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Morristown Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes for

August 21, 2003

Members Present: Kevin Lane, Gert Lepine, John Lepinski, Steve Rae

Members Absent: Billy Coster, Jim Pease,

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM

The first order of business was the review of the July 2003 minutes. A number of corrections to the were requested including:

- "review of the July 2003 minutes" was corrected to "review of the June 2003 minutes"
- The final sentence of the paragraph about the Stowe Conservation Commission's efforts to extend the Stowe Recreation Path was extended to read "They have obtained a grant to hire a landscape architect for the purpose of mapping a trail."
- The paragraph noting the Commission's walk of the Terrill Gorge was change to clarify the fact that the MCC was participating in a Mountain Club / Sterling Section-led event.

Following discussion, John motioned that the minutes be approved as amended. Gert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next, John recapped the Commission's Duhamel property walk. On 7/25/03, John, Steve, Kevin, Don Avery and Hardy Avery walked a large portion of the Duhamel property perimeter. The walk was conducted so that the commission could familiarize itself with the property's boundaries, features, current uses, and to understand on-going issues pertaining to its continued use. Noteworthy aspects of the hike include:

- The property supports a broad range of diverse usages. Jogging, horse-back riding,

and mountain-biking were observed during a 2 hour visit.

- Aside from the increased usage and greater number of trails, John noted little change over the past 12 years - with the property still offering beautiful views of the village.
- A substantial concern of Don's is protection of the spring which supplies water for both his business and home
- There is evidence of ATV usage - as evidenced by the tire patterns in the meadows and logging roads (despite the prohibition against such usage)

Following up on last month's discussion of to snow removal from the Oxbow, Steve informed the Commission that had contact Jim Ryan, VT ANR Water Quality Division. Jim says that the snow should be dumped on the "field side" of the parking lot for improved percolation. Steve will follow-up with Paul McGinley.

Next, the Commission addressed the draft summary Kenfield Brook Report / Findings that Jim Pease had prepared. The Commission carefully read and discussed this 1 page document - deliberating upon the wording of key paragraphs. After consensus was obtained on the wording, Kevin volunteered to incorporate the agreed-upon revisions into the document for final review.

Next, the Commission discussed the 10/28/03 Town Forum. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Town Forum would be a good opportunity to educate the public about the MCC and for the MCC to obtain the townspeople's perspective on conservation-related issues. Steve distributed a one paragraph "statement" he had prepared to encourage public participation / turnout for this event. Following discussion, Steve was given the "green light" to finalize the statement's verbiage (along with Mike Stafford, chairman for Trails Committee and co-host for the 10/28 event). Also, a subcommittee was formed (Steve, John, and Kevin) to perform the necessary planning and preparation for the event.

Steve then offered the opportunity to discuss any additional "new business or old business". No such items were offered.

At 8:30 PM, John motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Gert seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane