

November 16, 2017

Morristown Conservation Commission

Attendance: Kristin, Dave, Ron, Dick, Jim

Guests: Ken Brown, VAST

Meeting opened at 6:33 pm

1. Guest Speaker: Ken Brown of VAST gave an overview of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Next year Section 1C from Swanton to Sheldon Junction will be upgraded. Total cost will be \$1.8 million dollars for 1C. To date they have raised \$1 million dollars and they need to raise additional funds and reduce costs. This section includes rebuilding a very large RR bridge over the Missisquoi River. In the near future there will be some work done on other unimproved sections to make them passable for primitive uses. Ken is interested in all ideas for fund raising. He can be reached at VTVast.org. The suggestion of having bench donations was made.

The local Snowmobile club maintains the VAST trail in the Town Forest.

2. October 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
3. Treasurer's Report – Dick handed out and we reviewed and approved the Treasurers Report
4. Old Business: The Recreational Trails pre-proposal is due 12/1. Jim will meet with VYCC on November 8 and will send a revised proposal around for review. Ron sent the letter to Peter Liebler about acquiring his land if he is interested.
5. New Business: We reviewed the plans for the 4 lot Greaves subdivision and discussed taking responsibility for the 4-acre open space lot. No decision was made. Dick suggested that the viewshed/cutting of trees that was proposed be done before the land is transferred so we know what the condition will be. We also need to know if there can be public access/parking adjacent to the 4-acre lot. Also, what is the expectation for public amenities like trails?

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary