

Morristown Conservation Commission

July 17, 2014

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Attendees: Steve Rae, Ron Stancliff, Dick Sargent, Brent Teillon, Jim Pease

Guests: Mary Ann Wilson

Meeting opened at 6:30pm

June 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Member Reports

Ron – has not gotten back in touch with the Laraway School yet about tree planting in the Town Forest. He sent an email but has not heard back from them. The Tunbridge Historical Fair was interesting and Ron has CD ROMs of the Beers and Wallings maps.

Steve- new law requires meeting minutes posted no less than 5 days ~~before~~ (after ?) meeting.

New Business

Ron, Jim and Fran did the Town Forest walk on July 12. Ron marked possible locations for water bars with grade stakes starting at the Bryant Pond Rd entrance and going almost all the way to the old road (TH 42) to Johnson, the road needs work to prevent erosion. Jim talked with VAST and they will check on the plugged culvert but they do not have any funds currently that could be put towards roadway improvements. Brent thought the logger should do all of the road repairs/improvements. As part of the walk Fran showed the recently thinned areas which look good. Fran would like to mark the rest of the 40 acre area. Doug has been cutting poplar, birch and ash. Ron planted an American Chestnut just off the south side of the road and marked it with a stake.

Old Business

Jim drafted the letter to Todd Thomas on enforcement of the Section 638 stormwater regulation. Dick provided comments. Steve spoke with Todd and Todd thought he could put some simple stormwater language in the zoning regulations that could be enforceable. The Commission voted and approved sending the letter to Todd with one abstention. Ron will send it and then ask Todd about arranging a meeting with the DRB and the Morristown Planning Council to discuss the issue.

Dick reported that the owner of the Stowe Cider Mill was heading up the trapping effort for the Emerald Ash Borer in the area. Dick suggested we contact him and see if he is willing to come and talk with the MCC.

Ron talked with Ed Debor about the lease to the Town for Clark Park. The Village is waiting on the federal license for the dams before proceeding. Ed told Ron the Village intends to transfer the land to the Town.

Mary Ann reported that the MCC has a \$5000 CD which will come due soon. She has looked at available rates and suggested we go with the Union Bank. The Commission voted unanimously to go with Mary Ann's recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm