

January 18, 2018

Morristown Conservation Commission

Attendees: Kristin, Ron, Brent, Dave, Jim, Dick

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm

(1) The December 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

(2) Old Business

- a. The state is going to require us to complete an archaeological assessment for the Town Forest trails grant. We agreed to pay for it now to keep the project on time. Ron will contact one of the local archaeological firms for a cost estimate. Jim will complete the grant application with that cost in the budget. Ron will also ask if the assessment must be done on the whole project or just the state land. Brent made a motion to use Commission funds for the investigation up to \$1500. The motion was unanimously approved. The grant is due February 1.
- b. Future Guest Speakers: the following suggestions were made for future guest speakers or presenters: Alyssa Bennet, bat biologist with the state, John and Nancy Hayden of UVM on pollinator and backyard biodiversity management, the Vermont Center for Eco studies, VT Atlas of Life-citizen scientists, Sue Morse Keeping Track. Discussion settled on Sue Morse and possibly for April 1. Brent will call Sue, Dick is willing to do publicity, Kristen will call the Haydens.
- c. Town Meeting Questionnaire – Ron handed out his version “R” and Kristen’s version “K”. We should give feedback on the two formats; the questions are all the same. Kristen offered to do the reformatting. We should discuss in February.

(3) New Business

- a. Due to Dick’s conflict with another meeting he attends we discussed changing our monthly meeting date to the third Wednesday of the month. Tuesday would be the alternate. Ron will check with Erica to see if the meeting room is available.
- b. The Vermont Farm Show will have a chestnut tree information booth.
- c. The Valcour property near the Morristown Bog and Joe’s Pond is on the market.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary