Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
April 15, 2010

Members Present: Steve Rae, Jim Pease, Kevin Lane, Dick Sargent, Ron Stancliff

Members Absent: Gert Lepine, Brent Teillon

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The first item on the agenda was review of minutes from the March 2010 meeting. Following review, Ron motioned that they be approved as written. Jim seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Big Tree Contest – Signs are posted in the Town Hall and applications are available at the Town Clerk's office. Steve may ask the *News and Citizen* to run an article in May.

- Green-Up Day – Bags and maps are available in the Town Clerk's office. Steve will ask the *News and Citizen* to re-run the standard article.

- Airport Business District – Steve sent a letter to the Planning Commission (PC) stating the Commission's position on Prime Ag Soils in this district.

- Zoning – The PC approved the BED zoning change requested by the Select Board and sent it to the Select Board for their approval.

- Membership – The Select Board accepted the Commission's request that Jim be re-appointed to the Commission.

Next on the agenda was Green-Up day. Gert has assumed responsibility for refreshments. Jim will arrange for the banner to be installed and confirm with Bob Melfy that the Highway Department will perform road-side clean-up on Monday, 5/3rd.

Then the commission discussed potential conservation projects – the Coshoff / Taylor project in particular. Steve met the Karen recently and is of the impression that there is nothing imminent. Kevin will follow-up and see if there is any means to facilitate action.

Next on the agenda was discussion of the Wetlands Inventory. Following last month's meeting, Arrowwood Engineering submitted a proposal for a 3 phase inventory process. Phase 1 is performed by reviewing data gathered from existing sources only – which eliminates land access issues. Following review and discussion of their proposal, members expressed support for pursuing Phase 1. Jim will gather information about possible funding sources (Clean and Clear, License Plate Grant, Municipal Planning Grant) and forward that information to Steve.

For "old business", the Commission conducted appointment of officers for the upcoming year. Dick motioned that "Steve continue as Chair, Kevin as Secretary, and Jim as

Treasurer". Ron seconded this motion. Following discussion, this motion was unanimously approved.

Ron offered the following items as "new business"

- He will likely be unable to attend meetings for the next few months as he plans to be out of town for work.

- He participated in the Act 250's Commission recent site walk of the Percy Quarry on the Cochran Road. One suggestion offered by Ron is that sheer walls not be left behind when the facility is decommissioned (for safety purposes).

At 7:55, Ron motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jim seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane