

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 27, 2011

Present: Jim Pease, Ronald Stancliff, Richard Sargent and Steve Rae

Absent: Brent Teillon

Guests: None

1. Discussed minutes for July and August. Found June and September minutes. Minutes brought to Town Clerk January 28, 2010
2. Ron Stancliff will be at the table for Town Meeting and will assist in preparation of the display.
3. First meeting of the fee schedule group was held. The group was organized and information is being sought to make the discussion on the fee for the use of prime ag land fruitful. The group learned of the difference between prime ag land and state ag land. Ronald Stancliff is investigating the problem with information from the lister's office.
4. Steve Rae may go to the town day in Montpelier on 16 February.
5. Town taxes may go up significantly this year. This may put a lot of pressure on land owners from town and state increases (also the state may reduce education funding and pass the difference on to the towns)
6. Leon Whitcomb has complained about run off problems. Jim Pease thinks that Mr. Belanger may now need a permit as the DRB now requires that all state permits be in place before their permit is valid. This includes requiring a stormwater run off permit.
7. Discussed downtown zoning changes. Mentioned that conservation survey wanted fill downtown. People at the meeting were in favor fo the proposals.
8. Discussion of the Town Forest Plan was held. Discussed those items to be included in the plan. Discussed a visit to the town forest in the spring. May have news story to solicit the history of the area. A binder with all the Town Forest information will be a great asset for the Conservation Commission. An action list was discussed. Discussed signs for the town forest. Discussed have LCPC help with a map for the town forest.