Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
May 21, 2009

Members Present:	Steve Rae, Dick Sargent, Kevin Lane, Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon
Members Absent:	Gert Lepine, Jim Pease
Guests:	None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

The first order of business was the review of minutes from the April 2009 meeting. Following review, Ron motioned that we accept the minutes as written. Dick seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- The Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions is now functioning primarily as a ListServ.
- The State has passed legislation expands the number of sites listed on its wetlands inventory.
- In an editorial in May 1, 2009 edition of *The Burlington Free Press*, the owner of a large, Vermont-based ski area expressed his opinion that the State's scenery ***is*** it's competitive advantage.

Next on the agenda was Green-Up Day, with Steve reporting the following:

- Steve and Gert observed events from the Transfer Station
- Approximately 45 groups signed up – which is an average turn-out
- We have a starter supply of bags for next year

The commission then discussed The Big Tree Contest. Suggestions included

- Having a number of shorter contests that would emphasize different aspects of trees (other than size) such as blossoms, fall foliage, etc
- Having a contest in which people can submit photos of their favorite scenic views

Suggestions aside, an individual is needed to assume responsibility for organizing the event.

The commission then discussed the logging that had been done on land adjacent to Molly's Bog. Jim Pease observed the cleared land and contacted staff at UVM who are familiar with property (Molly's Bog) and some of the agreements which govern usage in adjoining properties. Brent raised the issue of Current Use enrollment and whether or not the logging was in compliance with any Forest Management Plan. Ron wondered

whether there were any additional wetlands which should be part of the State's updated inventory. Another possibility that was raised was approaching the owner about a conservation easement along Molly's Bog border – an arrangement which facilitate current efforts to sell the property. Following further discussion, it was agreed that we'd do some additional fact-finding.

Next the Commission discussed "old business" – with Steve noting that the Select Board's third public hearing on Zoning Bylaws – which focuses on the Business Enterprise District – is scheduled for June 3rd.

No items of "new business" were offered for discussion.

At 7:20, Dick motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Brent seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane