

Morristown conservation Commission

September 13, 2023

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon, Dave Stevens, Kari Anderson, Jess Zehngut (arrived 7:30pm)

Guests: Jerry Throne, Jerry's wife, Dan McLaughlin, Richard Schweidenback, Beaver Meadow Rd landowner

6:30 meeting opened

previous meeting minutes were approved

Old Business

sue morse- Brent informed there will be an in person presentation scheduled for 12/6/23 at People's Academy. Doors are 5-9pm, show 6:30-8:30pm. Since two cancellations of the presentation in '21 & '22, there is now an additional fee of \$150. Total cost now \$500. Motion was made to approve raised rate. All were in favor. Sue Morse will send invoice. Discussion on "partnering" with other organization i.e. Johnson Conservation Committee for other events in the future.

Dave updated on Town Forest signs. The Bryan Pond parking lot sign has been redone to say Bryan Pond Rd. per request of owner of Bryan pond. Brent reported another request from owner of Bryan Pond was that the town/MCC posts no trespassing signs. Commission agrees that this endeavor is a private matter and will need to be done by land owner.

Dave reports that all town forest signs are made: #22 larger format for marking all the individual trails, #12 Town highway signs, #7 cellar hole markings. Installation date/working hands TBD. Dave repaired wooden sign in town forest.

Kari revisited pollinator planting in town forest. She has agreed to generate an estimate with specific planting numbers and approximate cost. Brent and Kari will visit site next week to get eyes on the planting space and begin to solidify a plan for fall planting. Hopeful to have the Peoples Academy cross country team volunteer for transport & planting this fall. Specific dates TBD. Inquiry made about MCC budget.

Guests Dan & Jerry's wife express interest in working with planting in town forest.

Dan (guest) mentioned the NRCS tree sale in spring and also expressed interest in preserving the butternut tree and maintaining them where possible.

Ron- spoke of replanting gravel pit... for later discussion

New Business

vacancies

guest (land owner on Beaver Meadow rd) vocalizes road improvement on Beaver Meadow Rd. for his logging job. He was simply informing of activity for things to move smoothly. Questions of a landing being on state land?

Dan McGlaughlin was given a copy of the MCC bylaws.

Brent volunteers as interim treasurer for the remaining term. Dave made a motion, all were in favor.

Interview with Jerry Throne:

no contest- Brent welcomes

Dave inquired about past experience. Jerry comes from a construction and engineering background with on the job training and mgmt skills. He believes another strong suit of his is research. He also has experience with government agencies. Jerry is also on the Transportation Advisory committee. Jerry Thorne was voted in.

Ron notes there should be more accuracy on MCC terms and whether they align with town meeting or the town's fiscal year... it seems to make more sense w/ town meeting... TBD