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Morristown Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes for

September 18, 2003

Members Present: Billy Coster , Kevin Lane, Gert Lepine, John Lepinski, Jim Pease, Steve Rae

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

The first order of business was the review of the August 2003 minutes. After review and discussion, Gert motioned that they be accepted as written. John seconded this motion and it passed unanimously (with Billy and Jim abstaining due to absence from the August 2003 meeting)

Next, Steve distributed a printed, final copy of the Kenfield Brook summary report - which has been forwarded to the Select Board. Also distributed and discussed was a letter from Jim Ryan, VT ANR Water Quality Division, which addressed both the B1 Classification and the depositing of snow on the Oxbow. Of note, the possibility of dumping snow on the Bridge Street land opposite CREW was suggested.

Next on the agenda was the Duhamel property's Act 250 renewal process. Steve noted that the Select Board had directed Ned Houston, a consultant retained by the town to facilitate the Act 250 process, to the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee for input. On September 16, 2003, Steve and John (representing both the Trails Committee and Conservation Commission) walked the property with Ned. Steve distributed for review and discussion a draft copy of a letter he authored to Ned subsequent to the property walk summarizing what was covered (during the visit). No substantive changes were suggested , so the letter will be sent to the consultant. The last part of this letter indicates the commission's intention to send a list of findings, issues, and suggestions to the Selectboard on the recreational uses of the Duhamel property in the near future.

Then, Steve and Kevin updated the Commission on recent Planning Commission (PC) activities.

Steve and Kevin had accepted the Planning Commission's invitation to attend the PC's 9/16/03 meeting for discussion of "possible new zoning districts for western areas of town (Sterling Valley/Mud City Loop/Cote Hill)". At this meeting, the PC expressed an interest in receiving, for review, discussion, and comment, proposals for definition of additional zoning districts. Following discussion, John motioned that we "react positively to the Planning Commission's request for assistance with suggestions on refining zoning in the Rural/Agricultural district." Billy seconded the motion. After additional discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Also discussed at the PC's 9/16 meeting was the Route 100 corridor and LCPC's Access / Use Study. As the usage pressures acting upon the corridor were being discussed, Steve noted Stowe's on-going efforts to extend its Recreation Path to the Stowe / Morristown town line and wondered aloud if it may be desirable and feasible to continue the path into Morrisville - a suggestion that was positively received.

Next, the Commission turned its attention to the 10/28/03 Town Forum on Conservation and Trails. Prior to the meeting, the CC's Town Forum subcommittee met to formulate plans for the Forum. At that meeting Steve shared a document he had prepared outlining content for the event. Following review and discussion, the document was updated. The results of this preliminary planning effort were shared with the entire CC - which offered a number of valuable suggestions. The subcommittee will meet again to further develop ideas for the forum.

At 8:39 PM, John motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Kevin seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane