

Morristown Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes for  
May 20, 2003

Members Present: Billy Coster, Kevin Lane, Gert Lepine, John Lepinski, Jim Pease, Steve Rae

Members Absent: None

Guests: Jim Ryan - VT Agency of Natural Resources Water Quality Division

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

The first order of business was the review of the March 2003 minutes. After review, Jim motioned that they be accepted as written. Billy seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Next, the April 2003 minutes were reviewed. John motioned that they be accepted as written. Jim seconded this motion and it passed unanimously (although Billy abstained from voting due to his absence at the April meeting).

Following up on items from prior meetings, Steve noted the following:

- \$50 has been sent to renew our membership in the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions
- The statement of support for the Friends of the Worcester Range has been delivered to Bill Rossmassler
- The Select board has signed the resolution regarding the establishment and handling of funds in the Morristown Conservation Commission Fund

Next, the Commission addressed revision of its Bylaws in consideration of the adoption of the Morristown Conservation Commission Fund resolution. Steve distributed a draft revision of section 9 (Administration) which the Commission read and discussed. One suggestion was inclusion of a statement indicating that the Commission can accept funds / gifts, etc , without select board approval, providing that acceptance thereof does not obligate the town. Another suggestion provided a second approval mechanism for acceptance of gifts, monies, etc which obligate the town – that of affirmative majority vote at a duly warned town meeting. Following this discussion, Billy motioned that the draft

be revised to include these 2 suggestions and then sent to the Selectboard for review. Kevin seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Next, Kevin and Steve recapped the Planning Commission's May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting (at which the potential rezoning of the Route 100 corridor was discussed) – noting that the discussion was very "transportation-oriented" and that work may not begin in earnest until October (due to availability of funds and LCPC's workload).

Finally, the floor was given to Jim Ryan. Jim gave a general overview the state's new Water Classification Program, distributed written materials which detailed the program (Jim Pease had also prepared color-coded maps identifying parcels bordering the Kenfield Brook), presented specifics on the numerous Lamoille County waterways recommended for A or B1 Classification, and then accepted the Commission's questions and comments. Questions/comments addressed such topics as the overall approval process, the level of acceptance that he has received in meetings with various town select boards, impact on property owners, and manner by which landowners will be notified by the State for comment prior to adoption of the Classification recommendations. Given the length of this segment, the Commission decided to continue this discussion at its next meeting.

At 8:40 PM, Kevin motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Gert seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'K. Lane' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Kevin Lane