

May 18, 2017

Morristown Conservation Commission

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

Guests: Fran Sladyk, Coral Connelly

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

Old Business:

- (1) Fran and Brent flagged water bar locations in the Morristown Town Forest (TF), the Town Road needs some repair on about 100 feet of road. Doug Small's skidder is fixed. The pulp in the lower landing has been moved off and a culvert has been installed in the wet area above the State Landing. Doug wants to finish by the end of June; he would finish cutting everything that has been painted, landings will be cleaned. He may put in some silt fences or hay bales and he should not cut the water bars too deep. He needs to see both landings. We may have volunteers from Lamoille Fish and Game to release apple trees in mid-summer.
- (2) April Meeting minutes were approved.
- (3) Green-Up – there are no results yet from LRSWD on materials collected. There were a lot of tires brought on Sunday. Jim contacted Todd Thomas who will write a letter to the suspected illegal dumper on Garfield Road who was from Waterville. Kristin will write an article for the News & Citizen and other social media.

Member Reports:

Brent: Dave, Kristin and 8 people from the state attended the Beaver Meadow trailhead trail meeting on June 8. There is a lot of interest in the project. A small trail is okay. The bridge may need to be 40' long to span Muddy Brook. As an interim solution, we could brush out a trail and look at stepping stones and/or a ford of the stream. Boulders could be pushed into the river as stepping stones with a bobcat. We would need to have a state wetland and stream alteration specialist look at the proposal. Dave Stevens made a motion to send a letter to the Mt Mansfield State Forest manager Diana Fredericks and propose what we would like to do. Jim will contact Daniel Schmidt at VYCC and ask for a site visit and a cost estimate to complete the work.

Dave: Dave is still working on the TF information box for the Beaver Meadow Trailhead.

Jim: Jim expressed concern about the quality of the logging job adjacent to the LV Rail Trail near the new pedestrian bridge. The property is owned by Donza who constructed Pinsley Manor. Jim will check to see if the property has an Act 250 permit and if anything can be done to clean up the site.

New Business:

Ron is going to give a presentation on the TF at the Hyde Park Lanphear library. Kristin will ask Laura Branca of the Johnson CC to see if she is interested in attending a joint trails meeting. Ron is going to look into setting up an info booth at the Wednesday Oxbow concerts

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary