

Morristown Conservation Commission

May 20, 2020

Attendees: Ron Stancliff, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon, Dave Stevens, Kristin Connelly

Meeting opened at Puffer Methodist Church conference room at 6:30

March meeting minutes approved

Old Business:

Election of officers

Brent made a motion to accept officers as is for the current year. Dave seconded. The motion was approved.

Bugbee Springs

Ron handed out a map of the area; the red line is surveyed the green line is not. We should explore the possibility of having the Stowe Land Trust buy the development rights from Water and Light and Water and Light transferring ownership to the Town. Ron will finish the survey. The group's opinion was that we hoped the land would become town public property, forest or a park.

Bridge St/Clark Park

Ron handed out maps of the properties in question that are involved with the sale from Clark Park. Dave thought we should keep quiet on this issue with Graham Mink and Water and Light. Jim made a motion to ask Water and Light to put \$5000 in an escrow account for future development of Clark Park from the sale of the land to Mink. Kristin seconded the motion. The motion was defeated 2-3.

Cambridge Conservation Commission

There is not much happening on this issue and we will discuss at the next meeting later this summer.

New Business:

Green-Up

Green-Up day is Saturday May 30. The dumpster will be placed in the usual spot in the Copley parking lot. The Town will pick up trash left on the roadside on June 1. There will be no refreshments or bottle drive this year. We have not advertised that we will take tires but we will take them if they come in. Bags were distributed at the library parking area M/W/F 8-9, 4-5 and S/S 2-3. Dave made a motion to plant the gift Maple Tree from Green-Up on the library lot on the west side. Brent seconded it. Motion passed.

Valcour Land

MCC needs to provide a letter of support to the VT Land Trust. A motion was made and seconded and passed to support this project. Ron will circulate a letter for approval before sending.

Town Forest

We will arrange a meeting with Walter and Karl. Brent will call Karl. Karl may be asked to drill or pin the rocks in the Mud Brook crossing to the stream bed rock.

Joes Pond

Joes Pond will be the possible site for the annual Stowe Land Trust meeting in September. MCC may be asked to help prep the site. We will discuss this later by email. Ron would like to have a floating dock for kayakers placed near the outlet stream for public access.

Stowe Land Trust

The annual Stowe Land Trust meeting is in September but it is unclear if it is happening this year due to COVID.

Sulham Property

Ron handed out maps of the Sulham property and Lot 22-1 off of Hallock Rd. The property includes a major VAST route and the Catamount Trail. The MCC's goal is to add the land to the Mt Mansfield State Forest. The property is about 25 acres. Dave has done a site visit. Dave will try and find out the sale cost. MCC should try and raise funds to pay for the purchase. Brent made a motion that the land should be part of the State Forest. The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectively submitted, Jim Pease, Secretary.