

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
August 7, 2008

Members Present: Gert Lepine, Steve Rae, Jim Pease, Amy Walker, Kevin Lane

Members Absent: None

Guest: None

Steve called this special meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The first order of business was the review of the minutes from the July 2008 meeting. Following review, Amy motioned that we accept the minutes as written. Gert seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the report from the co-chair. Gert reported that Leo Lefevre has not sold his land on Stagecoach Road (land which is adjacent to Terrill Gorge). Gert will stop by to discuss the possibility of a conservation easement on that land.

Steve's report included:

- A reminder about the formal process by which Commission "representation" or "approval" is obtained.
- Town Administrator – The Town has officially hired Dan Lindley as it's Town Administrator
- Heath Camp – Steve sent photos of the Heath property, after removal of the camp, to the State. Anne Heath has also contacted the State and her lawyer is preparing the necessary documents.
- Mud City Zoning – LCPC will fund the drafting of zoning bylaws for the Mud City district.
- Vt River Conservancy sent an email notifying us that their walk of the North Branch has been postponed until October.
- Rail Trail - The Commission's Notice seeking public input on the Rail Trail was printed in *The Transcript*. Also, Steve noted that the land near Tenney Bridge might be a good access point.
- Habitat Workshop – The Natural Resources Conservation District will hold a Habitat Workshop on 8/9 from 10-2
- Planning Commission – Items discussed at the 8/5/08 meeting include:
 - Shrinking the boundaries of the sewer service area might help lift the conditions imposed by the Act 250 Commission.
 - Impact fees resulting from the loss of prime ag soils should go to the Conservation Commission (rather than the State).
 - Time probably does not permit addressing Route 100 zoning this year

Next on the agenda was discussion of a proposed Mud City District. Amy distributed a draft of the Bylaws that had been prepared by Amy. This draft was reviewed and discussed by the commission without action.

For old business, Amy will post information about the Big Tree contest at the Farmers Artisan Market.

No items of new business were discussed.

At 8:06, Gert motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Amy seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane