

Mary Ann Wilson

From: <Kevin_Lane@SpringerMiller.com>
To: <mawtclerk@pwshift.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 8:07 AM
Subject: Morristown Conservation Commission - April 2005

Morristown Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes for

April 21, 2005

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

Members Absent: Jim Pease

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

The first order of business was the review of the March 2005 minutes. Following review John motioned that the minutes be accepted as revised. Gert seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

The commission then conducted election of its officers. John motioned that "officers be kept the same as last year". Gert seconded this motion and, following discussion, it passed unanimously.

Next was the report from the co-chair.

- Gert noted that she had recently had discussions with some individuals who may be interested in conserving some land
- Steve recently attended a meeting of the Stowe Land Trust (SLT). SLT had invited the chair of the Morristown and Waterbury Conservation Commissions to learn about the activities of Conservation Commissions in adjacent towns, to consider partnership opportunities, and discuss services that would be of value to local Conservation Commission as SLT expands its area of service

- Steve reported that he had attended a recent Planning Commission (PC) meeting at which 2 applicants for PC vacancies were interviewed - reported very specific questions were asked of the applicants - to which equally detailed and expansive responses were provided. Following the interview the PC decided to continue advertising the for position.

- Steve also reported that Mike Miller, LCPC, had some arial photographs of the Route 100 corridor which do a great job of indicating current land usage and that Karyl Fuller (LCPC) had generated a simulated map, using current Zoning Bylaws and other data available to her GIS (Geographic Information System), of what that area would look like if "built out" (as current Zoning Bylaws permit). The commission discussed sharing this information with the PC.

- Steve and John attended the annual meeting of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC). Both found the meeting to be very "energizing" - learning of the accomplishments and acitivities of similar organizations state-wide. Also noted was the fact that Virginia Rasch has stepped down and will be replaced by Bill Rossmassler.

- Steve also attended a Vermont League of Cities and Towns seminar focusing on the Management of Municipal Lands - a very timely topic given the Commission's efforts to develop a management plan for the Town Forest. Also discussed at the meeting was draft legislation pertaining to the inventory abandonment of "ancient highways".

Next the commission discussed preparation for Green Up day.

- Morrisville Water & Light has agreed to install the banner
- People have been inquiring about Green Up day at the Town Clerk's office
- Castella will donate a dumpster
- Joyce (LRSWMD) will provide a tent
- Gert has made provision for refreshments
- Jim & Kevin are responsible for producing and installing the directional signs at various intersections around the village
- Steve will contact Joyce to get the plywood "sandwich boards" for the Rt 100/Rt 15 and Rt 15 / Center Rd intersections

- Kevin will look into have a slide made for and displayed at the Bijou
- Steve will contact Amy Noyes re publicity in the News & Citizen and / or Transcript
- On-site coverage at the Trombley Hill transfer station - Gert - Opening until mid-morning ; Kevin - 11 until closing ; Steve will "overlap" Kevin & Gert

The commisison also discussed briefly a small parcel (.7 acre) of land on River Street which is being offered for sale. The land offers river access. Steve felt it would be a good idea to bring it to the Selectboard's attention and Kevin wondered if Water & Light might be interested (since it is near the water treatment plant)

Steve offered the opporunity to discuss "any old business" and "any new business". No such items were offered for discussion.

At 8:25, John motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Gert seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane