Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
July 20, 2006

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

Members Absent: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

The first order of business was the review of the June 2006 minutes. Following review, Gert motioned that the minutes be accepted as written. Steve seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Then came the report from the co-chair, with Gert offering the following:

- Roy Marble, who is working with Leo LeFevre on Leo's subdivision project, gave Gert a copy of a Quit Claim deed from the Ryder's to the Lamoille County Development Council for a piece of land known as Ryder Island in the Kenfield Brook (north of Cote Hill Road).
- Gert will follow up with Leo about conserving a buffer zone along Kenfield Brook.

Steve reported the following:

- Vermont River Conservancy (VRC) – Steve Libby is contacting the Lake Lamoille land owner's representative to see if they are willing to sell the land at it's appraised value. Steve (Rae) sent a copy of the Summary of Findings from the survey the Commission conducted in conjunction with the 2006 Town Forum to Steve Syz (founder of VRC).
- Stowe Land Trust (SLT) – SLT would like to clarify some issues with the Struhsaker's before taking a position on their land.
- Friends Of The Worcester Range (FOWR) – Bill Rossmassler contacted Steve to say that FOWR is planning on us hosting the fall celebration.
- Town Forum Survey Findings – Steve sent copies of the Summary of Finding (from the Commission's survey) to the Select Board, Planning Commission, and *News & Citizen*. Steve and Kevin will work to send the Summary of Finding to respondents.
- Town Forum - Heidi has summarized the finding from the Forum itself and reviewed those findings with Dave Crawford. She is planning of having some follow-up events in August.

The next item of business was discussion of maintenance of the trail leading from the Stagecoach Road to Terrill Gorge. Jim noted that "east side" (between Stagecoach Road and Kenfield Brook) was littered trees - making the walk to the brook difficult. Further, he noted that the trail along the Brook's "west side" (from the Brook to the Gorge) is in need of substantial repair. Jim suggested that we contact the State (owner of the land) to obtain permission to do some maintenance and then obtain funding via grant to have the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) perform the work. Following discussion, it was agreed that we'd limit the initial effort to the "east side" – since that is the portion of land with which the Commission has been involved

and the work something the commission itself could complete in a matter of hours using handsaws. Jim will contact the State to obtain permission.

Next the Commission discussed Zoning & Planning. Steve noted that the 5 Year Plan is due for renewal in 2008 and the Planning Commission is beginning the review process. Following discussion, it was agreed that we'd all review the current plan and note items for discussion and review at the next meeting. Also discussed was the possibility of forming a working subcommittee – consisting of some members of both the Planning Commission and Conservation Commission – to work on true planning (vs. zoning) issues.

For "old business" the Commission discussed the manner in which it would invest its funds. (Mary Anne Wilson had contacted Steve looking for direction on this matter.) After discussion, it was agreed that we'd "ladder" our funds in US Treasuries with the following allocation:

1 Month	$5,000
3 Months	$15,000
6 Months	The balance (approximately $15,000)

Under "new business", Amy reported that Selina Rooney indicated interest in attending an upcoming meeting.

At 8:26 PM, Kevin motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Amy seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane