

MONMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting – May 13, 2014

[Randy Schiller took Meeting notes, as Secretary Cindy Parker was unable to attend]

All,

Here's my capsule of our meeting last Tuesday:

1. Attended: Bob Mulliken, Herb Whittier, and Randy Schiller. Cindy Parker informed that she could not make this meeting.
2. Cindy, could you email distribute minutes from last meeting?
3. Guest speaker (Dan Steward from DOT) cancelled at the last minute. He's now scheduled for our meeting on June 10. We discussed trying to get with Gary Maurer from Stanton Bird Club to walk through Woodbury Conservatory with us some weekday morning. Please let Randy know what days would be OK for you and I'll call Gary and find a mutually good time to do this. I'm thinking in early June.
4. We discussed progress made by Cindy and Randy (more progress than Randy) in getting street addresses onto the Tax Exempt Property List. With that info, we can develop the color-coded map of these properties. We listed 13 different categories for these properties, and (assuming we have 13 unique colors highlighters) we will make a key showing each color for a category.
5. We also found where the 2007 Comprehensive Plan is posted on the Town Website. This is clearly a complete work (over 120 pages) done by a group of citizens over at least a year. This document is the first that presents the CC as a body and defines some activities in which we could (should) be involved. All are encouraged to review it.
6. Herb mentioned that there is a piece of property that the Selectmen may be asking our advice about. There is a lot on Maple Street that the Museum owns, and is located a couple of lots east of the Blacksmith Shop. There used to be a Coal Shed there, which is now gone except for the remains of its foundation. Lloyd McCabe has offered \$5,000 to the museum to purchase this land and give it to the town, thinking it might be a small park-like setting with a plaque installed recognizing the McCabe's. Herb, Bob and Randy visited the site after the meeting to better evaluate it. General consensus seemed to be that, assuming just maintaining it as a grassy area is little to no cost, it makes good sense for the town to accept this gift. However, much depends on the conditions McCabe might put on the gift (e.g., does it require a "Park"? Can it later be sold? Requirements of the Plaque? Etc.) Expect to hear more later, but it seems like folks know we're here and active...
7. Next meeting on June 10 at 6:30.

Please let me know if I missed anything and any items to consider for the agenda on June 10. Seeya then!

Randy Schiller
Chairman, Monmouth Conservation Commission

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