

MORRISTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2010

Members present: Steve Rae, Ronald Stancliff, Richard Sargent, Jim Pease

Members absent: Brent Teillon

Guests: None

The minutes of October 21, 2010 were approved with corrections.

Chair Report:

- Steve and Ron went to Lamoille County Resources Conservation District Meeting
The meeting was to approve specific criteria to give grants for the Wildlife Incentive Program (WHIP) Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) and Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)
- Arthur's is going out of business and the town is trying to change zoning so apartments could be put upstairs. Also changes to density lot size. It will be considered at the next Planning Commission Meeting.
- Met with town community development coordinator.
- Noted receipt of Vermont Land Trust Report and Stowe Waterbury Recreation Guide.

Wetlands Grant Application

Jim Pease provided information and drafted the main application. Carol Bradley confirmed the town has the appropriate insurance. Discussed the budget proposal for request of \$5,800. and the local share of \$1,000.

Steve spoke with Todd Thomas, the zoning administrator, and he is in favor of the grant and thought the Planning Commission could write a letter of support.

We want to know where the wetlands are, the state needs the information and developers need to know where the wet lands are for their planning.

Moved to go forward with the application. PASSED

Moved to ask the Selectboard for permission to spend \$1,000. from the Conservation Commission funds to act as a grant matching fund.

Fencing grants. New grant to fence cattle out of streams. It would place a 50 foot fence away from streams. This would keep cattle out of the streams. This project keep

the cattle out of the brook and pays for an alternative water source. This was for discussion only and no Conservation Commission action was contemplated.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Prime Ag Fee Schedule discussed again and no basis for the fee has been developed. Zoning says the town will set a fee schedule. Selectboard to be requested to set up an ad hoc committee. This will only be discussed with the Selectboard after the airport district zoning is approved. Possible participants for determining the fee schedule will be representatives as follows: Zoning Administrator, Lister, Selectboard member, Planning Commission member and Conservation Commission member.

Town Forest Management Plan. A logger is coming to the Selectboard meeting. The plan is not in place yet as the plan has not been approved. Next summer the plan should be in place then put out a Request for Proposals for logging. It was decided to have the Town Forest Management Plan on the agenda at the next meeting.

The meeting was upon motion adjourned.