**BETHLEHEM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

 **March 20, 2025 at 5 p.m.**

 **Town Hall, Third Floor**

**AGENDA**

**1) Minutes to Approve**

 February 13, 2025

**2) Treasurer’s Report:**

Request from Andrea Bryant, Bethlehem representative for the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC). See Email and Motion below:

﻿I am the Bethlehem representative for the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee (ARLAC).  The ARLAC is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. John Field, Fluvial Geomorphologist. We are inviting members of the Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions for the 8 towns along the Ammonoosuc River  to this event. Dr Field is internationally known and has studied the Ammonoosuc and other NH rivers in depth. His expertise includes, Riparian Buffer Widths, Bank Composition and Stability, Flood Hazard Studies, GIS-Based Watershed Assessment, Stream Restoration, Flood Plain Mapping, Bank Erosion and Landslide Potential, just to name a few.

The ARLAC has enough funds to pay for half of Dr. Field’s fee. We are hoping that towns that have members of the Conservation Commissions and Planning Boards wanting to attend could contribute. We need to raise $500.  The presentation will take place on Monday, May 5, 2025 at the Lisbon Historical Society, with time to be determined. Seating is limited to 50 people and will be reserved as the names come in. A formal invitation will be sent out later with the starting time.

**MOTION**: *“I move that the BCC make a donation – not to exceed $100 -- to the ARLAC to support a presentation in May by Dr. John Field. This is with the understanding that Margaret will communicate with Andrea closer to the event to determine how much we owe based on what other groups have donated.”*

**3) Setting up next meetings** on the third Thursdays of the month in Town Hall at 5 p.m.: April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21 and September 18

**4) Congratulations** on getting Articles 2 & 3 on dark skies passed

**5) Town Forest**: Joanna Jones, Next Steps? Please remember to bring the attached Town Forest survey with you to the meeting.

**6) Natural Resources Inventory:** Rachelle Lyons, Next steps?

**7) HB 639 a Cryptomining Bill:**

**MOTION:** *“I move that the BCC give Rachelle Lyons permission to develop a letter, based on the bulleted items in an email sent in advance of this meeting, opposing the cryptocurrency bill HB639. And then to send that letter – as soon as possible – from the BCC to state Senator David Rochefort (**David.Rochefort@gc.nh.gov**) and Gov. Kelly Ayotte at:* [*https://www.governor.nh.gov/contact-governor-ayotte*](https://www.governor.nh.gov/contact-governor-ayotte)*.”*

**MOTION:** “I move that the BCC appoint Rachelle Lyons as a liaison with the Sustainability Work Group to coordinate commenting on energy bills coming up in the Senate and HB 639.”

**Next Meeting: Once Margaret locks those dates down, we can put them all on the list. But for right now let’s plan on April 17. I will attend but Rachelle will chair the meeting.**