

Morristown Conservation Commission

July 21, 2022

The meeting began at 6:35. It was held under the tent at the Copley Country Club.

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Mariah Keagy, Dave Stevens, Brent Teillon, Jenifer Andrews

Absent: Jessica Zehngut, Richard Sargent, James Pease

Guests: Jerry and Evelyn Throne, Eric Dodge

I. **Town Administrator** Eric Dodge was in attendance as he was invited by Ron Stancliffe to share the latest update on the Duhamel Pit land.

- a. Fran Sladyk has done a Forestry Plan for the Pit
- b. Knotweed and honeysuckle (invasives) are on this property. Trout Lily Invasives has been hired by the Town to prepare a plan as to how to mitigate these invasives. The town crew will be trained to avoid these plants with trucks and diggers so as not to encourage the spread. Eric has suggested that the MCC be responsible for monitoring this area as it is a large parcel and will need many eyes on to keep these weeds in check. A MCC subcommittee of interested citizens will be gathered and trained to do this work. They will report to the MCC who will report to Eric Dodge.
- c. A Reclamation Project should be prepared so that the land, during and after gravel mining is complete, can be considered for a Community Forest.

II. **Secretary's Report** Tabled until August 18, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bryan Pond- Tyler Mumley drew up and submitted plans for the parking lot. Another cross section drawing will be submitted as the state requested this.
2. Meeting with PC- Ron and Kristen attended the last PC meeting to speak about the PUD and conserved land. This issue continues to be discussed and others like steep slopes will be added to the conversation with the PC
3. Wednesday Night Live- no gathering of public information yet but the maps have been digitized. We will continue to seek public input in different venues and will complete the activity by Fall. Mariah will send the digitized maps via email to all members.
4. July Trail Work- August 6, Saturday with rain date August 7 at Town Forest
5. Other- Budgeted work to date:
 - Town Forest signs replaced- \$1000
 - Parking Lot at Bryan Pond- \$20,000
 - Brook Trail work- \$800
 - Brush hog in Town Forest- \$800
 - TBD
 - Road Improvement/maintenance
 - Boundary repainted- Ron will get estimate from Matt Reed for this

(Motion made by Jen Andrews to hire a brush hogger for not more than \$800 for the Town Forest. Brent seconded. All in favor.)

NEW Business

Trees in village- postponed until next meeting

Natural Resource Inventory- What are we interested in? Habitat, wetlands, trails, streams, natural features, sensitive areas, deeryards, rare plants, etc. Brent and Mariah were in touch with Arrowwood Environmental (Jeff Parsons) to inquire about work in the Town Forest. The estimate given was for \$6-10,000 depending upon what we request for deliverables. Vermont Brent also contacted Vermont State Ecologist, Robert Zaino, is also able to provide technical services to towns as part of his job description for free. Brent will contact Robert next week to set a date to visit the Town Forest and prepare a list of deliverables.

ADJOURN: 7:56

Secretary protem, Jenifer Andrews