

Morristown Conservation Commission
May 19, 2022

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

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

Guests: Dave Eisenbaum, Mariah Keagy

The April meeting minutes, and the May 5th special meeting minutes were approved. The planning council only has a 15-minute window on 5/24 to discuss the Conservation Subdivision ordinance.

Old Business:

1. **Bryan Pond parking lot** – Ron, Brent and Eric Dodge met with the DFP personnel (Littleton, Greenough, Walter O., and Singleton). Dan Singleton will be the point of contact in the future for the parking lot. DFP will provide two culverts for the parking lot. The meeting discussed the license for the lot. Eric will have a proposal for requesting bids by 6/1. Brent said there is extra gravel and Red Pine that has value, and that value can be deducted from the estimated bid according to DFP.
2. **Large Tree Contest** – there was a misunderstanding from the library about the entry requirements, but it has been straightened out. So far there have been 7 entries to date, and we may want to extend the deadline. The library would like to set up a “Words in the Woods” workshop in the future.
3. **Kiosk** – Walter O. also discussed the Beaver Meadow parking lot kiosk with members of the committee. The initial funding has fallen through for the second kiosk but it still in the plans. We should consider adding the Moose Tracks logo to the kiosk. Our smaller kiosk would have 4 panels, 2 with seasonal themes, a history theme, a wildlife theme and a map of the area.
4. **Town Forest Trails** - we need to have further discussion about new trails in the Town Forest. Brent has 9 people interested in building a trail along the Northwest Trail route. They will be scouting and flagging it and could construct it. Mariah feels that the area has high wildlife value and that further nonseasonal use of the VAST trail (which the NW Trail would connect to) is unsustainable. We should do a site visit with the proposed trail flagged and take a look at the ½ mile length.
5. **Bridge St Parking Lot** – the parking lot next to the bypass will be used as commuter park n’ride and as trailhead parking for Clark Park.

New Business:

1. **June Town Forest Workday** – will be June 18th with the 19th as a rain date.
2. **Does MCC want to get involved with Wednesday Night Live?** – discussion centered around 1 night per month. Topics would be the Community Value Mapping project, Brent on the Town Forest, and one more. Decision to go should be weather related. In June the nights are Wednesday 1,8,15,22,29. We will continue at the discussion at the next meeting.
3. **Copley Meeting Place** – the next meeting will be in the tent at Copley Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Pease