



July 17, 2025

Attendees: Jerry Throne, Dave Stevens, Jim Pease, Sandra Zebal,, Hilary Warner, Pamela Stanyon, Nancy Dunavan, Brent Teillon

Guests: Chris Espejo. Peter Bourne

Meeting opened at Town Hall at 5:00 pm  
The June meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no public comments.

### **New Business**

1. **Summer Recreation Camp**-We discussed the recent summer Rec Camp Town Forest field trip, which was held indoors due to weather concerns. It was successful in engaging young participants despite the change of plans. We discussed plans for future field trips with Fran.
2. **Trail Maintenance**: We agreed to purchase both a gas-powered and electric weed whacker for trail maintenance, with a budget of around \$500.
3. **Emerald Ash Borer**: We also considered attending a Vermont Urban & Community Forestry training on August 12th in Ludlow for roadside ash inventory to monitor for Emerald Ash Borer infestation, though some members expressed that they already had sufficient knowledge in this area.
4. **Treasurers Report**: Brent reported that the Conservation Fund will increase by \$28,000 in November. The existing CD is now valued at \$36,992.32 and the check book has \$2770.30. Brent explained the importance of maintaining a balance between CD and money market funds for flexibility and it was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

### **Old Business**

1. **MCC Logo**-The group agreed to move forward with the updated logo, despite some concerns about the size of "Morrystown" in the design, and decided to adopt it for now with the possibility of minor adjustments in the future -a motion was made to approve the Logo as finalized. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. **Google Survey Data**-Pam indicated that the working group worked on drafting a great 3-5 year vision for initiative. and we should have a special meeting in September on the draft plan; she will send around the revised draft via email.
3. **Oktoberfest**-Sandy, Pam and Hilary will follow up on collecting materials for the MCC table to be displayed at Oktoberfest at the end of September.

4. **Non-voting Student Member to MCC**-We reviewed a draft job description for a non-voting student member, with suggestions to simplify the role and potentially add requirements related to trail work. The committee agreed to recruit for the student volunteer position in September, aiming for the start of the school year. The discussion included whether we should post the job description on the Town web site. Pam will send the posting via email and we will discuss it further in August.
5. **Flood Safety Act Presentation**-We will have a presentation on flood safety education by Allison Spasyk on August 21st. at the Town Offices from 5:00-5:20. It which will be open to the public; the Planning Commission should also be invited. There is a need to promote the event through the town website (Nancy) and news outlets (Pam).
6. **Morristown Trails**-We discussed the deteriorating condition of the town forest trails, which are overgrown and not being properly maintained. A volunteer workday to address trail maintenance was proposed, with the goal of having Conservation Commission members lead the effort. The group agreed that a subgroup should be formed to develop a plan and assign specific tasks, with Hilary offering to share research on trail management practices from nearby towns. There was some confusion about the role of the town's Recreation Coordinator in trail management, which the group acknowledged needed to be clarified. Hilary will summarize activities of the actions of other neighboring towns and share it. Brent handed out a summary of trail conditions in the Town Forest and agreed to coordinate trail efforts for a short period, with Chris mentoring with Brent and potentially filling in as a backup in the future. Hilary will serve as a consultant advisor to introduce relevant parties to Brent.
7. **Bylaw revisions**-this was postponed until the August meeting.
8. **Green up**-Brent will send a final green-up summary report before the August meeting.
9. **Airport Industrial Park**-Jerry and Jim have been reviewing the newest submittals from MSI on the proposed park. The deadline for comments is July 28. Members focused on concerns about noise levels from a proposed rock extraction facility. Members expressed skepticism about the noise study's predictions, which claimed no homes would experience noise levels above 51 decibels, equivalent to urban background noise. The study's methodology and duration considerations were discussed, noting that the noise would be constant for 10 years. The discussion also touched on water contamination risks, air pollution from silica particles, and the need for independent noise monitoring. The Act 250 Commission will review the next round of comments, with potential for back-and-forth between the applicant and concerned parties before a final decision is made.
10. **MCC web site modifications**-The group discussed updates on the town website, including removing outdated information about a community mapping survey.
11. **Morrisville Live Table**- Nancy, Sandy & Hilary plan for an upcoming table display at the Morrisville Live/corn roast event on Wednesday, August 20th in the Oxbow, with a budget limit of \$200. A motion was made to approve this expenditure of \$200 for materials and was approved unanimously. All MCC members are encouraged to attend.
12. **July 21<sup>st</sup> Select Board Meeting**-The group also discussed attending a select board meeting on July 21st to support Chris's appointment to the commission.
13. **Other**- Discussion of an MCC member job description was tabled to August meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Pease, Secretary