

February 15, 2018

Morristown Conservation Commission

Attendance: Brent Teillon, Ron Stancliff, Dave Stevens, Kristen Connelly, Jim Pease

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

- January 2018 meeting minutes were approved.
- No Treasurer's report as Dick was absent.

Old Business

Trails Grant

Jim said the Recreational Trails Grant was submitted on time and accepted by FPR. There are a few small errors in the match commitment that will need to be cleared up if the grant is awarded. Also, rock steps referred to in the FPR memo are specifically for the edge of the water/flooded area and not on the trail up to the parking lot. Ron sent a check to UVM Archaeology so the 106 review can start.

Questionnaire

Ron handed out a revised questionnaire based on Kristen's format. Ron will set up a table at the polling place/town hall and the gym on Town Meeting Day. Erica can post the announcement about the questionnaire on Facebook. Kristin will post it on FPF.

Valcour Property

Ron investigated the notice we received from the DEC Basin Planner Danielle and thinks he understands what is going on with the Valcour property. The elder Valcour did not put a flooded piece of land into the Stowe Land Trust when the land development rights were transferred several years ago. Ron found two lots in one area that might be developable. However, no subdivision has occurred to date. The land is closer to Randolph Road. Ron tried to contact the Valcours but there has been no response.

New Business

Speaker – Susan Morse is available April 24 or 26. We can pick a show using her web site. It would be a one hour talk with ½-1 hour for questions. The fee is \$325 plus mileage and a pizza. Consensus among members was the "Wild cousins of our best friends: wolves, coyotes and foxes" was the best talk for Morristown this time. A tentative date of the 26th at PA Auditorium, 7-9 was set.

Town Meeting – Ron will do the table as described above, Jim will make a poster on the trail project. Brent may bring materials on bats.

Boy Scouts - we need to come up with a list of tasks the scouts can do in the TF. Such as trail work, brushing, etc. They could also get involved with trail creation on the conservation zoning lands being set aside if they are interested or need an Eagle Scout project. We should allow the scouts (and other groups) to join as an Associate Member of the MCC. We would need to modify the bylaws for this to happen.

Lamoille Fish and Game - Brent said LFG contacted him and they want to work on the TF land to give back to the community. We are looking for suggestions as to what they can do.

Bats – Brent spoke with Alyssa Bennett about bats and she sent Brent information on bats and bat boxes. We should look for places to install bat boxes recognizing it may take years before they are utilized.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary