

Morristown Conservation Commission

January 17, 2019 6:30 pm

Attendees: Dave Stevens, Kristin Connelly, Ron Stancliff, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon, Richard Sargent

Guest: None

December 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

1. Was reviewed. Two CDs expire in 2019. They will automatically rollover unless we do something. Dick will investigate several questions and report in February. A motion was made to accept the report and it was passed.

Old Business

1. RTF Grant: there was discussion about whether we should plan to use MCC funds to hire a trail crew whether or not we receive the RTF grant. About \$17,000 would be needed for crew and materials although we would put out a competitive request. Brent felt we should not spend that much money on the proposed trail work we would hire out. Dave thought we should hire a contractor and do it for less. A motion was made to wait until we know if we got the grant award (March) before making a decision on using local funds.
2. Public Talks – Kristen has arranged with Greg Maino of the Catamount Trail Association to give a talk on Backcountry Skiing at the 10 Railroad Street Café at 6:30 pm on February 21. Kristen will put up announcements. Kristen said that VINS can also do talks on Raptors, Reptiles, Owls (2), Animal Tales and Moose. Most cost about \$275 + Mileage for a 45 min talk. Several come with live animals. Discussion favored a Raptor talk in May at PA auditorium and possibly another one on Owls in September.

New Business

1. Ron discussed the following topics as possible projects for 2019:
 - a.) Recruitment of new members
 - b.) Chestnut Trees
 - c.) Land conservation fund raising (Sullivan land?)
 - d.) GPS Apple Trees in Town Forest
 - e.) Duck nests in Town Forest wetlands
 - f.) Large Tree contest
 - g.) Improve Morristown Trails Map and reprint

Discussion centered around having a recruitment table at the Oxbow music Wednesday night shows in the summer. Kristen also is willing to contact people she knows who might be interested.

2. At the February 20th meeting we will discuss the Town Meeting setup

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectively submitted, Jim Pease, Secretary.