

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
April 16, 2009

Members Present: Steve Rae, Gert Lepine, Dick Sargent, Jim Pease, Kevin Lane,
Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The meeting was held at Sargent Law Office because the commission could not gain access to the Tegu Building.

The first order of business was the review of minutes from the March 2009 meeting. Following review, Dick motioned that we accept the minutes as written. Gert seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Then came the report from the co-chair – with Steve reporting:

- Ownership of the Heath property was transferred to the State for inclusion in the Mt Mansfield State Forest
- The Select Board appointed Ron Stancliff and Brent Teillon to the Commission
- The Town requested (and received) a copy of our Bylaws. Further, the Town sought clarification on the minutes from a recent meeting

Next on the agenda was Green-Up Day, with the following items noted:

- Steve has received some calls for bags. Ron will pick them up next time he is in Montpelier
- The sign-up sheet, instructions and map will be in the Town Clerk's office by Monday
- The News and Citizen will run an article
- Jim will take care of the banner
- Steve will call Joyce at the Lamoille Solid Waster Management District to get signs

The Big Tree Contest was next on the agenda – the question being whether or not we have a similar contest in the upcoming year. The consensus was that the contest had been worthwhile – generating a lot of good publicity – and that we should have a similar contest this year. Members were asked to give thought to the theme.

The Commission then turned its attention to the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments. Steve distributed a draft letter from the Commission to the Select Board summarizing our position on the proposal. Following review and discussion, Ron motioned that we "send the letter as written". Dick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next the Commission continued it's discussion regarding the value of the Stowe Land Trust (SLT) working with organizations and landowners in adjacent towns. Steve read a letter he had drafted on the Commission's behalf stating the Commission's belief that there is great value in SLT's outreach. Following discussion, Ron motioned that we "send the letter as written". Dick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

No items of old business were offered for discussion.

For new business

- It was agreed that we would write a letter to the Heath family thanking them for their generous donation (of land)
- Jim reported that the large Cottonwood tree on Bridge Street must be removed for the bridge replacement project

At 7:25, Gert motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Dick seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane