Morristown Conservation Commission
June 9, 2022

The meeting began at 6:30. It was held at the Tegu Building and available via Google Meet.

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Kristen Connelly, Jennifer Andrews, Dave Stevens, Jim Pease, Dick Sargent, Jess Zehngut

Absent: Brent Teillon, Mariah Keagy

May meeting minute. The planning council only has moved the meeting to 5/14 to discuss the Conservation Subdivision ordinance.

Old Business:

1. **Big Tree Contest** – there were 19 entries covering 12 tree species. Honorable Mention went to a Split Leaf Maple on Congress St. The largest tree was 230" owned by Eugene Dambach at 5122 Randolph Rd and is a Silver Maple.
2. **Planning Council Conservation Subdivision (CS)** – the committee agreed to recommend that natural resource lands be deducted first from the land area calculation for the number of possible housing units allowed. Kristen and Ron met with the PC but the subject was not added to the PC agenda so it was not directly addressed but they did discuss it for 1.5 hours (?). Kristen handed out a chart of the properties subject to the ordinance and their built lots, allowable lots under the ordinance as is and allowable lots under a revised ordinance. The PC thinks we should apply the revisions on all town zoning areas not just for lands submitted under the current CS ordinance. Dick suggested drafting language for the PC so they have something to directly review and approve.
3. **Wednesday Night Live** – The MCC subcommittee is not ready to present the Mapping Values Exercise at the first meeting. June 22 might be the best night for this presentation.
4. **June Trail Work** – Will be Saturday June 18, rain date Sunday. Brent is going to advertise in FPF. Dave and Ron are in charge; Ron will go early. The Cellar Holes and some brushing of the trails for winter blowdowns are the priority. Also corduroy on the Interior Trail is needed for the wet areas.

New Business:

1. **Town Forest Management Plan** – the plan was completed in 2013 so the 10 year renewal date would be next year. The plan was written because the Selectboard wanted to see more logging and we did improve mostof the plantation areas. We should consider exploring a new plan with a refocus on recreation and emergency response of Ash borer. We should review other Town Forest plans.
2. **Duhamel Property** – Eric Dodge may come in July to discuss MCC management of this property.

3. **Future consultant work** – We do need to think about a contractor to improve property line maintenance (painting, surveying) of MCC managed lands. Jennifer made a motion to hire Fran Sladyk to GPS/map the Ryder Brook Trail from Bridge St to Morristown Corners Rd for up to $250. The motion was approved unanimously
4. **MCC Library Walk and Read –** MCC does support this project. The first walk is June 17 at 9 am.
5. **Knotweed** – for future discussion should we get involved?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Jim Pease