

Morristown Conservation Commission

December 16, 2013, Meeting opened at 6:30pm

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Steve Rae, Dick Sargent, Brent Teillon, Jim Pease

Guest: Fran Sladyk

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Town Forest Discussion:

Fran was invited to discuss next steps with the Town Forest Plan. Fran will have a draft plan by early January. Brent believes we can finish the plan by February. The plan includes prescriptions for logging the plantations. There was discussion that we should not rush the plan just to allow for some logging activity this winter. There was further discussion that logging on the north or south sides of the forest could be done this winter. The north side woods would be too difficult to get a logging truck into. Doug Small would also have to pay the \$1000 deposit to the state for use of the two logging landings on the north side (Bryant Pond Rd). ^{we discussed} The discussion concluded that we should try and get Doug to do a high and a low value area cut (two jobs). One that provides income from good wood and one that improves the forest management. We could provide a recommendation to the Select Board by January 20th if Fran has a proposal for us at the January 16th meeting.

The Town Forest needs a long term log landing to make it more productive. Brent thought the state and the town could collaborate on a landing at the very end of Bryant Pond Road where there once was a landing a long time ago.

Meeting Minutes

August 15, September 19 and November 7 meeting minutes were approved.

Member Reports

Jim reinstalled the upper Town Forest sign but it will need to be stabilized in the spring. Moose track trail markers were also installed along the main Town Road thru the forest. Dick reported that the Grist Mill property sale is impacted by the Federal Power Commission. W&L might be able to get rid of the Grist Mill by giving it to the Town as part of Clark Park. Ron reported that he met again with the Johnson CC about the Emerald Ash Borer project. They worked on an ash inventory along the east (Elmore) side of Route 100.

Town Report

The MCC Report for the Town Report was reviewed and approved.

New Business/Old Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm,

Jim Pease, Secretary