

From: Sargent, Dick (rhsarge@gmail.com)
Subject: Minutes of July 19, 2012
Morristown Conservation Commission
Attendees: Dick Sargent, Ron Stancliff, Steve Rae
Guest: Chris Ransom

Minutes of June 25, 2012 were approved.

Members Report:

Steve Rae discussed the Saturday Walks and Talks Series given by Neahga Leonard who has a grant to connect up various conservation groups in the state. Ron suggested Joe's Pond should be included.

Selectboard to meet on Tuesday July 24, 2012 to consider changing a section of Town Highway 43 and all of Town Highway 42 from Class Four Roads to Trails.

We should seek Selectboard approval not to have ATV's in the town forest.

Old Business:

Morristown Forest Update. Ron spoke with Heather Furman and Carl Powden from Johnson about walking the Sullivan Lot. Ron to contact Heather Furman to see if she has an idea as to how to approach Tim Sullivan.

We should go to Clark Park in the Fall after the by pass has started to get an idea as to access at Clark Park. Ron discussed how the park might be improved. Steve suggested that sign placement should be considered. Chris discussed the wet land area near the park. Steve mentioned we should co-ordinate Clark Park events with Morrisville Water and Light.

The restoration of the Town Forest boundary was discussed. The Boy Scouts will assist in the work. Nathaniel Rapp will make it his eagle project.

Chris Ransom discussed the cutting to be done at the Town Forest. Is the cutting to be a successional cut? (Cut trees to go to market and trees which are bad) Should we aim for a 300 year old climax forest? Ron discussed the forest as an energy source for wood heat. Ron to mail to the members the abstracts of the original lots in the Town Forest.

Steve Rae has suggested we should send a letter to Ray Toolen with our ideas for the management plan so our ideas can be put in the plan while he is writing it.

Chris Ransom discussed an invasive maple from the Ohio Valley and problems with Japanese Knot Wood.

At 7:15 PM the meeting was upon motion adjourned.