

Morristown Conservation Commission
July 27, 2011

Attendees: Steve Rae, Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon, Dick Sargent, Jim Pease
Guests: Matt Cote, Bryan Currier (VAST)

Meeting opened at 6:32

- The VAST representatives requested permission to maintain the VAST trail on the Town Forest. They want to repair culverts and 2011 flood/storm damage to the trail. They will add some new water bars; the work will be done in the fall. Commission members requested that VAST avoid taking stones from cultural sites such as the rock piles, stone walls and building foundations. They also encouraged VAST to include snowshoeing and X-C skiing as an acceptable use of their trail.
- Ron updated members on survey work he has been conducting at the Town Forest. Ron will research births/deaths of settlers based on his deed survey. Ron suggested that the MCC consider buying the Sullivan lot and contacting the Stowe Land Trust to assist with the purchase.
- The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Chair Report
 - The SB has approved the Town Forest guidelines approved by the Commission at the 6/27 meeting.
 - Steve has asked the Planning Commission revisit prime ag zoning in the Airport Business Park District.
 - Steve walked the TF with Jim Eikenberry of NRCS. Jim will provide a report on the wildlife of the forest to the Commission in the fall.
 - The Trails subgroup of the Town Forum met last month.
- Discussion of Landowner Initiative
 - Dick suggested that we send a letter to landowners who own more than 100 acres of land. The letter would discuss land conservation/preservation and would contain resource references for the landowners.
 - Dick will draft the letter.
- Town Forest Discussion
 - Steve provided further updates on the TF boundary lines.
- New Business - None
- Old Business - None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease