2024 21:17		100444 ISL - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0			1895 #5, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/12/2024 16:25		4100213 LER - 24-30 MPH over speed limit - Local	8			Rt107/Fish Hatchery, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/12/2024 15:44		VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			Rt 107 / Rt 12, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/9/2024 18:02		DP - Failed To Display Front Registration Plate	0			137 Pleasant St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/9/2024 18:02	verbal	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			670 River St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/8/2024 17:28		4099750 OSC - Operating After Suspension/Revocation/Refusal	249			River St / North Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel
4/8/2024 17:09		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	38		25 Mascoma Bank, Bethel, VT	Bethel
4/7/2024 15:06		VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			VT Route 12 / Cleveland Brook Rd, Bethel, VT	Bethel
		10872 SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	40		25 Route 12, Bethel, VT	Bethel



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April 22, 2024

[Therese Kirby](#), Town Manager
134 South Main St.
Bethel, Vermont 05032

RE: Designation Renewal for Bethel Village Center

Dear Ms. Kirby:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on April 22, 2024, the Downtown Development Board found Bethel's renewal application for the village center designation met the statutory requirements ([24 VSA Chapter 76A](#)). The designated village center will be eligible for [benefits](#) for the next eight years, until May 2032. At that time, the Town of Bethel will need to renew its designation. The Department of Housing and Community Development will send out a renewal reminder six months prior to the renewal date. Please note that a Neighborhood Development Area added prior to that date will be up for renewal at the same time as the underlying designation.

Our team will check in with the municipality annually to offer support, share updated information, tools, and resources related to the designation, and to ensure our local contact information is up-to-date.

Please find below a few useful links to support your village revitalization efforts:

- [Downtown and Village Center Funding Directory](#) – A comprehensive list of state, federal and nonprofit funding sources.
- [Strong Communities Newsletter](#) – A newsletter from the Department of Housing and Community Development with news on new programs and grant opportunities. [Subscribe here.](#)
- [Vermont Planning Atlas](#) – An easy-to-use tool that provides access to commonly requested data - the status of local planning and regulations, designation boundaries, and more.
- [Vermont Planning Manual](#) – The Planning Manual offers up-to-date guidance on preparing municipal plans, as well as an overview of the state designation programs, and their benefits.
- [Neighborhood Development Area Designation](#) – An add-on housing designation program that helps reduce the time and cost of state permitting in areas within a ¼ mile walking distance of a designated village center.

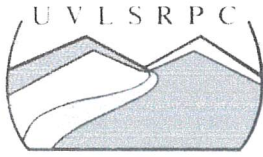
Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

Alexander R. Farrell

[Alex Farrell](#), Vermont Downtown Development Board Chair





Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

FY I

The grant
application
of TRORC
that you
supported
was
awarded!

April 16, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SELECTED
FOR \$1.18 MILLION GRANT TO SUPPORT TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCE PROJECTS
WITH TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION IN NH AND VT

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the selection of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) as a recipient of a \$1,188,443 Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Capacity Builder grant. In partnership with Two Rivers-Ottawuechee Regional Commission (TRORC), UVLSRPC will use these funds to support under-resourced and disadvantaged communities in identifying, developing, and delivering transportation projects to achieve locally-driven economic development, health, environment, mobility, and access goals. These communities include Acworth, Charlestown, Enfield, Goshen, Lebanon, Lempster, Orford, and Plainfield in New Hampshire; and Bethel, Granville, Hancock, Hartford, Hartland, and Royalton in Vermont.

Through the grant, UVLSRPC and TRORC will increase capacity in the Upper Valley Region via two Resilience Coordinators who support resilience planning and technical assistance with a long-term goal of peer-learning and capacity building across the states. The 14 communities committed to participate in this pilot program have been devastated by increased precipitation events and flooding that has greatly impacted the transportation network, the local and regional economy, and access to services and healthcare during times of emergency. The Resilience Coordinators will contribute knowledge to municipalities and enable a more community-based approach to improving flood resilience of transportation infrastructure.

UVLSRPC and TRORC were identified as best suited to support the work in this proposal as experts in climate resilience and transportation planning with decades of experience in quantitative, data-driven rationale of community needs. The commissions also hold long-term relationships with state agencies and individuals in the towns they serve, providing a qualitative window into the daily struggles of rural, isolated communities with disadvantaged transportation systems. According to Peter Gregory, Executive Director of TRORC, "We are pleased to be

partnering on another important initiative with UVLSRPC. Both organizations are committed to improving the safety and quality of life for the region's residents".

The DOT Thriving Communities Program supports two years of no-cost technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. The program's National Capacity Builder grant aids communities assigned by DOT, and the Regional Capacity Builder grant, of which UVLSRPC is a recipient, enables participants to provide Thriving Communities Program activities to communities at a state or regional scale. The program is part of the Justice40 Initiative and interagency Thriving Communities Network, supporting access to funding and resources provided by the President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

For further information, please contact: Majestic Terhune (UVLSRPC) at 603-448-1680

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TOWN OF BETHEL'S COMBINED NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders, mortgagees and all persons interested in the purchase of land in the Town of Bethel, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes and/or utilities assessed by such Town for the 2018 and prior fiscal years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands and/or premises situated in the Town of Bethel:

PROPERTY No. 1

Property commonly known and numbered as 77 Hidden Glen Road, consisting of 10.8 acres of land, more or less, together with mobile home and improvements thereon, owned by Roberta Darling, conveyed to her by Quitclaim Deed of Stephanie L. Darling, dated March 30, 2022, and recorded in Book 119 at Pages 523-524 of the Town of Bethel Land Records. **Grand List value: \$110,500**



PROPERTY No. 2

Property commonly known and numbered as 235 Main Street, consisting of 0.1 less, together with improvements **Redeemed** person Block Real Estate Holdings, LLC, conveyed to it by Vermont Warranty Deed of Alberta Brick, LLC, dated November 1, 2018, and recorded in Book 113 at Page 89 of the Town of Bethel Land Records. **Grand List value: \$165,100**



PROPERTY No. 3

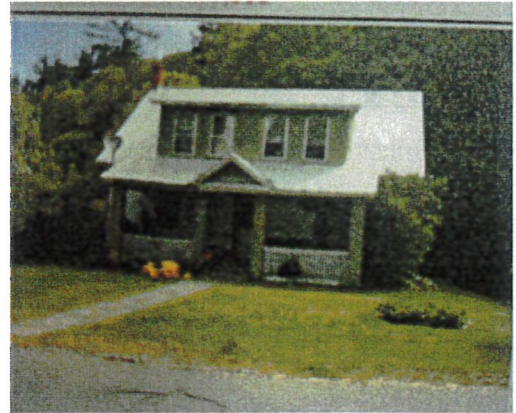
Property commonly known and numbered as 171 Hidden Glen Road, consisting of 1.96 acres of land, more or less, owned by Arnold Glen Robert Gover (a/k/a Arnold G.R. Gover, II), conveyed to him by Vermont Quitclaim Deed of Ann Marie Worth, dated January 28, 2012, and recorded in Book 104 at Page 31 of the Town of Bethel Land Records, together with a 1976 Skyline make, Bay Custom 984A model mobile home, with serial number 0316-0314, owned by Arnold G. R. Gover and Ann Marie Worth, conveyed to them by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale



of Ralph Lavigne and Beda Lavigne, dated June 19, 2003, and recorded in the Mobile Home Bill of Sale File of the Town of Bethel Land Records. **Grand list value: \$112,600**

PROPERTY No. 4

Property commonly known and numbered as 111 North Road, being a 0.94-acre parcel of land, more or less, with an apartment house thereon, owned **Redeemed** conveyed to her by Warranty Deed of Wendy S. Cronan, Trustee of the Sandra M. Potwin Revocable Trust u/t/a June 2, 1999, dated November 21, 2014, and recorded in Book 107 at Pages 247-248 of the Town of Bethel Land Records. **Grand List value: \$111,900**



PROPERTY No. 5

Property commonly known and numbered as 277 River Street, consisting of 2.0 acres of land, more or less, together with an apartment building **Redeemed** thereon, owned by Jeffrey A. Staff and ~~conveyed to them by~~ conveyed to them by Vermont Warranty Deed of Olin T. Elzey, Jr. and Ruth S. Elzey, dated September 1, 2015, and recorded in Book 108 at Page 290 of the Town of Bethel Land Records. **Grand List value: \$218,400**



PROPERTY No. 6

Being a 1972 Parkwood mobile home, model 108, with serial number 20815, located at 2574 Gilead Brook Road, owned by Charles G. Young, and recorded in the Town of Bethel Land Records. **Grand List value: \$35,600**



Said lands and/or premises will be sold at a public auction at the Town Office, 134 South Main Street, Bethel, Vermont, on Thursday the 16th day of May 2024, at

Eleven o'clock in the morning (11:00 a.m.), to discharge such taxes and/or utilities with costs, unless the same are previously paid.

Information regarding the amount of taxes and/or utilities due may be obtained at the offices of Robert E. Fletcher, Esq., Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C., P.O. Box 1507, Burlington, Vermont 05402-1507, (802) 660-2555.