

Morristown Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2011

Attendance: Steve Rae, Brent Teillon, Jim Pease

- (1) March, April Minutes- the Committee reviewed and approved the minutes for March and April
- (2) Chair Report: Steve went to the Planning Commission meeting. The Commission has been advised about the Prime Ag Mitigation Fee issue. The Commission will review zoning options in lieu of a fee. Examples are reducing density on Prime Ag land and giving bonuses for development outside Prime Ag land. The MCC will not be a recipient of any mitigation fees but we should try and insure that we are notified of any future development on Prime Ag soils.
- (3) There was an invitation from Johnson to attend a meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> on dealing with large scale industry such as Green Mt Power in Lowell to make sure that local interests are protected.
- (4) Steve did a walk with Dan Lindley in the Town Forest to look at skidder bridge sites.
- (5) The Governor signed a "complete streets act" for all new road or pavement projects that requires that pedestrian and bike concerns will be addressed unless there is documentation that such concerns would be cost-ineffective.
- (6) June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next Town Forum, 4 topics are to be discussed. Experts will be present for each topic.
- (7) Green-up was a success.
- (8) VAST is going to proceed with the Act 250 hearings for the LV Rail Trail. VAST will start certain sections before others; those sections have yet to be determined.

Town Forest Plan

- (1) We reviewed the General Policy Objectives for the Town Forest. All present were in general agreement with page 1.
- (2) We reviewed and edited the Guidelines for the forest.
- (3) Steve will make revisions and add the Select Board signature block and date and give to Dan L. Steve will ask Dan to put it on the SB agenda.
- (4) Brent made a motion to approve the guidelines as amended for SB approval. Jim seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
- (5) We reviewed the Action Item List. The remaining task is the public walk which will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. Steve will draft an article for the paper. The article will solicit information from families or relatives who lived on the lands now in the Town Forest.

New Business

- (1) MCC should be involved with the Town Forum trails meeting. Steve will go but encourages other members to go also.

Old Business

- (1) Jim reminded the Commission of the Belanger property runoff problem and the complaint. It is hoped that Belanger will apply for the permit. Todd Thomas has sent him a reminder.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Pease,