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Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
December 18, 2003

Present: Kevin Lane, Gert Lepine, John Lepinski, JimPease, Steve Rae

Absent: Billy Coster

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM

The first order of business was the review of the November 2003 minutes. However, due to a hardware problem , the minutes were unavailable and will be reviewed at the January 2004 meeting.

Steve then gave the Commission an overview of recent Selectboard meetings – at which the Commission's Reports on the Duhamel Property and Town Forum were reviewed and Selectboard members were asked to respond to the various recommendations and findings. When polled, Selectboard members were largely supportive of the Commission's recommendations to place a Warning on the Town Meeting agenda seeking \$17,000 for the Conservation Commission Fund. With respect to the Commission's recommendations pertaining to the Dumahel property, the Selectboard asked to reserve judgment and action until the Act 250 process has been completed.

Next, Steve distributed a draft copy of the Warning Notice (seeking funds for the Conservation Commission Fund). The commission then took time to deliberate upon the notice – discussing it and offering suggestions. Following discussion, John motioned that we accept the Notice as amended. Kevin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The commission then turned its attention to the letter Billy Coster had sent to Commission offering his resignation due to the constraints upon this time and his inability to serve at the level he desires. Following discussion, the commission agreed unanimously and regretfully accepted his offer to resign.

Next, the commission turned its attention to up-coming events. On January 5, 2004, the Commission will meet with the Selectboard to review the Town Meeting Article regarding funding of the Conservation Commission Fund, the resignation of Billy Coster, and to support Jim Ryan (VT ANR DEC Water Quality Division) in the matters he will be reviewing with the Town. On January 27, 2004, the Town will conduct its Pie Social. Given the opportunity to present information on past and current activities, the Commission discussed the importance of preparing for this event. John and Kevin volunteered to spearhead this effort.

At 8:24 PM, John motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Kevin seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane