

May 21, 2015

Morristown Conservation Commission

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm

Attendance: Dave Stephens, Ron Stancliff, Dick Sargent, Steve Rae, Jim Pease

Guest: Ed Loewenton

Minutes from 2/19/2015 and 4/16/2015 were approved

Member Reports

Dave reported that the Town Forest gate would be about \$1800 if installed by the Highway Dept.

Steve reported that the Town Forest Select Board site visit/public walk for the road reclassification would be June 11.

Ron reported that he attended a Chestnut Tree meeting in Quechee.

Old Business

Green Up Day Review - 1.9 tons of material collected, about average. 118 tires collected. About 100 participants, everything went well. We cleaned up Clark Park camp sites and along Boardman Brook.

Questionnaire results – the Town Meeting questionnaire response was similar to past surveys. Most people agree that clean streams, working forests, conserving large tracts of land are important. Lake Lamoille, Sterling Brook Rd., and Mud City are important areas to protect. The Town should use zoning to conserve open space and to discourage large scale commercial development.

Landscaping standards- Jim discussed two comments he had on the proposed landscaping standards regarding the planting of Ash trees and planting under power lines. The Committee agreed to let Jim relay his comments for the whole group to Todd.

Reelection of Officers

Ron was nominated and approved as Chair.

Steve was nominated and approved as Co-Chair.

Jim was nominated and approved as Secretary.

Dick was nominated and approved as Treasurer.

New Business

Ed wants to promote the idea of Clark Park as a new Town Park using a web site. He will put together a web page with photos of park. He thinks the simplest and best approach to developing a park is thru a grass-roots approach over time vs. the development of a management plan by a consultant. The MCC encouraged him to talk with the Recreation Committee and to develop the web site. We are still waiting for the lease to be given from the Village to the Town.

Steve presented the brochure on the historic sites of the Sterling (Stowe) Town Forest. We could do something similar with the MTF. Ron has the historic information, but few photographs. We could use

some of the logging proceeds to pay for the brochure. A motion was made and approved to move ahead with the brochure development. Dave's daughter could do the basic layout for us. Committee members should also talk with Gert Lepine and Dave Rooney about old photographs.

Jim mentioned that the Town has asked the MCC for funds to put towards match in a grant proposal to buy the Lamoille Family Center land on Bridge Street for a snow dump site. Committee members were in agreement that MCC funds could be used to support the project. Discussion ensued about whether the site would make a good location for a permanent waste transfer station and preserve additional open space that could connect with the landlocked Village parcel behind Bishop Marshall School. Jim will speak with Brian Kellogg about the transfer station idea and Ron will contact Todd about the MCC's willingness to support the land purchase with seed money. A motion was made in favor of exploring options for the LFC land, and approved.

Town Forest Logging Contract - the current contract with Doug Small expires on 7/1/15. Fran Sladyk sent an email on 5/15/15 requesting for Doug that a new road be constructed. Ron will invite Fran to the 6/18/15 meeting and ask him to bring a map showing what Doug is requesting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Pease, Secretary