



TOWN OF MORRISTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES & ACTIONS - Respectfully Submitted by

Pam Stanyon

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

On Zoom and at 43 Portland St. Morrisville, VT 05661

5:00 PM Thursday, January 15, 2026

A. 5:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER Present: Nancy Dunavan (zoom), Dave Durand, Pam Stanyon, Brent Teillon, Jerry Throne, Hilary Warner, Sandy Zebal, Lisa Zinn, & Ev Throne (guest); absent: Chris Espejo

B. 5:01 PM – APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of December 18, 2025. Approved.

C. 5:03 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS Ev Throne updated us on Lyme Disease Presentation, it's underway, Margo Crane is helping with flyers, no expenses to date, volunteer is helping with website. Later might need funds for printing materials, such as business cards/printed presentations, targeting spring 2026.

D. 5:08 PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Pam Stanyon agreed to fill Jim Pease's roll keeping minutes as interim Secretary.

2. Vermont Conservation Voters- Lamoille County Democratic Committee; Conservation Topics will be discussed prior, 2 guest speakers plus Molly Gray Lt Gov. candidate. Saturday January 17th at 9:00 AM community room. All MCC members are invited.

3. Discuss possible speaker, Debbie New- Vermont Community Thermal Networks (underground) - Jerry. Debbie spoke to town twice before in years prior. Can be a speaker for MCC. **ACTION: Motion passed she will present to us; Jerry to schedule**

4. Pie Day results- Sandy, Hilary, Lisa, Jerry all led and Dave stopped by. Information was gathered and Jerry sent to MCC Members. Conserved Land Map was a big hit. Consider next year adding a separate brochure that explains the work process of conserving your land. **ACTION: Lisa to look for materials that exist.**

5. Vermont Council Rural Development - Nancy *Climate Economy Resilient Communities Grant* - It's an "in-kind" Grant, services and time with other community groups. Idea: Consider Alternate Communications Channels for EMS that are not grid specific (in case the electrical grid goes out) - Unfortunately other community groups, including MACC and Lamoille County Conservation cannot commit at this time. Group agreed to deprioritize applying for this grant this year.

6. Other A. Some conversations in community regarding MCC taking over recreation. MCC Group agreed that is not core to our mission, not interested.

B. Stowe Land Trust asked and invited us to co-sponsor what SLT can do for our community presentation Feb. 18 6:30-8:00 pm at Wing Center. **ACTION:**

Lisa, Jerry, Sandy will attend

E. 5:50 PM - OLD BUSINESS (5-MINUTES/EACH)

1. Vision and strategic plan- workshop held 2:00 PM January 14th, plan will be issued to all. **ACTION:** members - Dave and Brent - could ask Pam for a separate meeting to provide their input or alternatively give input via email. Next Step Pam to issue and email updated plan and all members need to read it, provide final comments prior to Feb. 19th meeting There will be a vote to approve it then.
2. MCC Member Job Description- Pam/Jerry. Brent made a suggested change in top section. **ACTION:** Pam to update and send to the team, members to read prior to the Feb. meeting and provide any final comments to Pam cc Jerry Board approval vote will be asked at Feb. Meeting.
3. Update Non-voting Student Member - Jerry/Hilary/Lisa. Hilary added a flow chart “*how to add a non-voting student member to MCC board*”. **ACTION:** Jerry & Lisa to meet with Peoples Academy counsels & Principal to see student fit for role.
4. Muddy Moose update- Jerry/Brent - SLT has agreed to purchase the 150 acres land and gift it to Morristown as Conserved Land. There will be a small loss of tax revenue to the town, which Jerry & Brent will confirm with the Town/SLT.
ACTION: All - look over the email from Jerry and make suggestions directly to Jerry with any feedback or questions. Feb. meeting vote to approve or not.
5. Update MSI Airport Quarry project- Act 250/publicity- Jerry sent Email 1/14/26 with documents pertaining to latest filings and Jerry’s response on behalf of MCC. MCC received these materials via mail. MCC Board approved the letter Jerry sent to ACT 250 and accepted it into the record at Jan. board meeting. Next step Feb. 3, deadline for all parties to submit ‘findings of fact’.
6. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant written by Adele Taplin - letter of commitment & member relevant experience- Jerry. **ACTION:** Jerry to send update to all MCC Board via email.
7. Maps
 - a. Update town forest trail map on town website with additional information requested from public- Chris. TABLED
 - b. Digitizing of maps; Jim found town forest & Clark Park maps; Fran Sladyk’s- Jerry/Chris. TABLED
8. Addition of MCC member job description to Town website MCC page along with flow diagram. **ACTION:** All - Send any comments to Pam cc. Jerry with goal to approve at Feb. meeting
9. Trail markers - plenty in town offices basement - for NE & NW Trail- Brent **ACTION:** Brent to finish flagging NW Trail with Dave, Chris and Peter Bourne
10. Budget Article update- Jerry sent letter to Select Board, that MCC will NOT ask for ¼ cent 2026 budget. **ACTION:** Jerry to set meeting next Quarter to discuss funding for future.
11. Update trail sponsorship for trail brush maintenance- Peter Bourne/David. Dave started looking into ways to create a sub-committee (volunteers coordinated by one MCC member) for trails and using a phone AP to map trails. There is a multi-use trail - similar to Catamount trail - that is being created to run from top to bottom of the state **ACTION:** Dave to inquire with Will Robins to speak to MCC and let Jerry know potential time slot.

13. Other. Not Applicable

F. ADJOURNED - 6:51