

Morristown Conservation Commission
June 16, 2011

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

The meeting was opened at 6:31.

The minutes for May were approved with amendments.

Chair Report

- (1) The June 5th public walk at the Town Forest was only attended by Jim and Steve. They spent 3 hours walking property lines.
- (2) The News & Citizen published an article on the forest and was interested in publishing more information on the original land owners.
- (3) The Planning Commission has removed the prime agriculture mitigation fee language from the Prime Agricultural zoning.
- (4) The Community Forum included a Trails group, Dick, Steve and Ron participated in the group discussion. Steve wrote a summary of the group meeting which Ron and Dick will comment on. The Trails group is the largest group in the Community Forum. At the next Forum meeting Steve will advocate for attendees at the Forum to join the Commission or the MCC Trails Committee.

Town Forest Plan

- (1) The June 16 draft Town Forest guidelines were distributed.
- (2) The Select board will meet on June 27 to discuss and vote on.
- (3) The Commission discussed the general guidelines and made final edits.
- (4) Ron felt that property lines need to be reblazed and will look into doing it this fall.
- (5) The Committee approved the final changes to the guidelines.

Reinvestment of Land Acquisition Fund

- (1) Maryann has asked the Commission whether the land acquisition fund should be moved from a money market fund to a CD.
- (2) .75-.85% interest would be available
- (3) A discussion ensued and it was a general agreement to wait and revisit this issue in September after the federal government acts on the budget deficit ceiling.

Prime Ag Fee

- (1) Steve shared a draft letter to the Planning Commission regarding the prime ag fee. The Airport Business District zoning language has similar language as the Prime Ag zoning regarding the sewer service area and residential land use even though there is no residential use allowed in the airport district. The language should be stricken from the zoning. The Commission shared thoughts on this and Steve will finalize the

letter and send it to the Planning Commission. A motion was made to this effect by Dick, seconded by Brent and unanimously approved.

New Business

- (1) Jim will make a large map of the Town Forest with photos showing land marks this fall.

Old Business

- (1) The Commission review Ron's field maps of the Town Forest and the deed research.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:39

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease