

Morristown Conservation Commission

October 18, 2012

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

The July 19 and September 20 meeting minutes were approved.

Members Report:

- (1) Steve discussed the status of Clark Park. The Village Trustees now want to manage Clark Park. Todd Thomas has an interest in Clark Park. Ron will look at the plans of the bypass to see what fencing may need to be involved with the Park and the bypass.
- (2) Steve discussed the MCC letter to the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing on the redrafted Town Plan. Steve or Ron will try and get a copy to all members. This time there is no broad attempt to get input from the public.
- (3) Steve received a letter from the state Green-Up program. The members voted for the MCC to be the lead organization in 2013. Steve will continue to coordinate the event.
- (4) Brent reported that Ray Toolan was confused about what he was suppose to do regarding the Town Forest plan. Brent thinks Ray should finish the data collection and then stop.
- (5) Ron would like to invite the Johnson Conservation Commission member to speak on invasive species in the Town Forest to the December 2012 meeting. Ron would also like to announce the meeting/presentation in the paper.

Old Business

Town Forest – Ron will email the committee when Fran Sladyk will be going up to the TF to mark trees. Fran can only go on a weekday. The profits from the timber sale could be used to hire Fran to finish the TF plan. Dan Lindley will handle the contract arrangements with Fran and the MCC will work with Fran in the field. The Select Board approved cutting of the White Plantation on the eastern side of the forest. Brent and Steve were praised for their efforts in negotiating the limited sale with the Select Board. There is a rough estimate of the value of the timber but nothing firm yet. The plan is for Fran to mark the White Pine plantation in November so Doug Small can log it this winter. The MCC would recommend that the Town hire Fran or another forester to finish the TF management plan by mid-summer and no later. Ron will talk to Ray about finishing the draft plan with the data he has to date and to submit it to the MCC by December 1, 2012.

The end of Bryant Pond Road now needs some type of blockade to keep vehicles out. Steve will talk to Roland about some large boulders.

Clark Park-a date for a site visit on a Saturday will be sent around by Ron; it will depend on the weather. The purpose of the site visit is to involve the MCC in the management of the park and to see the bypass construction impact on the park. Ron was asked to contact Tim Scansdale and see if he can attend.

New Business-Brent would like to do the big tree contest in 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary