

February 16, 2012 Minutes

Morristown Conservation Commission

Attending: Steve Rae, Ron Stancliff, Dick Sargent, Brent Teillon, Jim Pease

Guests: Dave Stevens

Meeting opened at 6:33pm

The January meeting minutes were approved as amended.

(1) Chair Report: Steve emailed an update on various issues which is attached below. Steve went to SB meeting concerning logging by Doug Small. Approximately 8 acres of TF land are adjacent to Peter Liebler's land and Doug Small wants to log it this winter. SB directed Dan to talk with Ray Toolan about completing the TF management plan for the plantations. The SB told Steve to take care of considering Doug Small's immediate request. Steve went out with Dave S to see the land in question. Steve and Dave agreed it is something that should be cut. Steve presented a draft contract to the MCC. The Town would get \$400-800 for the cut. A discussion ensued about the pros/cons of logging the lot. There are some nice spruce on the lot and maybe 5000 board feet of wood. The brook needs a buffer from the cutting. Cutting the trees might not be consistent with the TF management plan. Members felt we ought to wait until the TF plan was completed. Ron made a motion to allow logging on the lot with tree marking by D.S. as further described by the draft contract. Dick seconded the motion. The vote was 3 against, 1 for, and one abstention; the motion failed. Further discussion: Dick provided further comment on the liability clause of the draft contract. Steve will let know Dan of the MCC decision.

(2) Reappointments - Steve is willing to stay on as a member of the MCC but cannot continue as Chair if elected to the Selectboard. Dick is willing to stay on as a member of the MCC. A motion was made to recommend to the Selectboard that Dick be reappointed. The motion passed.

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(3) Town Meeting Table - Ron will manage table and provide TF maps and photos.

(4) TF Signage - Jim will get an estimate from Sign-a-rama on the proposed signage and report at the next meeting.

(5) New Business - none

(6) Old Business - Jim pointed out that the Town Report has the 2010 MCC summary. Steve will notify Erica and have it corrected with an insert.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary