

Morristown Conservation Commission

December 16, 2020

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm. Meeting was held via Zoom on-line.

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Jim Pease, Richard Sargent, Kristen Connelly, Brent Teillon, Jennifer Andrews,

Guests: Sue Grimes, Jess Zehngut

The November 18th meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business:

1. Town Forest trail maps have been updated. Kristen sent revised plan around. 100 copies were made, and the trail boxes have been filled. Rest of the maps are with members.
2. Tax Petition for Town Meeting. There is no Town Meeting in 2021, we need to raise ½ cent per \$1000 on the grant list. We need 210 signatures of legal registered voters in the petition. There are 18 signatures/page. We can use e-signatures, but Brent will check.
3. Town Forest boundary-Kristen was going to look into a PA varsity group to paint the boundary but due to Covid we have to wait until spring.
4. Demars Trail-we have one response from Water and Light; nothing yet from Bishop Marshall. We should discuss this in February.
5. Molly Bog-Ron will send the minutes from the DRB hearing. UVM sent a rep to the meeting. The two parties involved need to work with UVM to define the ROW path legally. Hopefully UVM will get something that is acceptable. The ROW must be figured out before the Hall house is approved. Ron may ask Susan Baird at Act 250 to comment' he also asked Shannon Morrison in the state wetlands office. Susan and Jennifer thought protection of the wetland was important and we should follow up with Shannon Morrison. We also should make changes in the Town Plan to protect the bog. It should be noted that UVM, owner of the bog, uses this unique area for environmental research and discourages visitors as light/heavy traffic tramples rare vegetation and damages study plots.

New Business

1. Brent developed a draft "Process and Procedure to Become a Member of the Morristown Conservation Commission." This draft was circulated to all prior to the meeting. During discussion, changes and additions were made and on a motion by Kristen and seconded by Ron passed unanimously. This method will be followed in the future.
New member process :
 1. Person expresses an interest in becoming a member of MCC.

their opinion that ATV's should not be allowed on any of the Town Roads. Brent expressed a need for this type of correspondence to be placed in MCC' official files for later reference. It was agreed Town Clerk's Office should receive a file copy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease

Secretary