

Morristown Conservation Commission

July 20, 2017

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon, Dave Stevens, Jim Pease, Kristin Connolly

Meeting opened at 6:30

June meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dick was not present but Ron reported that we have \$37,492.39 in one of our two accounts. A suggestion was made to have the Treasurer do a full report at the next meeting. We would like to know what income/expenses have been made for the Town Forest (TF) improvement project.

New Business

Kristin is looking into prices for a vendor canopy that MCC would use at the oxbow, Green up Day and other events. This is what the Johnson CC does as well. Kristin gave a brief explanation later in the meeting and has created a spreadsheet. The group's preferences were 10'x10' size, roller bag type, have MCC Logo and cost between \$150-200. Kristin will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Town Officers were nominated as follows: Ron, Chair; Kristin, Co-chair; Dick, Treasurer; Jim, Secretary. The consensus of the group was that these elections should come after Town Meeting Day.

The Commission has agreed to cancel the August meeting. Kristin will manage the September meeting as Ron will be away. We will likely invite Cindy Locke of VAST to come to a fall meeting to discuss multiple uses of the VAST trail section in the TF; possibly a Mt Bike trail to Johnson.

Jim requested funding assistance from the MCC to remove two dead trees in the north end commercial district: one next to TD Bank and one next to McDonalds. Jim requested funds from the Amy Wade Fund but no funds are available. Jim will contact W&L to see if they can cut them down; he will also talk to the Morrisville Plaza owner Peter Murphy.

Old Business

We have extended the TF contract with Doug Small until 8/1, effective 7/15. There has been better weather. Brent and Dave will check with Fran next week.

Brent sent a letter to Diane Fredericks about the new trail proposal. Diane said no permit was needed. Bernie Pientka (VTFW) would like a bridge. We can go ahead with stepping stones now. We should contact Shannon Morrison (VTDEC Wetlands) about the trail location between the stream and the TF Town Road. We also need to wait to walk the site with Brad from Diane's office. We could build/scratch out a route now and then have a hired trail crew complete it next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary