

Morristown Conservation Commission

January 16, 2020

Attendees: Ron Stancliff, Jim Pease, Brent Teillon, Richard Sargent, Dave Stephens

Meeting opened at 6:30

December meeting minutes approved

Old Business:

- (1) The Town meeting item for Conservation has been dropped to ½ cent/\$1000. The SB can just put the article on the agenda and a petition is not necessary. The article would net about \$30,000. The SB asked questions to Ron. Brent made a motion that we submit the article for Town Meeting. Dick seconded. All approved.
- (2) Ron passed around suggestions for zoning changes to add stream buffers for new development. The proposal was defeated. The vote was 2,2,2. Ron suggested that housing density calculations did not use floodplain, aquifers and other conserved or protected lands in the calculation. The vote was approved.
- (3) No news on Clark Park. The Trustees are in executive session tonight probably on this issue.
- (4) Educational Programs- Brent talked to Sue Morse. Sue suggested picking a topic from her web site. A good one would be the puma, Cougar, Mt lion talk. The talk could be in late March or early April. Total cost of the talk would be \$350.
- (5) Cambridge Project-no response yet from Cambridge CC. There is a survey going on at the property. There are about 24 acres and the total funds needed are \$145,000.

New Business:

- (1) The questionnaire for the Town meeting we will discuss in February. One question may be should we increase minimum lot size in some zoning districts.
- (2) Karl Lipsky saw the flooding damage on the new trail. He is going to try and coordinate a meeting with us in the spring.
- (3) Bugbee Springs- Ron talked to the VT Land Trust and they are not interested. The Stowe Land Trust may be interested. Village could deed the parcel to the Town and it could become a park.
- (4) Ron was invited to a Forest and Parks meeting about the American Chestnut.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectively submitted, Jim Pease, Secretary.