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January 17, 2013; 6:31 pm

Morristown Conservation Commission

Attendance: Ron Stancliff, Steve Rae, Dick Sargent, Brent Teillon, Jim Pease

The December 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with changes.

Members Report

Ron handed out old photos (1978) of the Sulham Farm House and discussed some historical elements of the Town Forest. Ron went to the Recreation Committee (RC) hearing to talk about Clark Park. The discussion focused on future tasks to be done: such as a delineation of the W&L landholdings with Craig Myotte, these areas will be excluded from the leased area. The RC also queried Ron about the logging income from the Town Forest (TF). Ron will attend the next RC meeting and try and schedule the Clark Park survey. He will also invite Tim S to the February MCC meeting.

Steve reported that LCPC is leading a study with a consultant of the joint Morristown-Stowe non-motorized recreation trail. The project was written up in the News & Citizen. There has been a lot of recent discussion about the "energy challenge" and getting over 50 homes in Morristown to participate in an energy audit and energy conservation retrofit program.

Town Forest

Steve reported that the Selectboard switched the TF plantation to be cut from the Pine to the Norway Spruce. On Wednesday January 16 the spruce plantation was remarked for culling of 33% of the tree stand; blue paint was used. The cellar hole will be protected. There is a new contract which is similar to the old one except it switches the plantation to be cut and adds \$5/cord for spruce pulp payments. Fran volunteered to take MCC members on a management walk in the TF. Substantial discussion about the TF ensued.

Town Meeting

The MCC will plan to have another table on the TF on Town Meeting day which March 5.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Respectively submitted,

Jim Pease, Secretary