10/27/2011

Morristown Conservation Commission Meeting

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm.

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

Chair Report – notes were handed out

Town Forest

(1) Ray Toolan should be done by the end of October with field work. He should have trees marked by November for cutting.
(2) The Commission needs to discuss the following items as they would relate to any contract with a logger: horse logging vs. skidder logging, clean up of logged sites (where are tops left?), should the current lumber market price be considered before logging (price is low now), no cultural artifacts should be disturbed, should logging be restricted to just the 3 plantations, should preference be given to a local logger, is it important to get a responsible logger (it may be hard to attract a good logger unless the volume of the cut is high enough).
(3) The Commission agreed that any contract should wait until the draft forest plan is complete. Steve will send around a copy of a draft contract.
(4) Ron may ask the Boy Scouts to help with a survey boundary of the forest.

Steve Stancliff Farm

(1) This farm on Stancliff Rd may come up for a conservation easement sale soon. Stowe Land Trust advised Steve of this event. The cost would be in the several $100,000 range. The farm abuts conserved lands of the Town and the SLT. Dick thought we should contact the Vermont Land Trust. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board is the best source for funding. Steve will give VLT a call to see if they know about the sale and if they will offer some help.

North End Transportation Study

(1) Jim updated the commission on the inventory of secondary and primary septic areas in the north end that was done by LCPC. These lands could be available for development if the sewer line is extended into the north end. The survey needs additional work and LCPC should be asked to try and determine what the acreage is.

Old Business-none

New Businss-none

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.