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Morristown Conservation Commission

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Brent Teillon, and Richard Sargent. Absent: Jim Pease.

Guest: Speaker-Kendra Collins. Roy and Marcia Marble, Ivan Stancliff

Meeting opened at 6:30.

Guest speaker, Kendra Collins talked about the American Chestnut Foundation that she works for and the progress they are making on reestablishing the American Chestnuts. Presentation was facilitated using a computer projector. After the presentation, the floor was open to questions. Ms. Collins, a very knowledgeable and experienced person, provided the answers .

New Business:

Ron handed out a map showing the location of conservation easement that will soon be deeded to the Town with the construction of housing units located off Trombley Hill and Frazier Road. The commission at this time, prefer to await the completion of the construction and establishment of a Home Owners Association to meet with them concerning the use of the easement.

Old Business:

Brent Teillon discussed a project that he and Dave Stevens have been working on at The Morristown Forest. On a map, of the area, are lines drawn representing possible location for additional trails. One of the trails would be a short cut from the Beaver Meadow parking lot to the southwesterly corner of the Forest. They have made note to Forest and Parks for permission to establish the trail as it crossed a couple hundred feet of State owned land. This should be an exciting endeavor. Ron mentioned the possibility of using Hardy Avery for improvements on the class four highways. Brent reminded Ron that the Logger has some responsibility when logging is completed.

Ron reported that he had been up to the Forest to check on number of sprouts from chestnut seed planted last fall. Four out of twenty Five.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Report submitted by Ron Stancliff

September 16, 2016

Morristown Conservation Commission

Members Attending: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Jim Pease

Guests: Shannon Morrison, VTDEC Wetlands Section
Bud Budliger

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

(1) May 2016 Meeting minutes approved

(2) Presentation by Shannon Morrison on Vermont Wetlands:

- There are 10 functions and values protected by Vermont ranging from economics to recreation.
- Most wetlands meet 1-3 of the functions and values and they must meet at least one to be considered a Class 2 wetland and be protected by the state.
- There is a 50' buffer around all Class 2 wetlands.
- Soils are key to determining where wetlands are.
- Existing maps always underestimate the extent of natural wetlands.

(3) A discussion on general issues ensued following Shannon's presentation. Morristown has a very unique Class 1 wetland (Molly's Bog) as well as wetlands along the Lamoille River and Ryder Brook.

New Business-Ron and Jim attended the water quality Lamoille county round-up at the LCPC on September 15. There was a general consensus that this type of meeting should occur once or twice a year so that Conservation Commissions and private organizations could update each other on local and regional initiatives.

Old Business-none

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm