

Morristown Conservation Commission
Minutes of August 16, 2012 Meeting

The Meeting opened at 6:30

The minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

Member Report:

1. Brent Teillon is trying to contact Ray Toolan.
2. Steve Rae discussed the Saturday Walk and Talk Series at the Town Forest. It will take place on September 1, 2012 and Ray Toolan will be the guest speaker at the event. Neahga Leonard will lead the walk. Steve suggested that we might advertise the Walk and Talk series.
3. One of the plantations in the Town Forest has been marked for cutting. It is mostly Norway Spruce. There are more plantations to be marked..

The Policy Objectives were discussed and it was suggested that we give another copy of the Policy Objectives to Ray Toolan so that he can have them available when he writes his report. Ray Toolan is to be reminded to have apple tree management part of the plan.

Ronald Stancliff discussed there will be a guest speaker coming for the September meeting for a presentation about the American Chestnut Tree. Ron may take the speaker on a hike through the Town Forest.

Steve Rae discussed the Town Forest History which is mentioned in the Land Management Plan for the Town forest.

Steve Rae received information informing us that the Association of conservation commissions still exists and has become associated with the Vermont Natural Resources Council. There will be a meeting on August 2, 2012, at 6 PM at the Vermont League of cities and Towns.

Steve reported that there is a "move afoot" to lease the Clark Park to the town and have it managed by either the Conservation Commission or the Recreation Commission.

Ronald Stancliff discussed doing another walk at Clark Park now that the by-pass project has begun. LCPC has a map of Clark Park, which Steve will email to the board.

Ronald Stancliff discussed having Eagle Scout candidate, Nathaniel Rapp re-mark the Town Forest Boundary on the Morristown/Johnson Town Line.

The commission wants Ray Toolan to finish the forest inventory plots which will give us a great idea which species of trees are in the forest.

Steve Rae reported that the Selectmen have approved changing those sections of Town Road in the Town Forrest from Class Four to Trails. The road affected were mentioned in our minutes of July 19, 2012.

Brent Teillon discussed Terrill Gorge. Steve Rae stated that Fish and Wildlife owns most of the land but some of the land around the gorge is in private hands.

Getting new members for the Conservation Commission was discussed as the final item of the meeting.

The meeting was upon motion, adjourned.