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Morristown Conservation Commission

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

Sept 16, 2015

Meeting opened at 6:33 pm

Members attending: Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Richard Sargent, Jim Pease
Guests: Seth Jensen, LCPC

Discussion with Seth Jensen: Seth, Ron and Tina Wallis of LCPC visited the Town Forest to discuss the idea of developing a historic sites brochure similar to the one done by Stowe for their Town Forest. We only have one historic photo (Sulham site) but could add in old maps and photos of historic relicts found today such as stone walls, foundations, etc. LCPC can help make maps for the brochure and can look into grant funding options. Seth felt the project could be eligible for a Recreational Trails Grant. Jim suggested also building a link trail between the TF main road and the Beaver Meadow lower trailhead parking lot to create some loop options.

Members Report:

Dave-visited logging job. Pulp is very low priced today but we should sell it and get it out. One stone wall was damaged and should be repaired. We need some direction from Forest and Parks about where a gate is permissible. Dave will email Diane Fredericks about this. The logging road is passable by cars up to the landing. Dave will also send around the estimated cost for the gate.

August meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

Jim reviewed the 3 snow dumping sites available to the Town: (1) near the proposed BBQ on Bridge St. (2) on VTrans land on the bypass and (3) on Bridge St adjacent to the CREW facility/Hirschak land. Apparently there has been some hold up on (3) as the Town was supposed to excavate a dump site on the north side of Bridge St and that has not happened to date. The old Bowen/Raymond Chauvin property is being cleared on Rte 15 near the Hyde Park line and no one knows why. If the disturbance is 1 acre or more in size it is required to get an erosion construction and sediment control permit from the state. Todd Thomas and Christina Clark from ANR have tried to contact Mr. Chauvin but he is not available and has not responded to messages.

Old Business

Clark Park - no action is being taken due to delays in licensing of the Morrisville hydroelectric dams. Lamoille River Paddlers Trail - Ron went out and photographed two possible camping sites on the Clark Park property. There is one site on the last point upstream of the bypass bridge and one below it. The one below it is on the hill on the opposite side of the WWTP and is the better of the two. Trish Follert is working with W&L on this project.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectively submitted,
Jim Pease