

Morristown Conservation Commission

November 15, 2018 6:30 pm

Attendees: Dave Stevens, Kristin Connelly, Ron Stancliff, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon

Guest: None

October 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Brent sent an article to the N&C on the tree trimming/wildlife improvement project, but they did not publish it. Kristin can put it on the Town Facebook page. Brent sent it to Fran Sladyk for the Lamoille Fish and Game newsletter.
2. We resubmitted the Town Forest Recreation Trails Grant proposal. We have cut the request to two weeks of hired crew labor and the Committee and volunteers will complete the third week as match. The proposal was accepted by the Department of Forest and Parks.
3. Matt Marble has stone available for the proposed trail stream crossing.
4. Kristin will talk to a friend about giving a talk on backcountry skiing. She will also contact the new director of the Catamount Trail Association and see if they would be willing to give a presentation. She also thought a marathon race might be another option.

New Business

1. Town name change was discussed. It would likely mean a merger of trustees and select board which, if true, would be a good thing. ~~The Committee will consider writing a letter of support for the change.~~
2. There is a 100 acre tax sale in Morristown; it is Hershel Robbins old land. Lands like this might be conserved if we knew about them ahead of the sale. Ron will ask Sarah to put us on a notification list.
3. Mud Creek Survey – could not happen until spring 2019. It would probably cost about \$300 to hire the surveyor. If we did the survey, we would know exactly how much land is on the north side of the creek that is private; it is probably around 20 acres split between Peter Christie and Peter Leibler. The goal would be to increase the TF size to the stream edge. Brent made the motion to spend up to \$300 for the surveyor to confirm the location of the Creek. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Report

- (1) Ron would like to buy more Chestnut sprouts.
- (2) Jim noted that the Town has not complied with the Municipal Roads General Permit notice of intent requirement but is also receiving funding from VTDEC to examine stormwater retrofit opportunities town wide.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectively submitted, Jim Pease, Secretary.