

Morristown Conservation Commission
November 15, 2012

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

Meeting was opened at 6:33pm

The October meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

Old Business

Town Forest Update- Steve, Brent and Fran Sladyk walked the Town Forest for 2-3 hours. Fran marked every third row with blue paint at breast height. Every third row will be removed and every row will be thinned. This is the standard operating procedure for thinning a forest plantation. The estimate is 70,000 board feet; this is a gross estimate valued at \$18,000. There is an additional 100 cords of pulpwood valued at \$500. The Commission would get about 1/3 of the total value or \$6100. Doug Small came to the Town Forest later after the walk started. There was a second walk with the same attendees. A meeting needs to be arranged with Diana Fredericks and Dana Stephens of the state forestry department to look at access for the harvest via state forest lands. This would be the preferred route for everyone. The State will require liability insurance for Doug Small if access is granted. A discussion ensued and the Commission believes regardless of the state access question insurance liability should be required.

Doug would like to move the logs that are cut to a landing on Call Road and load the tractor trailer there. This is a second option if a landing via state forest lands is not granted or otherwise possible.

New Business

Discussion ensued on the Town Forest contract with Doug Small. Examples were reviewed. On the example contract from Fran points 1-10 were reviewed and then an additional 8 points were added mostly taken from the state forest contract example.

Fran Sladyk will be attending the December Commission meeting.

Ron would like to approach Tim Sullivan about his level of interest in selling the land locked piece of land between the state and the town forest lands. Ron will draft a letter and email it around for comments/feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Pease, Secretary