

March 16, 2017

Morristown Conservation Commission

Present: Ron Stancliff, chair, Dave Stevens, Brent Teillon, Richard Sargent

Absent: Jim Pease

Guest: Fran Slaydak, Kristen Connelly, Speaker, Caitrin Maloney, Director of Stowe Land Trust

1. Minutes of the February 16, 2017 were approved

2. Fran Slaydak, our forester, discussed how Doug Small is coming along harvesting wood out of the Morristown Forest. He has lost his skidder. He has ordered the parts. He needs a skidder to continue logging. He did plow the road to the landing in February. The current contract ends July 15, 2017. He might finish in August. Decided we want Doug to finish the job as per contract date.

Fran says the State and NRS wants to have a work shop for loggers at the Morristown Forest. Decided not to recommend the Forest for this project.

3. Caitrin Maloney, Director of Stowe Land Trust gave a presentation about the History of the Stowe Land Trust. She also talked about the Stewardship Program and Strategic Plan for the Land Trust. One of their on going programs is fighting invasive species. Caitrin finished with a slide presentation highlighting Stowe Land Trust 's areas of interest for land conservation, specifically in Scenic Beauty, Working Farmlands, Working Forests, Recreation, Wildlife Habitat, and Rivers. Although Stowe Land Trust is more active in Stowe, it has spilled over into neighboring Towns of Waterbury and Morristown.

4. Kristen Connelly attended this meeting to find out more about the Commission and possible becoming a member.

5. No member reports were schedule and adjournment was at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard Sargent, Ron Stancliff, Secretary pro tems