

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
July 16, 2009

Members Present: Steve Rae, Gert Lepine, Dick Sargent, Jim Pease, Kevin Lane,
Ron Stancliff

Members Absent: Brent Teillon

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

The first order of business was the review of minutes from the June 2009 meeting. Dick will complete the draft of minutes from the June 2009 meeting for review at the August meeting.

Then came the report from the co-chair – with Steve reporting:

- Taylor / Coshoff – Steve walked the property with Michael and Karen and met with officials of the Vermont River Conservancy (VRC) to get sense of VRC's level of interest. VRC is interested in pursuing the opportunity and will prepare a checklist which it will share with Steve.
- Trails – Steve was contacted by Tim Scandale – the new coordinator of the Morristown Recreation Committee. Among other things, Tim is interested in trails.
- Catamount Trail – The Commission received a letter from the Catamount Trail Association (CTA) regarding the land adjacent to Zacks Woods, owned by Water and Light, through which the trail passes. Steve will forward the letter to Water and Light.

Then the Commission discussed "old business" – with the following items offered for discussion:

- Molly's Bog – Jim reported that officials from UVM and the Nature Conservancy are willing to meet with the Commission to discuss the situation. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for September.
- Ron suggested we develop a good understanding of the restrictions placed upon the parcel upon which CREW is located so that we can understand the degree to which future developments are consistent with those restrictions.

For "new business"

- Ron expressed concern about the large size of retail stores (at least 75,000 sq ft) being considered in amendments to the Zoning Bylaws
- Steve suggested that we discuss management of the Conservation Commission Fund. While we have developed policies for approving disbursements, we have not formulated policy for investing money in the fund.

At 7:31, Ron motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Kevin seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane