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Morristown Conservation Commission

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Attendance: Dave Stevens, Richard Sargent, Ron Stancliff, Jim Peas

Guests: Zac Cota, Todd Thomas, Jens Hilke

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm.

September 2016 minutes approved

October 2016 minutes approved

Guests

Zac Cota is from Hyde Park and interested in forming a Conservation Commission there. He would like to attend a few meetings and observe how our committee functions.

Jens works for the VT Department of Fish and Wildlife and is here to assist the town with land-use conservation issues. He can provide technical assistance on zoning, the zoning process and incorporating wildlife science into zoning. Jens gave a 30-45-minute presentation on Forest Fragmentation

New Business

Todd presented to the committee the proposed conservation easement for the CCS property on Trombley Hill Rd behind Tractor Supply. This is the first property to go thru the conservation subdivision bylaw. The bylaw requires the creation of preserved open space on the lot. There will be 2.5 acres conserved on this 5-acre lot. 50% of any residential development acreage must be subject to the bylaw. He would like to ask the committee to be responsible for enforcing the easement. The homeowner's association established with the residential units would be required to pay for any costs associated with maintenance of the easement. The bylaw does consider any sections of a property classified as prime ag, wetland or having other natural resource protections. The bylaw only applies to zoning districts which currently exist around the Village and Morristown Corners. The land will ultimately be deeded to the Town or to the Conservation Commission.

Old Business

Due to the hour, old business was deferred to December's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary