

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
January 21, 2010

Members Present: Steve Rae, Gert Lepine, Dick Sargent, Jim Pease, Kevin Lane,
Ron Stancliff

Members Absent: Brent Teillon

Guests: None

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

The first order of business was the review of minutes from the December 2009 meeting. Jim will complete the draft of minutes from the December 2009 meeting for review at the February meeting.

Then came the report from the co-chair – with Steve reporting:

- Planning – The Planning Commission attended a recent Select Board meeting and presented some preliminary concepts for re-zoning Route 100 near the airport. The Select Board was receptive of these concepts.
- Zoning – Julia Compagna will replace Mark Leonard as Zoning Administrator (ZA).
- Taylor / Coshoff – There has been no recent communication between the Commission and Mike Taylor / Karen Coshoff. Steve will follow-up with Karen.
- VT Youth Conservation Corp sent a letter soliciting project work.

Next on the agenda was the subject of an information table at Town Meeting. Following discussion, Ron volunteered to assume responsibility for this item. Possible items include pictures of Big Tree winners, information on the upcoming big Tree Contest, Maps (Trails Committee), information on Current Use, photos of "before and after", and information on the Rail Trail.

Then the Commission discussed the possibility of inventorying wetlands. Towns (in addition to the US Army Corps of Engineers) may exercise regulatory control over Class 3 wetlands. Potential users of the information gathered include:

- Planning Commission – The Town Plan typically suggests that the PC revisit wetlands regulations.
- Zoning Administrator / Development Review Board (DRB) – The ZA and DRB could utilize this information when reviewing permit applications.
- LCPC / Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – Input of this information into the GIS data base would result in more accurate maps.
- Landowners – Communication of this information to the landowner would allow them to improve stewardship, planning, appreciation, etc.

Following discussion, it was decided that we'd proceed as follows:

- Jim
 - Gather information from Towns which have already done this
 - Preliminary research on grant opportunities

- Dick - Review existing regulations
- Steve
 - Gather requirements on utilizing this information with LCPC GIS.
 - Contact firms / individuals who may be interested in doing the work ; see if they will make a presentation to the CC

Next on the agenda was "old business". Steve asked if there was interest in following through on prior suggestions of installing a picnic table in Clark Park. Kevin indicated that he has the table and is interested in seeing it utilized in the park.

The final item on the agenda was "new business". Ron expressed an interest in learning more about the realistic, potential output of wind farms.

At 7:38, Ron motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jim seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane