

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
February 20, 2003

Members Present: Kevin Lane, Gert Lepine, Jim Pease, Steve Rae

Guests: Billy Coster

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

The first order of business was the review of the January 2003 minutes. Gert motioned that they be approved as written. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the review of the December 2002 minutes. Jim motioned that they be approved as written. Gert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed payment for the Zeisberg property. Steve read a letter from Kate Willard requesting payment and a draft letter from the Commission to the Select board recommending payment as requested (by Kate). The Commission approved Steve's draft and decided that the letter should be signed by the co-Chairs. (Kevin will obtain town letterhead, print, and deliver to Steve - who will gather signatures and deliver).

The Commission discussed the possibility of clarifying it's Bylaws regarding the raising and disbursement of funds. Steve will lead the effort and be assisted by Kevin and Gert. (Steve will mail copies of the existing bylaw in support of this effort.)

The next item of business was Green-up day. Michelle Swift will serve as coordinator. Steve will send a letter to Carol Bradley recommending payment of the \$250 fee. The letter will contain the details needed to make the payment.

The Commission discussed the potential value of having a table at Town Meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that we would have such a table. Potential display items include results of our Water Quality Testing Project, a map detailing the Zeisberg property, and a map showing State / Town /

Conserved lands town-wide. At a minimum, Gert and Steve will "staff" the table.

The Commission discussed Town Planning. Steve informed the membership that, based on conversations w Julia, Kevin will continue to serve as liaison to the Planning Commission. Steve and Kevin will attend the 3/3 and 3/17 Select board hearings at which the public may comment on the proposed Town Plan. Steve then disturbed a list of items from the Town Plan which call for Conservation Commission participation. The Commission reviewed and discussed these items.

The Commission discussed Sharon Rowell's / Gary Greaves' conservation goals. Gert will arrange a meeting to discuss the manner in which we might support their efforts. Kevin will contact the American Farm Land Trust to see what support they might be able to provide.

Steve mentioned that he had attended the an informational meeting of Friends of the Worcester Range (FOWR) the prior evening (a meeting well attended by Conservation Commissions of the surrounding towns). We'll discuss support for FOWR at a subsequent meeting.

Billy Coster expressed his interest in joining the Conservation Commission. Kevin motioned that we recommend to the Select board that he be appointed to the Commission. Jim seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane