

March 21, 2024

Attendees: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Jerry Throne, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon, Jess Zenghut, Pamela Stanyon, Sandra Zebal, Kari Anderson

Members Absent: None

Guests: Hilary Warner, Evelyn Throne

Meeting opened at Town Hall at 6:30

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Slate of officers-Brent made the motion that the current slate of officers with Brent as the formal treasurer be approved for 2024. The motion passed.

2. Arbor Day-is April 26. Brent suggested that we celebrate concurrently with Earth Day. We need a person to move Arbor Day-Earth Day material in the Town Office Windows. Jerry and Evelyn have started to work on Earth Day materials. MACC is planning to plant a tree for Arbor Day at the police station and there will be a discussion on WLVB. Jim mentioned that there will also be some coordinated plantings at the Oxbow Park with the LCNRCD. Hilary mentioned that she would like to have fruit trees planted at the Community Garden at the Oxbow. A motion was made by Brent to buy \$350 worth of fruit trees for the Community Garden planting. The motion passed.

3. Green Up-Ron stated that the Northern Forest Canoe Trail Coordinator asked about what Morristown was going to do about our rail trail cleanup from last years floods. The Morristown Recreation Group is thinking about working on the clean up according to Anna Green, the coordinator. The Lamoille Paddlers will also be working on a clean up along the river banks. The dumpster will be in the Oxbow Park with volunteers as usual;volunteers are to pickup bags and mark the location on the map where they will work, and fill out the form for the Guinness Book of Records attempt at the town offices. This sign up will start 4/19. Morrisville Euro-soccer will collect the returnables. It is possible that the Fire Department auxiliary will have hot dogs and other food at the Oxbow Park.

4. Canopy tent-Ron will purchase a new one at Aubuchon.

5.Koper/NEFF-Ron is working on a trail proposal for the property, if NEFF approves if NEFF approves Ron will proceed with discussing it with Michael Koper.

6. Ron handed out some maps and information about the Duhamel Gravel Pit lot lines. He will be handing in these maps as part of the deed recording. The Morristown Forest survey was now complete and he has left the plat with town clerk for recording. This information will assist in walking the Duhamel Pit boundaries at a future date.

7. Town Trails-there was a brief discussion about whether MCC should be more involved with developing trails and trail connectivity.

8. The town forest celebration Scheduled for June was postponed to a later date due to a bridge closure. New date will be announced later.

9. Recycling/Composting Workshop-Jerry and Evelyn are point person on this workshop which will be Saturday May 11 from 10-12. This will be a public training with the solid waste district staff. The basic agenda is:

- a. The recycling basics followed by Q/A
- b. Special considerations for recycling followed by Q/A
- c. Composting followed by Q/A
- d. Grants available

10. Other-Pam and Evelyn gave a discussion about materials they are thinking of displaying on Green Up in the 5 town office windows: there will be tree icons in the upper windows, a MCC mission statement, a MCC event timetable for the next few months, photos of past events, a list of MCC accomplishments, a Green Up event schedule and a Town Forest Update.

11.. Treasurer's Report-Brent reported that there is \$4398 accessible in the MCC spending account; there is \$33,629 in a Union Bank CD for land conservation and there is \$2000 allocated by the Town for Green Up expenses.

New Business

1. A motion was made to add Anna Green to the list of recipients for the monthly MCC agenda. The motion was approved.

2. On April 1 there will be an Act 250 hearing on the Duhamel Gravel pit. On March 26 there will be a Planning Council meeting on increasing the minimum lot size for the rural residential zoning district from two to three acres. It is likely there will be opposition to this change from the development community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm
Respectively submitted,
Jim Pease, Secretary