

**Town of Bristol
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Commission Members Present: Mason Westfall, Maureen McGuire, and Janet Cote

Minutes: Meeting minutes for April 3, 2013 were approved.

Correspondence Review:

Planning Board, Zoning Board, Capital Improvements Committee and Historic District Commission agendas were received and reviewed for any upcoming projects or decisions that would warrant input or correspondence from the Conservation Commission.

Planning Board PCC's : George Longo; Pat's Pizzeria; Jason North; Matt Hughes

Zoning Board File # 13VAR01 – Variance Request – for Ralph Jon Shackett – to establish Nano Brewery at 30 Lake Street Map /Lot 113-045

Lakes Region Planning Commission – Meeting notice for April 29, 2013 6 PM Wolfeboro Library – with presentation on “Invasive Species & Milfoil”.

New Business:

Master Plan: Members reviewed past questions and discussed possible fine tuning of questions to be submitted to Planning Board for consideration for the Master Plan Survey. Issues facing community were discussed. These included Northern Pass, Wind Farms, Cell/Communications Towers which prompted discussion regarding viewshed and ridgelines protection as it impacts not only Bristol but the Newfound Region. Items of importance noted were Aquifer Protection, Water Quality, Prime Wetlands, Air Quality, Recycling, and Renewable Energy projects. Drafting questions was an issue for this meeting, so members were to try to get questions to Janet to respond to the Planning Board before their Master Plan Work Session. There was a sense that Conservation and Preservation questions may need to be separated on the survey.

Old Business:

Wind Farms: Short discussion regarding status of proposed Wind Farms. Janet shared the Planning Board and Selectmen's letters to SEC committee, but stated she drafted a letter for consideration by the Commission but lost her draft when it did not save. She will try again to re-draft this for next meeting.

Plankey Spring: Water testing kit was acquired by Janet from Water Dept. Members plan to meet at the Spring to conduct test so all will know how to do this. Mason still to draft steps for testing and maintenance of the Spring.

Conservation Communications - This project has been put on hold until new members are found. Commissioners will continue to look for examples from other towns and will keep this as a task to achieve.

New members: Janet placed an ad in the Bristol Town Crier to let people know we are looking for new members. Cable channel is also running this ad. Members and Town Administrator continue to seek interested candidates.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Commission is set for June 5th.

Tasks for members: Continue Research for development of Bristol Conservation/Natural Resource Brochure; Review of Conservation File Cabinet and files. Mason is working on compiling all his Conservation information to be filed here in Town office files. Janet/Mason will contact Carroll Brown about files he may have in his possession. Janet to draft Wind Farm position statement, get water samples in motion for the Plankey Spring. Mason will draft a Water Sampling procedure.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM