

March 16, 2023

Attendees: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Jim Pease, Kristen Connelly, Jess Zehngut, Brent Teillon, Mariah Keagy (on-line)

Members Absent: Dick Sargent, Kari Anderson

Guests: Evelyn and Jerry Throne

Meeting opened at Town Hall at 6:30

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Town Forest Trails - there was discussion about the proposed west side trail in the Town Forest. The commission will look at the proposed trail with Bob Zaino this spring and a decision will be made to build it or not. The brook trail needs to be finished this year.

2. Village Tree Inventory - LCPC is about 1/2 way done creating a GIS layer for the 1998 data set. Jim will contact the state when LCPC is done and there will be a training session for volunteers on how to add or edit data with a mobile data collection device.

3. Town Forest Parking Lot – bids for the parking lot construction will be opened by the Select board on 3/20. The cost is expected to be about \$20,000.

4. Town Forest Signage – Brent and Dave have almost completed an inventory of the trail signage. Great Big Graphics has given an initial estimate but we are waiting for the inventory to be complete to get the final one. We have voted \$900 towards the project to date. We have not heard from Walter O on the kiosks at Beaver Meadow Trail head. He is still looking for funding sources for the kiosks.

5. Sue Morse Talk – Sue's talk will be postponed until the fall. We need a moderator and/or someone familiar with managing a Zoom webinar.

6. Other - Jess pointed out that in the Town Implementation Plan it states that the MCC and the PC were suppose to work together on preserving the Elmore Mt skyline/view shed from Morrisville. There was discussion on this and what we did in the past and whether or not we should try again. No decision was made.

Ron, Sunny Demars and Dick went to the Village Trustee Meeting. The Bugbee Springs Land was not discussed. A proposal has been made to deed the Village Land along Ryder Brook to the Town and the Family Center. Todd Thomas suggested a 50' ROW instead of deeding the land. There was no agreement and the discussion is ongoing.

Kristin and Mariah reported that they should have the CV mapping project done by April. It was suggested that the results be presented to the Trustees at their May meeting.

New Business/Member Reports

1. MSI Rock Quarry – there has been a lot of discussion on Front Page Forum about this proposal and the associated industrial park near the airport. Ron went to the 2/22 DRB hearing. He was not given interested party status. Interested party status includes all abutting land owners or a person with a signed petition of at least 10 people. He stated that

Section 485 of the zoning regulations does not use the term rock or stone but only soil, sand and gravel. MSI believes gravel is rock and can be removed. Section 485.5 does not allow blasting within 200' of a property line or street and the Morrisville Power line property line right of way is shown on the map and is within 200'. Section 485.6 does not allow excavation or equipment within 300' of a property line. The DRB needs to weigh in on the quarry hours of excavation, how long the excavation can occur for, and whether the extraction is legal given the current zoning. Jim mentioned that we did not oppose the airport zoning district in the last zoning update.

There was discussion on the Quarry and the Industrial Park and the question was raised do we want to assist the residents of the area? We technically do not have the authority to advise the DRB, only the PC, but we can participate in the Act 250 hearing. A motion was made by Kristen?: "Will the MCC take action to oppose the MSI Quarry project?" Jim seconded it. Four were in favor, Dave opposed, Brent abstained. All concerned MCC members should attend the DRB hearing on Wednesday, March 22 and the Act 250 hearing on Thursday March 23.

2. Election of Officers – the following slate of officers was proposed by Ron and approved by the board members. Brent seconded the motion.

Dick – Treasurer

Jim – Secretary (with Jess as a substitute)

Kristin – Vice Chair

Ron – Chair

3. Members Reports - New England Forest Foundation will visit the Kooper Land this summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary