

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Agenda
Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6 pm
Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 816 8341 7795 Passcode: 965044 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Call the meeting to order and approve agenda.

Appointments:

6PM: Brent Freedland re: Rootstock Racing, a grassroots 501c3 event promotion company, requesting permission to use Peavine Blvd and Peavine Park for approximately 12 hours. The event is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2025 into June 23, 2025.

6:20 PM: Alvi Reed, Equity & Inclusion Company re: joint venture between the Equity & Inclusion Committee and Town Meeting/Community Engagement Committee and Community Conversations on Crime and Safety

Public Comment

Accept Chuck Davis's resignation from Planning Commission
Motion to accept with thanks

Information from Class 4 Road Committee regarding Thayer Road.
Discussion only

Information from the Sheriff's Department for August 2024.
Discussion only

Selectboard Meeting schedule for October 14 (Indigenous People Day) and November 11 (Veterans Day)

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager's Report
2. Selectboard Minutes from 9/9/2024
3. Other Communications
4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board

Selectboard Meeting Agenda Notes for 9/23/2024 Meeting

1. Brent Freeland will be here via zoom to discuss his request for use/access for Peavine Blvd and Peavine Park for a June 2025 event possibility.
2. Alvi Reed will be here to discuss the joint committee venture regarding Community Conversations on Crime and Safety.
3. As you saw in past Planning Commission meeting minutes, Chuck Davis resigned from the PC.
4. The Class 4 Road Committee visited Thayer and there is a report on that in your packet.
5. We need to plan future Board meetings that fall on holidays.

Town Manager's Report:

1. With the help of our EPA Project Administrator for our Sandhill Earmark, I have applied for a cost share waiver. Using the latest Census data, we have 25% of our community living under the 200% poverty level, and that criterion qualifies us for a waiver. I have emailed them a letter and back-up and mailed them a hard copy. If that is approved, we will not be responsible for our \$150,000 local share.
2. We received two checks from the State of Vermont's Liability Claim Fund. One for \$54,174.13 for our used truck we purchased and one for \$377,015 for the new truck Geary has ordered.
3. I have reached out to Fish & Wildlife, as they are the owners of the State land on Graham Street. AJ and I are going to discuss the situation Monday, and I hope to have a State person come to Bethel and meet on site.

From: Brent Freedland
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 1:34 PM
To: Kelly Hill <betheltownoffice@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Re: 2025 Event

Hi Kelly,

Hope all is well and that you had a wonderful weekend. I'm just following up to make sure you received the information below and to see whether you need anything else. Thank you again for your help!

Brent

Brent Freedland
Executive Director
[Rootstock Racing](#)
[Endless Mountains Adventure Race](#)

From: Brent Freedland <Brent.Freedland@germantownacademy.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 11:22 AM
To: Kelly Hill <betheltownoffice@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: 2025 Event

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for emailing back!

I'll try my best to summarize what we are doing in writing, and I would be happy to jump on the phone or zoom to more fully explain or answer questions. Let me know if that would help!

- I run a small grassroots 501c3 event promotion company called Rootstock Racing. We promote the sport of adventure racing (AR).
- AR is an amazing and somewhat niche sport: think wilderness-based triathlon. Teams or participants take on ultra-endurance wilderness-based courses and they do so through four core disciplines: trekking, mountain biking, paddling, and all while using map and compass navigation. The event is not a relay; teams have to stay together from start to finish.
- Our flagship event is called the Endless Mountains Adventure Race, and we are one of a dozen or so events in the Adventure Racing World Series, which brings together the biggest and most successful multi-day adventure races in the world in an annual series that culminates in the ARWS World Championship.
- In 2025, we are bringing the Endless Mountain to Vermont to showcase as much of the Green Mountain State as possible. I have deep roots in New England, and this has been a dream of ours for a while. The 2025 edition will be a 7-day non-stop event, covering approximately 500 miles. We are deep in the permitting process with both state and federal land, but public roads and a selection of smaller private or regional public lands serves as the connective tissue for the event.
- OK, now, as for Bethel:
 - We are planning a portion of our route on the White River and we are looking for a launch site and suitable transition area in Bethel.
 - Teams would be arriving on bike, and then they will be packrafting down the White to Hartford (we have secured a permit for a take-out/transition area down there already).

- We identified the small public park there by the Peavine Bridge as an ideal location: there is access to the White and plenty of space for our needs.
- As for our needs, they are relatively limited:
 - We are entirely self-sufficient. We don't need any sort of road closures or assistance.
 - We need space to stage our racers equipment, essentially a field, lawn, parking lot, etc. We envision using a portion of the open space at the park (not the actual parking lot).
 - We can bring in port-a-potties.
 - I don't know if there is any electric at the park. If there is electric and it's possible to run an extension cord or two, that would be amazing. We run limited equipment (computers + low light lighting overnight, ie. Christmas lights), and we have our own solar generators if there is no electricity.
 - Otherwise, we are entirely self-sufficient.
 - We would set up some pop up tents for shelter for our race staff.
 - Once all participants are accounted for and have carried on, we pack up their bikes and all other gear, follow leave no trace philosophies and depart!
- Some final details:
 - This isn't a huge event in terms of size: we expect 150 participants +/-
 - By the time teams arrive, they will be very spread out, perhaps by as much as 12 hours or more. So, this isn't a scenario where you would have tons of people coming by/through at any given time.
 - We have a multi-million dollar insurance policy and would add Bethel as an additionally insured party.
 - We are still finetuning our course and time projections, but we are roughly projecting to be on site starting on Sunday June 22, 2025 into Monday June 23.

Again, I would love the opportunity to answer questions and talk further if it would help to chat directly by phone or zoom.

Thank you for considering this, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Brent

From: Kelly Hill <betheltownoffice@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 11:04 AM
To: Brent Freedland <Brent.Freedland@germantownacademy.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: 2025 Event

[EXTERNAL]

Good Morning, yes any information you could email would be very helpful. I will put the information into our Selectboard Packet when you have emailed it to me.

On 07/25/2024 10:50 AM EDT Brent Freedland <brent.freedland@germantownacademy.org> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Brent Freedland and I am reaching out on behalf of Rootstock Racing, a grassroots, 501c3, non-profit event promotion company.

I am organizing a major seven-day adventure racing in Vermont in June 2025, and I am hoping to talk to the appropriate party about our hopes to route through Bethel and also hopefully use the small park south of Peavine bridge as a transition area for our event and boat launch on the White River.

I would love the opportunity to speak to someone further by phone or zoom, though I'm also happy to email more detailed information if that will help.

Thank you for connecting me, and I look forward to speaking with you further!

Brent

Brent Freedland

Rootstock Racing

Endless Mountains Adventure Race

Race Director

215-518-6627

Agenda Item for Selex

To Alvi Reed <alvireed@gmail.com> • Therese Kirby <betheltownfinance@comcast.net> • Kelly Hill <betheltownoffice@comcast.net>

Hi Therese and Kelly!

Alvi (CCed here) and I have been working with a great group of folks from the Equity and Inclusion Committee and Town Meeting and Community Engagement Committee on a series of Community Conversations on Crime and Safety. This was something the EIC proposed in our second round of funding for the Equitable and Inclusive Communities Grant and I am really excited it is coming together in collaboration with another town committee. Our sub-committee would love the opportunity to share what we've come up with so far with the Selectboard and hear any feedback they have and invite them to participate as community members. Could we get on the agenda for 9/23? Alvi will be the one presenting on behalf of our sub-committee.

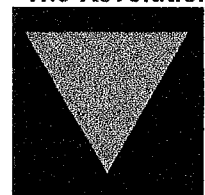
Thank you so much!

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"The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" ~ Gil Scott-Heron



silence = death
BLACKLIVESMATTER

The Town Meeting and Community Engagement Committee has partnered with the Equity and Inclusion Committee to facilitate hamlet conversations on residents' experiences of crime and safety in our community. These conversations are planned for the week of October 21 in Gilead, Lilliesville/Camp Brook, Downtown/North Main Street, North Road/Locust Creek, and Christian Hill/East Bethel. We are hoping these conversations are primarily relationship building where neighbors can get to know each other, hear each others' concerns, and think about ways to support each other. Most of the conversations will take place at peoples homes with a backyard campfire type of vibe. With a different facilitator who is a resident of each hamlet, we also hope to 1) to specifically identify and document experiences of crime, violence, speeding, safety of young people, substance misuse, etc. in our hamlet, 2) to hear people's thoughts and experiences with policing as the primary strategy to address these issues, and 3) to share our ideas for alternate and/or additional ways to address the issues we've raised. There will be a notetaker who will anonymously take notes of what is shared and a follow up meeting on November 12 to anonymously share back what we learned and think of ways we can move forward together to address issues neighbors are navigating. On Monday, we are looking for feedback from Selectboard members about our plan and also want to extend an invitation to each Selectboard member to come to these meetings and participate as residents of our town.

TOWN OF BETHEL

Neighborhood Conversations on Crime & Safety

Have you felt unsafe in Bethel?

Have you experienced a crime?

GILEAD
341 MacIntosh Hill Rd.
Thurs 10/24 | 5:30-7:30pm

EAST BETHEL & CHRISTIAN HILL
283 Christian Hill Rd.
Tues 10/22 | 5:30-7:30pm

CAMP BROOK & LILLIESVILLE
119 Bundy Rd.
Weds 10/23 | 5:30-7:30pm

DOWNTOWN
♣ Parish House | 48 N. Main St.
Mon 10.21 | 5:30-7:30pm

LOCUST CREEK & NORTH ROAD
622 Abbott Rd.
Sat 10/26 | 1-3pm

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.

Have you interacted with local law enforcement?

Join us at one or all of these neighborhood conversations.
We want to meet you and hear your experiences.

Hosted by the Town of Bethel's Town Meeting and Community Engagement Committee & Equity and Inclusion Committee
betheequityandinclusion@gmail.com | (802) 234-9340

CLASS 4 Road Committee

9-8-2024

9:00 AM

Present: BRIAN Weight, Cecic Washburn, Chris FOS,
Alex Riesterer.

The 4 of us walked the CLASS 4 SECTION of Thayer Road from Drolette Family TRUST PROPERTY to where it ends on River Road APPROX. ACROSS the River from the Fish Hatchery. We picked out the road the whole way. There's a SPOT half way down that has been washed to a deep gully BUT there's evidence of old log ROADS going around the washed area. The lower 1/3 IS being used some by 4 wheelers or side x sides. There's no signs of ANY vehicle travel on the upper 2/3 of the road. The only questionable location of the town Road IS From Drolette's barn up thru their yard and past their house. The State of VT. Parcel Viewer website shows IT going to the right of the house. She had told Cecic that the class 4 Road goes to the left of the house. We don't know if the house there now IS part of the original farmhouse that was there OR if the old house was torn down and this newer STRUCTURE moved to a different location. There was no way

for us to be sure exactly where
it was laid out thru their yard
without a professional survey being
done. Not sure what the Prolettes issues
are, there's no evidence of any kind of
vehicles going farther than the turn
around at their house. Our suggestion
is to leave it as it is at this time,
not knowing exactly where the legal road
lies thru their yard. Walk completed at
noon.

Brian Wright

BILL #: M110-24/51

TOWN OF BETHEL
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 01, 2024
AUGUST 31, 2024

DATE	TIME	HOURS
8/11/2024	2000-2200	2
8/3/2024	1500-1700	2
8/5/2024	1900-2100	2
8/8/2024	1700-1900	2
8/9/2024	1800-2000	2
8/12/2024	1400-1500	1
8/12/2024	1900-0000	5
8/13/2024	1600-2000	4
8/15/2024	1500-1600	1
8/15/2024	2000-2300	3
8/15/2024	1300-1700	4
8/16/2024	1230-1330	1
8/19/2024	1800-2200	4
8/19/2024	1430-1930	5
8/20/2024	1300-1900	6
8/20/2024	1730-2230	5
8/21/2024	1330-1500	1.5
8/22/2024	2000-00	4
8/22/2024	1030-1230	2
8/23/2024	1530-1930	4
8/24/2024	2230-00	1.5
8/25/2024	1500-1900	4
8/31/2024	1200-1400	2
8/29/2024	1600-2030	4.5
8/27/2024	1730-1900	1.5
8/29/2024	1330-1500	1.5
8/28/2024	1330-1930	6
8/29/2024	1400-1730	3.5
8/29/2024	1930-2200	2.5
8/30/2024	1400-1600	2
8/30/2024	2000-0000	4
8/31/2024	1700-2230	5.5
TOTALS:		99

Please see attached cases and tickets/warnings issued.

Call Type	Incident Number	Date/Time	Location	City	Area
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004192	8/31/2024 16:59	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004186	8/31/2024 13:26	North Rd / Cleveland Brook Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004185	8/31/2024 13:10	VT Route 107 / North Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004183	8/31/2024 12:00	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004178	8/30/2024 21:07	Rt12, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004175	8/30/2024 19:59	Bethel, VT	VT	Bethel
Parking Problem	24WVNC004168	8/30/2024 16:51	183 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004158	8/30/2024 14:05	134 South Main Street, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004148	8/29/2024 19:30	Bethel, VT	VT	Bethel
Theft	24WVNC004144	8/29/2024 18:40	Power Dam Rd, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
K9	24WVNC004138	8/29/2024 16:59	No Main St / Sanderson, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Drugs	24WVNC004136	8/29/2024 16:11	North Main / Sanderson, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Motor Vehicle Complaint	24WVNC004135	8/29/2024 16:05	Christian Hill / Rte 107, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004132	8/29/2024 15:35	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004131	8/29/2024 15:25	South Main, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004128	8/29/2024 14:01	135 South Main, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004107	8/28/2024 17:04	419 Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004106	8/28/2024 16:35	Christian Hill Rd / Sunrise Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004094	8/28/2024 13:32	135 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004065	8/25/2024 15:55	Bethel Fire Dept, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC004064	8/25/2024 15:42	269 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004063	8/25/2024 15:04	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004058	8/24/2024 22:22	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC004058	8/22/2024 20:00	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Paperwork Service	24WVNC004036	8/22/2024 10:30	3741 Camp Brook Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Citizen Assist	24WVNC004017	8/22/2024 8:56	185 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Child Abuse or Neglect	24WVNC003994	8/21/2024 15:01	3741 Camp Brook Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003968	8/20/2024 11:45	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003965	8/19/2024 20:20	Vt Route 12 / Camp Brook Rd, Bethel, VT, 05060	Bethel	Bethel
Citizen Assist	24WVNC003964	8/19/2024 18:06	189 N, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003963	8/19/2024 17:55	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Agency Assistance	24WVNC003960	8/19/2024 16:27	670 Route 12, Bethel, VT, 05060	Bethel	Bethel
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	24WVNC003958	8/19/2024 15:36	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003955	8/19/2024 14:21	135 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003907	8/16/2024 12:30	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003898	8/15/2024 21:28	264 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003897	8/15/2024 20:17	Main St, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003896	8/15/2024 19:58	Bethel, VT	VT	Bethel
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	24WVNC003887	8/15/2024 15:23	Cleveland Brook Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel

Directed Patrol	24WVNC003886	8/15/2024 14:59	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Agency Assistance	24WVNC003881	8/15/2024 13:40	264 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003880	8/15/2024 13:04	134 South Main, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003872	8/15/2024 7:53	Rte 12, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003857	8/14/2024 15:38	89 N Bethel Exit, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003842	8/13/2024 19:17	167 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003841	8/13/2024 19:17	167 Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003832	8/13/2024 16:07	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Citizen Assist	24WVNC003812	8/12/2024 15:52	32 Avon Dr, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003810	8/12/2024 14:02	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003809	8/11/2024 20:00	134 South Main St, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Miscellaneous Call	24WVNC003785	8/9/2024 19:34	107 White Pine Ln, Bethel, VT	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003784	8/9/2024 18:12	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003770	8/8/2024 18:12	Christian Hill Rd / Pernam Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003767	8/8/2024 17:07	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Traffic Stop	24WVNC003755	8/8/2024 8:26	Vt Route 107 / White Oak Ln, Royalton, VT, 05032	Royalton	Bethel
Animal Problem	24WVNC003719	8/5/2024 18:36	27 Krystal Dr, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003718	8/5/2024 18:00	134 S Main St, Bethel, VT, 05036	Bethel	Bethel
Directed Patrol	24WVNC003706	8/3/2024 16:10	Bethel, VT	VT	Bethel
Citizen Dispute	24WVNC003705	8/3/2024 15:14	1935 Christian Hill Rd, Bethel, VT, 05032	Bethel	Bethel

Ticket Date/Time	Ticket Number	Ticket Violation	Penalty	Actual Spee	Posted Spee	Violation Street Name	Violation City
8/29/2024 16:11		DEF - Condition Of Vehicle	0			North Main / Sanderson	Bethel
8/29/2024 16:11		NS - Operating Without Liability Insurance	0			North Main / Sanderson	Bethel
8/31/2024 13:26	4100484	NR - Persons Required To Register	152			North Rd / Cleveland Brook Rd	Bethel
8/31/2024 13:26		VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	0			North Rd / Cleveland Brook Rd	Bethel
8/31/2024 13:10		BR - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	65		50 VT Route 107 / North Rd	Bethel
8/30/2024 21:07		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	42	25	Christian Hill Rd / Sunrise Rd	Bethel
8/28/2024 16:35		NR - Persons Required To Register	0			North Main / Sanderson	Bethel
8/29/2024 16:11	4100206	NR - Persons Required To Register	152			North Main / Sanderson	Bethel
8/29/2024 15:25		FTC - Following Too Closely	0			South Main	Bethel
8/28/2024 17:04		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	40	25	Christian Hill Rd	Bethel
8/28/2024 16:35		DP2 - Failed to Display Rear Registration Plate or Failed to Display Both Registration Pl	0			Christian Hill Rd / Sunrise Rd	Bethel
8/25/2024 15:55		IR - Illuminations Required	0			Bethel Fire Dept	Bethel
8/25/2024 15:42		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0			Main St	Bethel
8/24/2024 23:21		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	40	25	Main St	Bethel
8/15/2024 21:28		FCC - Failure To Carry Registration Certificate	0			Main St	Bethel
8/19/2024 20:20	12099	LK - Lights	0			Vt Route 12 / Camp Brook Rd	Bethel
8/15/2024 21:28	4098453	DP2 - Failed to Display Rear Registration Plate or Failed to Display Both Registration Pl	105			Main St	Bethel
8/15/2024 20:17		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	40	25	Main St	Bethel
8/15/2024 7:53	4099963	LBR - 11-20 MPH over speed limit - Local	172	68	50	Rte 12	Bethel
8/14/2024 15:38		LCS - Lane Control Signals	0			N Bethel Exit	Bethel
8/13/2024 19:17		SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	47	25	Main St	Bethel
8/13/2024 19:17		SL3 - 21-30 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	47	25	Main St	Bethel
8/8/2024 18:12		SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	0	40	25	Christian Hill Rd / Perham Rd	Bethel

Town of Bethel
Selectboard Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6 pm
Bethel Town Hall & via Zoom

ZOOM LINK Meeting ID: 893 1660 1361 Passcode: 222517 Dial: 1-646-558-8656

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

Visiting: Lisa Campbell, Geary Coogler, Elle Griffin, Erika Hoffman-Kiess of Green Mountain Economic Development Corp., Lindsey Trombley and Isaac Wagner of the Orange County Parent Child Center, Bryan Kovalick of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC), Eijah (Alvi) Reed.

6:01 pm: Chair Chris Jarvis called the meeting to order. Denise Guilmette moved, Jordan Garrow seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. So voted.

Appointments:

6:05 pm: Interim Chief Geary Coogler re: purchase of replacement fire truck and motion to authorize him to complete process.

Interim Chief Geary Coogler gave an update on the purchase of a replacement fire truck for the one totaled on I-89. The State of Vermont has agreed "to make the Town whole" via the Vermont Liability Claims Fund, which takes effect after we apply our insurance payment from VFIS of \$250,893. The purchase was put out to bid and three companies responded, two of whom followed the correct bid specs. (See the Packet for a more detailed update.)

Denise Guilmette moved, Jordan Garrow seconded, to authorize Interim Chief Geary Coogler to complete the purchase of a replacement fire truck for \$627,908 from SVI. So voted.

6:25 pm: Bryan Kovalick, Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) re: Thriving Communities Grant

Bryan Kovalick gave an update on this grant. Bethel submitted a letter of support and now that TRORC was awarded the grant, Bethel will be one of six Towns to benefit from it. A Steering Committee will be helpful to achieve all of the goals of the grant. Therese suggested this committee include one or two Selectboard members, a representative from Bethel Mills (Marsh Meadow constantly floods, plus economic development), the Road Forman, and perhaps a member of the ATV Group and/or Class 4 Road Committee as they are familiar with all Bethel roads, and Therese as the Town Manager. Possible committee members have not been contacted, pending the Selectboard's decision at this meeting. Some concerns that could be addressed include parking, narrowness Main Street in the downtown area, empty buildings, handicap accessibility, and flood resiliency for the roads. Bryan will connect with the supervisory union about the grant as well.

Public Comment

Ele Griffin with the Recreation Department noted there are no August Recreation Committee minutes in the Selectboard Packet. Therese will have the August and

September minutes in the next packet. Ele reported the summer was good and looking forward to the Bethel Forward Festival and the 5K run. This summer there was no pool director and Therese stated, if the Pool Director position is not filled next year, the pool will not open.

Lisa Campbell with the Library reported as to place the library on the budget planning this year, Therese reported on the gazebo roof repair, graffiti and other repairs.

6:56 pm – Erika Hoffman-Kiess, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) re: Orange County Parent Child Center (OCPCC Randolph) daycare update.

Erika Hoffman-Kiess described the innovative partnership between Orange County Parent Child Center (OCPCC) and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) project and that it would open in the Fall of 2025 and would be an expansion of a currently operating facility in Tunbridge. There will be 88 new childcare slots, the Randolph facility includes space for workforce training and education, and other child and family support services. The project design, both physical and programmatic, contributes to general workforce retention and recruitment in the greater Randolph region. The coverage area includes the towns of Bethel, Randolph, Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge.

Bennett Law's request to be appointed to the Human Services Advisory Board. Paul met with Bennett and if approved, there will now be five people on the board. Jordon Garrow moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approve Bennett Law's request to be appointed to the Human Services Advisory Board. So voted.

Request for 2nd Class Liquor, tobacco and tobacco substitute for Khalsa Market #102 (Central Market).

Jordon Garrow moved, Paul Vallee seconded, to approve the request for 2nd Class Liquor, tobacco and tobacco substitute for Khalsa Market #102 (Central Market). So voted.

Sullivan and Powers Engagement Letter for June 2024 regular and single audit. Paul Vallee moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approve the agreement as stated in the Sullivan and Powers Engagement Letter for June 2024 for a regular and single audit. So voted.

Updated Policy/Procedure for collection of delinquent taxes and utilities. changed abatement see packet.

Jordan Garrow moved, Paul Vallee seconded, to approve the updated Policy/ Procedure for Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Utilities. So voted.

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager's Report

Nolato experienced a water break in their 6" fire suppression line under their building yesterday. and the line was repaired this afternoon. Thirty homes and the school are under boil water orders. Thanks to the superintendent for his understanding and graciousness in closing the school for a day.

The Sand Hill Stormwater Project will be starting soon, the new arch

pipe project on Dearing Road will be installed, as well as two culverts on Campbrook Road.

The bridge on Bingham Road (Class 4) will be replaced next week as some of the steel I-beams have failed. The Fire Department has been notified.

On September 19th the Road Crew will be working on North Road to repair the storm drain pipe that failed. The Windsor County Sheriff will assist with traffic control.

The EV charger arrived and, as promised, Josh and Xander will be handling the installation.

Pam wrote and received a grant for \$5,000 for elections.

We received the VTrans Small Scale Bike/Ped Grant to purchase the two crosswalk Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons; one near the White Church and one near the Spaulding Press Building on Main Street.

WB Rogers is in process of completing the FEMA work on Findley Bridge Road.

2. Selectboard Minutes from 8/26/2024

Dave Eddy moved, Denise Guilmette seconded, to approved the minutes of the 8/26/2024 Selectboard meeting as submitted. So voted.

3. Other Communications (See the Packet)

4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board

7:45 pm: Dave Eddy moved, Jordan Garrow seconded, to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. So voted.

The next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at the Town Hall.

Submitted by Julie Kraus

BETHEL RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. at the Town Office.
- B. In attendance were Bev Kerr, Shane Kinsley, Ele Griffin, Lindsey Schell, and Chris Fors.
- C. Forward Festival/ 5K Race: Ele will set up at the Band Shell to sale T-shirts. Fliers for the 5K are posted. We need more. Lindsey will look into getting more. Chris Fors will have the Activity Trailer at the Recreation Center. We will get water jugs from Barb Nickerson. Shane will pick up chips and Lindsey will provide fruit for the race. Mary Floyd gave the committee \$200 for the 5K. A bandana designer charged \$175. Ele sent her a check for payment. Sixty bandanas have been ordered from a company in Williston for \$503.97. Melissa was unable to make tonight's meeting. Ele will follow up and get an update.
- D. VOREC Trails/ Wayfinding: Chris reported that 3 trails are finished. Lindsey mentioned that she biked the upper one. It is pretty steep. Lindsey has posted pictures and information on Facebook. Chris has put up temporary trail signs. Chris recommended Wayfinding Information Locations at the Town Hall, Band Shell, Athletic Fields, and Recreation Center. Chris also reported that bids to contractors for the accessibility path around the athletic fields are in the works. Chris also announced that he wants to do a Trail Day Event on Saturday, October 26th. The committee asked questions and made suggestions. Further plans will e on the October Agenda.
- E. The Year Ahead: The committee has to figure out about the availability of an ice rink this winter. We need a new liner. This will be an item on the October agenda. Ele mentioned the Rotary Halloween Event. She will get a date so we can see about volunteering for the event. Concerning any other projects or events for the 2024-2025 year, the committee wants to work on researching means of construction, designing, location, and fundraising that will be needed for any future projects
- F. Other Business: Chris mentioned that there may e some left over money from the VOREC grant. He would recommend having porta potties at the center. We have all noticed more and more people using the center.
- G. Past Minutes: The August minutes were approved.
- H. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at 7pm. at the Town Office. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully, Ele Griffin

BETHEL RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm at the Recreation Center.
- B. In attendance were: Shane Kinsley, Lindsey Shell, Ele Griffin, Melissa Harwood, and Jamie Floyd.
- C. Disc Golf: Jamie Floyd spoke to the committee about Disc Golf. There is a course behind the Middle School. It has been left idle and needing repairs for years. Ele mentioned that she remembered a Rick Timmins that introduced the sport in the 1990's. Jamie mentioned that for years he has wanted to fix the course. Last Spring he got permission and fixed the course...Size-wise the course is like a putter course with 8 t-boxes and 4 baskets. Depending on one's skill the course can be played in 15 to 30 minutes. Jamie showed us different Frisbees. He explained how they function. Jamie also showed us pictures of the course. We also spent some time learning how and practicing throwing different Frisbees in the field. We asked Jamie if he would be willing to do a workshop for us next summer teaching families how to play. He said yes.
- D. 5K Race at Forward Festival: Melissa Harwood reported plans for the 5K race on September 21st. Fliers are ready to be hung. Melissa said that the activity trailer will be used at the center that day. Lindsey volunteered to take care of the signs. Food was discussed, Lindsey will get granola bars, apples, and bananas. Shane will pick up 2 boxes of chips. Barb Nickerson's water jugs will be used. Melissa presented a design for bandanas. The committee figured we could order 60 bandanas to be made to be given to participators. Melissa is working on the permit needed. She is also working on sponsors and prizes. She will need 5 volunteers to help her that day.
- E. Summer Events: Our special workshops have been successful. Kids and Coffee have had a variety of families. Kickflip had 26 kids. Bike Maintenance had two Scouts working on their bike patch and people from a variety of towns.
- F. Other Business: News from Chris Fors is that the trail work is going well. He will be at our September meeting and have the results of the wayfinding report. Ele reported that the head of the Bradford Recreation Committee contacted her. Bradford is starting plans for a skate board park. She asked about how we fundraised and about grants we got.
- G. Past Minutes: With corrections Goof to Golf, all to some, and banana to bandana made, the July minutes were approved.
- H. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully, Ele Griffin

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 8/13/24, 6:30 PM
Town Offices

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm.

Present: Danny Dover, Emily Miller, Lisa Campbell, Mark Heckman, Mary Floyd, Chris Fors, Dana Cole-Levesque

1. Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.
2. Planning Commission (Dana)
 - a. The PC is currently working on revising the Town Plan.
 - b. The CC looked at a preliminary draft of the Land Use section, with particular attention to the policies and goals sections.
3. VOREC update (Chris)
 - a. Trails at school and Carla's Meadow are complete.
 - b. Wayfinding is still in process.
 - c. Trails day will be happening, likely on or around 10/26.
4. Pollinator Patch at the school
 - a. Plan to manage the plot this fall by removing weeds and planting seed. The CC informally approves the purchase of some mulch to put down if needed.
5. Forward Fest on 9/21/24
 - a. The CC will not have a presence at Forward Fest.
6. Quimby TF & AJ
 - a. The CC will look for an update on AJ's and Therese's progress on the steps that were identified at our 5/24 meeting.
7. Any other business
 - a. Review of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.

Meeting adjourned at approximately pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 10/8/24, 7:45pm at the Town office.

Record keeping

1. Terms of Conservation Commission members (dates indicate end of 3-year terms)
 - a. Mary Floyd 2025
 - b. Ferron Griffin 2025
 - c. Emily Miller 2025
 - d. Danny Dover 2025
 - e. Lisa Campbell 2026
 - f. Mark Heckmann 2027
 - g. W. Chris Fors 2027
2. CC Capital Investment Fund Balance as of May 2024 = \$10, 074.50.

TOWN OF BETHEL
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
9/9/2024 Minutes

Members Attending: Scott Putney, Sandy Farrell, Rick Benson

Public Attending: None

The meeting was opened at 9:09 by Chair S. Putney.

The minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting had been reviewed and revised prior to the meeting.

The agenda as printed was approved.

Annual TPF Report for Town Report

S Farrell provided a draft and suggested some additional information regarding the “0” balance in three accounts due to accounting errors by Mascoma. Also, the amount in the “earnings” column for the Clark and Whitcomb School funds should be adjusted to account for the double entry that occurred upon transferring the CD’s into the exchange investment account (The balance sheet will be adjusted as well). Chair Putney also plans to draft a short history of one of the larger funds to create interest in the funds that we handle and possibly entice a few more donations to these funds.

Review of the Clark, Cox, and Cowdrey wills and distribution changes

The Clark and Cox funds will continue to have an 80% stock/20% bond or CD investment ratio per the agreement reached at the April meeting. The Cowdrey fund will have any amount over \$600 of the earnings disbursed annually per the direction of the Will.

Review of Cemetery Accounts and Perpetual Care

Scott reported on his findings after researching this topic with Jean Burnham (former Town Clerk and Pam Brown (Current TC). Historically, the portion of the plot fee was turned over to the TPF to invest for perpetual care. It was discovered that the perpetual care monies had not been directed to the TPF recently and Pam make certain that this will not be overlooked going forward.

Review of Remaining Funds

The remaining funds handled by the Trustees include the American Legion Band Shell, Bass Park and Ethelyn Tucker funds all have minimal amounts and it was decided not to change the procedure for disbursements of earnings. Chair Putney had been looking for details regarding how the Band Shell fund is to be handled but has not discovered anything as of yet.

In Other Business, S. Farrell reported that she is working with Mascoma Bank staff to recover missing information for FY 2023 Certificates of deposit and report back to the Trustees with her findings.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Benson, Secretary

Attendees: Geary Coogler, Greg Fedak and Lindley Brainard

Call to Order: 6:08

6:10 Appoint roles:

- Chair – Geary Coogler (nominated by Lindley)
- Vice Chair – Greg Fedak (nominated by Lindley)
- Minute Taker – Lindley Brainard (nominated by Geary)

6:12 Discussion of ongoing work to set up policy and re-set department, plan to discuss policy in detail at the next meeting

6:16 Discussion of ongoing Bid Process for replacement tanker/pumper

3 Bids came in:

- 1) Dingee Machine Company - \$492,000 – a lot of issues with the bid unsure if it can be finished may be 2 years out
- 2) Specialty Vehicle Inc - \$608,302 – most comprehensive (Best bid)
- 3) New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus - \$617,238

Officers had a meeting to discuss and agreed on SVI bid.

Geary's recommendation to the Select Board will be the SVI bid, it is by far more comprehensive than the others and comes with the most options, including warrantee and options for financing and discounts based on upfront deposit.

Financing discussion for this purchase:

In theory, the state should be covering the difference in the cost of this vehicle as it is a replacement from an accident caused by the VT State Police. Therese Kirby will work with the state to determine the exact details of this cost coverage. If there is a remainder, the Town of Bethel (Fire Dept) would be responsible for financing/paying for this. Will require more discussion once more details are understood regarding how much the state will chip in towards the overall cost.

6:38 Discussion of further organizational info for this board

- 3 Person vs 5 person board – FD board will continue with 3 for now to get things rolling but will revisit this question in a few meetings as we see how it goes.
- Warning Meeting ahead (Geary will be responsible for setting up the warnings with the town)
 - Find out when/how –
 - Formal Meeting: first tues of the month @6PM @ Fire Dept
 - Additional meeting through the end of the 2024 year on 3rd tues of the month starting in October
 - What to with meeting notes and time frames – Lindley to reach out to Therese
 - Agenda – Geary will set and send out

- Agenda structure:
 - Call to order
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Public Comment: 2 minutes per comment
 - Appointments
 - Agenda Items
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Any other Business not on the agenda
 - Geary will put together the agenda and send to town/board members

Other Business:

- Divide up responsibilities among board members at the next meeting
- White River Valley Ambulance is having a 50th anniversary on Sunday 9/8/24 – FD will help with traffic and touch a truck
- Forward Fest 9/21/24 – FD will do chicken roast fundraiser

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lindley Brainard