

Morristown Conservation Commission

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10/15/2015, meeting opened at 6:30 pm

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

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

Guest: Bill Westermann

Member Reports

Brent & Dave – walked Town Forest road thru White Pine plantation. Most skidding has been on bare ground to Bryant Pond Road. Fran is aware of need to install water bars. White Pine has red rot and not worth much.

Ron – Town Forest Centennial Conference is at VT Tech on November 7.

July & September 2015 Meeting Minutes – approved

Old Business

Lamoille River Paddlers Trail – Trish visited two sites in Clark Park with Water and Light Department. Eric Nuse and Mr. Pollock are talking to WL about using the sites for camping. Steve brought up the Clark Park lease with the Trustees. There will be no resolution of the lease until the hydro license is resolved; that license agreement may end up in court.

Town Forest Gate – Dave has two estimates, one design if allowed to customize from typical would be \$1875. The Town will install the gate at Bryant Pond Rd. Dave Wilcox, County Forester, would be willing to go up to the site and work with town crew on best location. That date would be Friday October 23. Motion made to go with the Custom Metal Fabricators cost estimate of \$1875. Motion was passed. We will also ask Dave Wilcox if he has a "Gate Ahead" sign for snowmobilers and skiers coming down the TF road to the gate.

Chauvin Property – no action

Wesolow Property - Mr. Wesolow would like the proposal for the town to buy the land to go on the Town Meeting agenda. Total purchase price being asked was \$2.7 million dollars for all 330 acres; one 103 acre lot is appraised for \$285,000 and the larger lot is appraised for \$503,000, values are from the assessor's office. The property is being logged and is under Current Use. If MCC is to be involved the group determined that we should try and keep it as working land and we have no interest in the existing buildings on the property. The group felt that Mr. Wesolow should pay for an appraisal or MCC will not get involved. Also Mr. Wesolow needs to have signed petition requesting it be put on the agenda or have the Selectboard's approval to have it put on the agenda. Another option for Mr. Wesolow is to approach the VT Land Trust and see if they are interested.

New Business

Site Visit to Town Forest on Saturday November 7.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary