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Morristown Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2004

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM

The first order of business was the review of the November 2003 minutes. John motioned that they be accepted as written. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Then, the Commission reviewed the December 2003 minutes. Jim motioned that they be accepted as written. Gert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

For the record, there was no January 2004 meeting - due to a lack of quorum (attributable to illness and bitter (-30 F) cold temperatures which rendered vehicles inoperable)

Next, Steve reported on a number of items, including:

- As noted in the November 2003 minutes, a summary of findings from the October Trails / Open Spaces Town Forum were sent to form attendees who expressed an interest in being informed of Commission news
- Reports (Duhamel, Trails / Open Spaces etc) were sent to the Selectboard
- The Commission was represented at the Pie Social, giving a succinct presentation backed-up by a number of reference items, including the Question and Answer document, Annual Report, Kenfield Water Quality Testing Report, Trails / Open Spaces Forum Findings, maps, and color photographs
- The Commission attended the Select Board's 1st January 2004 meeting to discuss formal funding of the Conservation Commission Fund. Following discussion, most Select Board members expressed support for the measure.
- The Commission attended the Planning Commission's (PC) 1st February 2004 meeting for the following:

- The meeting was a warned public hearing on proposed changes to Zoning Bylaw. One such revision addressed Stormwater and had been developed with substantial input from Conservation Commission member Jim Pease
- To obtain the PC's feedback on the Commission's request for funding (of the Conservation Commission Fund). All PC members present expressed whole-hearted support for the Conservation Commission Fund.

Next, the Commission discussed continued preparations for Town Meeting, with the following results:

- Steve will contact the Vermont Journal to discuss publication of the Question and Answer document
- Steve will send some text to Jim, that will be added to a color photo of the eastern side of the Green Mountains take from Bull Moose, urging support of the measure. The photo and copies of the Question and Answer document will be posted at public sites around town and be available at Town Meeting.
- Gert will make a brief statement encouraging support of the measure at Town Meeting
- Jim will print a poster size copy of the photo / support request for Town Meeting

The next item of business was preparation for Green-Up Day. 2004 is the year in which responsibility for Green-Up Day transitions from Michelle Swift to the Commission. Steve shared with the Commission an information package that Michelle has been kind enough to prepare documenting and discussing the logistics. It is clear that this is a substantial undertaking for the Commission – one that will dominate the Commission's activities for the next 2 months. An initial (and partial) set of responsibilities was determined after discussion, as follows:

- Gert – Refreshments
- John – Leading the charge (on the highways) on Green-Up day itself
- Jim – Contacting LSWMD (and others as necessary) to discuss siting of the roll-off unit and "base camp"
- Kevin – Liaison with Highway Department, update sign-up materials so that we can gather additional contact information from participants, think about way to "make it fun", write final report
- Steve – Distribute copies of Michelle's package so that all Commissioners can participate more fully in the planning process.

The final item, and by way of new business, was Steve's suggestion that we consider commending those whose behavior is noteworthy and consistent with our charter (a thought triggered in part by the School Superintendent's directive that school bus driver's avoid prolonged engine idle as a means of promoting clean air). The suggestion was well received and will be discussed in the future as part of the Commission's on-going efforts to inform and involve the community in conservation related activities.

At 8:49 PM, Gert motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Kevin seconded this motion and the

meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane