

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
December 19, 2002

Members Present: Kevin Lane, Gert Lepine, John Lepinski, Jim Pease, Steve Rae

Guests: Siri Rooney

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

The first order of business was the review of the November 2002 meeting minutes. Kevin motioned that the minutes be accepted as written. John seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

Gert gave an update on fund raising for the Zeisberg property, indicating that we are within \$1,000 of our goal and that we hope to raise the balance by the end of the month.

Steve discussed the fact the he had read the Bylaws which enable and govern the Morristown Conservation Commission. He then reviewed the Bylaws and responsibilities outlined by the Bylaws for those present.

Steve and Kevin gave an overview of their participation in the Morristown Planning Commission's December 17 meeting regarding revision of the Town Plan's Natural Resources, Productive Resources, and Land Use chapters. In general, we felt these chapters reflected well the goals and input of the Conservation Commission. Steve had a few suggestions that the Planning Commission reviewed, discussed, and accepted. Finally, it was noted that the Planning Commission had elected at this time to not pursue the issue of designating Mud City as a special zoning district. However, Sam Guy has contacted some Mud City landowners to discuss the issue and respondents indicated that a minimum lot size above the current two acre zoning may be appropriate. Also, the Planning Commission has agreed to continue to work on the creation of a broader range of zoning districts.

Steve enumerated some opportunities for the Commission, including:

- Partnering with the Trails Committee in the development of a Management Plan / Forest Plan for the Duhamel property

- Building bridges (metaphorically speaking)
- Looking into Developing the Lake Lamoille Shoreline Plan
- Conserving land via development rights and easements
- Preparing an inventory the Town's natural and scenic resources
- Continuing to support the Planning Commission efforts
- Providing technical support to the Development Review Board
- Support other pertinent planning (such as stormwater and wastewater management)

Jim gave a overview of the current State proposal to address the stormwater problems the North End / Wilkens ravine. In addition to reviewing the plan from technical standpoint, he indicated the Town will need to generate public awareness of the issue and work on an on-going basis to ensure that future development projects in this district are capable of mitigating their own stormwaters.

The commission then discussed potential designation of the Kenfield Brook as a type B1 waterway. (The current draft of the revised town plan recommends pursuit of this designation). Siri stated that she had discussed the issue with her father and that he support the concept as present. Further, she believed that her father had discussed the issue with Jim Ryan (Watershed Coordinator for VT ANR DEC Water Quality Division).

Steve shared with the Commission a draft questionnaire for the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund. The Commission discussed questionnaire content as well as possible method of "distribution", including the Town Newsletter, Transcript, Town Meeting material, etc. Steve will share the draft and get feedback from Heidi, who will attend our next meeting to discuss the Grant and answer the Commission's question regarding the Grant, the questionnaire, etc.

Responsibilities for on-going efforts were assumed as follows:

- Steve
 - Resource Inventory and Map Accuracy
 - Revise Questionnaire and invite Heidi to January meeting
 - Work with Trail Committee re Duhamel Property Management Plan
- Kevin
 - Kenfield Brook B1 Designation
 - Planning Commission support
- Gert
 - Zeisberg fund raising
 - Assist with Map inventory/accuracy project

- Jim
 - Technical support on Water Quality issues
 - Support Kenfield Brook B1 Designation
 - Maps
- John
 - Liason with with Trail Committee re Duhamel Property Management Plan
 - Support Kenfield Brook B1 Designation

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane