

Morristown Conservation Commission
April 21, 2022

The meeting began at 6:35. It was held at the Tegu Building and available via Google Meet.

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon, Jenifer Andrews, Richard Sargent, Kristen Connelly, Mariah Keagy, Jess Zehngut, Jim Pease
Guests: 5 residents and 4 residents on-line

A motion was made to approve the March meeting minutes Meeting minutes will be reviewed 10 days after they are sent or revised by the Chair at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Community Value Mapping Event** – held from 6:30-7:30
2. **Trail Signage Update** - Brent handed out notes which are attached. Copley Hospital staff and patients will use Demars Property for now. There will be no sign order for now we have 150 signs and 125 arrows in the basement.
3. **Big Tree Contest Update** - Brent handed out notes which are attached
4. **Bryan Pond Parking Lot Update** - Brent handed out notes which are attached
5. **Green Up Update** - Brent handed out notes which are attached
6. **Sue Morse Talk** - Brent handed out notes which are attached
7. **Morrisville Village and Town Lands** – New England Forest Foundation will conserve 100 acres on Randolph Rd this summer. Sonny Demars and Dick will meet with the Trustees about all the Village properties. Ron will meet with BJAMS about the Bridge St property this week. Sonny is going to deed a trail easement on his Bridge St trail land. We will need to follow up with the Family Center about their land.

New Business:

1. **Jennifer** - has to resign from MCC temporarily but hopes to return this fall. She hopes to continue to lead the Green Up event.
2. **Duhamel** - Ron may invite Eric Dodge to our next meeting to discuss management of the property.
3. **Conservation Design** - Ron handed out a description of the definition of conservation design subdivisions which deletes undevelopable land out of the total parcel area for calculating density bonuses.
4. **Town Forest Day** – the first town forest work day will be 5/14 with 5/15 as the rain date. Cellar Hole clearing, tree planting and fertilization will be the priorities. Mariah is not in favor of constructing the proposed NW Trail due to wildlife impacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Jim Pease

Notes for MCC meeting April 22, 2022 from

Dave and Brent

Yellow trail signs prices from Big Graphics

500 moose print signs = \$845 minus 10% discount = \$760.50 \$1.52 each

200 moose print signs = \$645 minus 10% discount = \$580.50 \$2.90 each

100 arrow print signs = \$365 minus 10% discount = \$328.50 \$3.28 each

Suggest we use up the 250 + signs on hand and reorder at a high number to get price break

Working on needed signs for town forest

Signs for Demars Forest Trails ,gates, shrubbery . Costs???

Big Tree Contest update:

Start May 6 Vt Arbor Day End May 31

Library will take lead role. They will:

Do all the outreach with N&C starting with a 4 generation picture of the Edna Snow Family (Theresa Snow's Family) measuring a big maple on the farm plus a news release. Logistics almost in place but will be in paper prior to May 6. Tommy Gardner and Gordon Miller on board!!

Finalize the entrance forms, tree measuring instructions, information sheets and how to submit both electronically and paper copy. They will organize the handing out and receiving of all material.

Together we will determine the winners 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and possible 2 honorable mentions

Provide string for measuring circumference (for those that need it)

MCC will provide support where needed. Provide field assistance when requested.

Obtain the prizes (Fran Sladyk has already donated ½ gallon maple syrup) need more ideas???

Assist in sorting measurements to determine winners.

Break ties by getting Fran Sladyk and County Forester Emily Potter to remeasure trees in question

Work with photographer to get plenty pictures

Buy supplies/items needed

Bryan Pond Parking Lot update:

Dates to mark plantation trees has been cancelled twice. Not sure when it will be done. (This holds up getting contractors to inspect job and place a bid)

Green Up Day update

Map, green bags and signup sheets in place at town clerk's office

Jen has posters placed in Town. Lots of locations

Working with Roland to get coverage on WLVB

Large Dumpster on order, will be placed in Oxbow Parking Lot along with our tents on May 6.

Two announcements in FPF, waiting on N&C

Tires can be turned in at rate of \$3.00 per tire

Town will pick up roadside green up bags, junk etc. on May 9th

Dumpster will be removed Monday afternoon

Will need the usual help at 7:00 Am on Saturday to put up tents, organize setup

Hand out bags, remove trash and unwanted tires from trucks/cars. Close up at 3:00 Pm

Susan Morse Talk on Mountain Lions Update

She is not doing any talks until late fall. If Covid is still active she will not come. She is writing a new book. She lost her business partner.