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Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
May 13, 2004

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. (Note: This properly
warned meeting was held one week early so that all commissioners - at
least one of whom has a schedule conflict with the normal meeting time -
could attend.)

The first order of business was the review of the April 2004 minutes.
After
review and discussion, John motioned that they be accepted as written.
Jim seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Next was the report from the chair, including the following:

- Steve & Gert met with an individual who is contemplating donation
of a conservation easement on a piece of land to walk the land and discuss
the donation. Before moving forward with the donation, the individual
would first like to subdivide the land - retaining control of a two acre
parcel. Also, the schedule of the Stowe Land Trust, which would be a
possible holder of the easement, must be factored into the timetable.
- The Vermont Association of Conservation Commissions (VACC) will
hold a meeting on June 3, 2004 from 7-9 PM for all Lamoille county towns
to discuss issues of importance to Conservation Commissions. Steve will
attend.
- Steve has been informed by Marcy Young that there is, in fact, a
banner for Green-Up Day at the Town Clerk's office which can be used in
future years

Next, the Commission began discussions which will lead to the development
of guidelines for administration of the Conservation Commission Fund. To
stimulate discussion, Steve distributed a preliminary document that he had

prepared - which included some thoughts on project criteria and a number of questions about the overall process. The Commission read and discussed this document. Of note is the following:

- There is a desire to ensure that the process is "open", documented, methodical, and accountable.
- The Commission should consider (at least) incorporating the resulting Guidelines into its bylaws
- The Select board should be informed of guidelines as they are developed
- The issue of maintaining public access to land must be considered
- The issue of "recreation" (including hunting (maintaining habitat), fishing (water quality), trail integrity and access) are issues to be considered.
- The Guidelines must permit the Commission to work jointly with organizations that have similar or related interests

Steve and Kevin will serve as a "subcommittee" to move the guidelines forward.

One item of "old business" was discussed - potential public service projects for LCPC. Candidate projects include:

- Removal of trash from the downstream side of the Cadys Fall dam. For details, contact Jim Pease.
- Removal of construction debris from the CREW peninsula (a project that may have been tackled, in whole in part, on Green-Up Day). Contact Ann Demars for details.
- Restoration of the picnic area on the northbound side of VT Route 100 (between Joe's Pond and Stancliffe Roads). Contact Jim Pease for details.
- Removal of debris and scrap metal from the Potash Brook on the Greaves farm. Contact John Lepinski for details.
- Removal of tires from the Cottage St/Randolph Rd and Cottage / 2nd Foss St intersections. Again, contact John Lepinski for details.

Steve will transmit these suggestions to LCPC.

One items of "new business" was discussed (briefly) - that being Conservation Commission participation in matters reviewed by the DRB. The initial reaction of a few Commissioners was that this is an item that merits further discussion.

At 8:30 PM, John motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jim seconded this motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane