

Morristown Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for
January 15, 2009

Members Present: Steve Rae, Jim Pease, Richard Sargent, Kevin Lane

Members Absent: Gert Lepine

Guest: Ron Stancliff, Brent Teillon

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Minutes from the December 2008 were not available. Jim will prepare the December minutes for the next meeting.

Next on the agenda was the report from the co-chair – with Steve reporting:

- Heath Property – The Select Board has approved the transfer and the State has a copy of the minutes from the meeting at which the Select Board granted their approval. The transaction is pending the Governor's approval.
- Planning Commission (PC) – At the last meeting, the PC reviewed the pending revisions to the Zoning Bylaws with no substantial changes. Additionally, the Town has received a letter from the State Natural Resources Board District 5 Environmental Commission acknowledging the proposed Sewer Service Marketing Area (SSMA) and noting the need for the Town to follow-up by implementing the necessary and appropriate Zoning Bylaws.
- Trails – We received
 - A manual and newsletter from the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council
 - A copy of a letter for the Persico's in which they enumerate a series of problems related to snowmobile usage on their property including machines blocking their driveway, reckless operation, and operation outside of permitted hours. (Given the location of the Persico's property, adjacent to the Morristown Elementary School, Brent raised the possibility that this presents a potential safety issue for students.)

Jim will forward a copy of the letter to the Lamoille County Snow Packers and follow-up with them on this matter.

Next on the agenda was discussion of the Commission's position on the proposed Zoning Bylaw revisions. Steve had prepared a revised draft which he shared for review and discussion. Following review and discussion, Richard motioned that we approve the document "in its present form". Kevin seconded this motion and the motion was approved unanimously. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Morristown Alliance for Culture and Commerce (MACC).

For "old business"

- Steve reminded the Commission about the importance of maintaining strong membership. Regarding membership, Brent Teillon, retired professional forester and entomologist, gave a brief summary of his background.
- Jim noted that the land adjacent to Molly's Bog was being logged.

For "new business"

- Steve reported that we received a letter from the Lamoille Natural Resources Conservation District / Nature Center stating that they are looking for an individual to serve on their board.
- Richard recently had contact with Brian Watson regarding the Rail Trail. The Rail Trail is hoping to bypass Act 250 jurisdiction and begin bridge work this spring.
- Richard reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Stowe Land Trust (SLT) at which SLT expressed strong interest in working more closely with the neighboring towns of Morristown and Waterbury. A potential agenda item for an upcoming meeting would be preparing a letter from the Commission to the SLT reiterating our interest in working with them.

At 7:30, Kevin motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Steve seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Lane