

Morristown Conservation Commission
December 16, 2021

The meeting began at 6:30. It was held at the Tegu Building and available via Google Meet.

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon, Jenifer Andrews, Dave Stevens, Richard Sargent, Kristen Connelly, Mariah Keagy, Jess Zehngut

Guests: Evelyn and Jerry Throne

A motion was made to approve the November meeting minutes after clarifying that the trail signage cost listed in part (2) should be \$1600 and that the spelling of Koper be corrected.

There was no treasurer's report. Meeting minutes will be reviewed 10 days after they are sent or revised by the Chair at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Digital Documents** - Kristen met with Eric Dodge who agreed the MCC should be granted space in the town-owned Google Drive, but suggested that access be restricted to only a few members. There may need to be a clarification of editing vs viewing access. It would be beneficial for those who have written particular docs to have the ability to edit them.
2. **Beaver Meadow/Town Forest Kiosk** - Jen, Mariah, and Jess met with Walter Opuszynski. The state will pay for a trailhead sign for the Town Forest trails. MCC will also have the use of a panel on the larger kiosk viewable as cars first approach the parking lot. Content of the panels will be finalized by January or February. The MCC panel on the larger kiosk will be a map of the Town Forest trails. The smaller kiosk at the Town Forest trailhead will contain a map as well as informational paragraphs on historical and ecological features.
3. **Article for Town Meeting** - Brent spoke with Eric Dodge, who said that they would include the article but would review the wording at the Selectboard meeting. The MCC bylaws already contain an article pertaining to an MCC Fund. It was approved by the Selectboard on 4/28/03; Sarah Hyde is looking through the archives to find the resolution. A discussion ensued regarding the current status of MCC funds. Ultimately, the MCC would like to remove the land conservation fund money from the committed funds, and include the \$11,093.12 from timber sales (currently included in the \$17000 FLM fund) as part of the conservation fund. Following discussion, Dick pointed out that it would be prudent to focus on the ½ cent increase on the grand list for Town Meeting, and postpone any requests regarding fund movement. The issue will be revisited in February.
4. **Sullivan Land** - Ron referred members to maps of the area going back to 1859, and said he might approach the selectboard to see if the town has any record of Bryan Pond Rd connecting to Beaver Meadow. He advises the MCC be aware of potential development limitations to the class IV highway in the event that a development proposal is made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Jessica Zehngut