



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2022

Members: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Brent Teillon, Jim Pease, Mariah Keagy, Kari Anderson

Absent: Dick Sargent, Jess Zehngut, Kristen Connelly

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF:

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS:

**participating via Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes 11-17-22

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bryan Pond Road Parking Lot

Town Forest Parking Lot - Eric was suppose to get a copy of the parking lot design approval from the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation. Brent has reported that there is no word from Eric whether this happened or not.

2. Community Value Mapping

Mariah and Kristen have completed the resident survey and there were about 105 responders. Mariah handed out a draft of the survey response summary. The majority of the data has been digitized but not yet overlaid with the state mapped environmental resources. In general residents are concerned about the rural character of the Town and want to protect it. A word cloud is shown in the summary that indicates that the words "building" and "development" were the words of most concern that residents wanted changed. The words "town" "land" and "rural" were the words of most concern that residents wanted unchanged. Kristen has been very busy and not been able to help with the analysis. We do have 25 residents in a list serve from this effort. Discussion then entailed and it was stated that any final conclusions of this analysis should be ready for Town Meeting in March and presented at the CC table. Kristen and Mariah should get on the select board agenda and give a presentation on their findings from the survey.

3. Other

Brent went with Bob Zaino the Natural Community Forester with the state in the Town Forest. Bob is preparing an inventory of the natural resources. They walked the lower section of the forest; Brent

suggested he also inventory the high section but he did not do that this fall. Bob will send a short report and complete the survey next year.

- the Deer Exclusion has been postponed until next year.
- Sue Morse will give a webinar for the Town

NEW BUSINESS

1. Zoning Results

Zoning changes - there was some discussion on the final zoning regulations and the fact that the Village Trustee who was most concerned about the slope regulations referenced the impact of the regulation on landowners on Elmore Mt Road which is not part of the Village. A petition could be collected and presented to the trustees and the select board in favor of the ordinance.

2. Pollinator Gardens

Melissa Jordan will come in January to discuss.

3. Other

Main St Gas Station - the Christmas decorations are appropriate but are only short term. According to the News & Citizen the property is owned by Tim and Erica Bryan, who are from Stowe.

Beacon Hill Development - Ron mentioned that MSI has plans to build a road from the cul-de-sac at the end of Beacon Hill Rd to Rte 100 near the Ryder Brook Rte 100 bridge. Some of this land is in the State Current Use Program according to Dave. There is also an Act 250 permit (5L0954) to Ted Barnett for an earlier development in this area and that permit runs with the land and most likely would have to be amended for the road to be built.

Rail Trail Crossing on Rte 15A - The owner of this parcel could build two houses on the lot on the Lamoille River. The site is directly across Rte 15A from MASP. Jim will check on the flood plain zoning in this area.

MEMBER REPORT

ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Conservation Committee meeting.