

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission(FCC)  
Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016 *Approved*

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Amy Dohner, Jen Cirillo, Karen Pettersen, Dennis Armell, John Medenwald. Guests: None.

1. Craig opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
2. January 12, 2015 meeting minutes were approved with one revision.

3. Claflin / Hinsdale

Craig noted that Planning Commission (PC) minutes indicated that Mr. Claflin proposed a 4 lot Planned Residential Development (PRD), and the PC classified it as a minor application. We did not see a PC agenda on the bulletin board or town website showing the date of the PC hearing on this PRD.

4. Monkton ANAC Inter-town Conservation Meeting, Jan. 24, 2016

Jen and Craig attended the Inter-town Conservation Meeting on Jan. 24, 2016 and presented an update from the FCC. Craig and Jen reported a general overview of what was presented by other CCs attending. John asked what some of the similarities and differences are amongst the various CCs. Craig reported that some have a conservation fund for projects. Jen offered that many provide educational opportunities for residents. Additionally John asked about communication regarding habitat connectivity, and Craig noted that while there isn't a formal mechanism there is an informal history of conservation commissions of abutting towns sharing intertown issues with us. Jen will convert the Powerpoint presentation that she and Craig developed for this ANAC meeting to a PDF, and email it to the rest of us. She will also email the PDF to Betsy Etchells, and ask her to post it on the FCC website in a new folder titled something like "Conservation Topics".

5. Salisbury Conservation Commission Addison Cty CCs mtg

FCC has been invited to attend a meeting of Addison County conservation commissions hosted by the Salisbury CC on 3/23 from 7-8:30pm. Dennis and Jen offered to attend on behalf of the FCC and present the Powerpoint from the Inter-town Conservation Meeting that was recently hosted by Monkton ANAC.

6. Ryan / Town & Country Homes

Craig reported that this application to the ZBA has been withdrawn. No further action required.

## 7. Town Forest

Karen reported that she did a town forest walk on 2/6/16 (no other CC members were able to attend). She noted that the east property boundary painted blazes are pretty faded and need to be repainted. It was suggested that the FCC repaint in the summer.

## 8. Addison County River Watch Collaborative 3/31

Amy reported that the Water Quality Chat is scheduled for 3/31. Amy will follow up with Matt Witten from ACRWC to determine timing of event, publicity needs, and AV/set up needs for this event. At the SB meeting tonight, the SB approved the request that Amy submitted to use of the upstairs Town Hall for this event; fee waived. Jen will bring a screen from work. FCC members will provide snacks and drinks.

## 9. VLCT Local Government Day

This event occurred on 2/10. FCC members were not able to attend.

## 10. New business

### 10a. Anbaric / National Grid electric transmission cable

Craig updated the FCC on the Anbaric proposal in Ferrisburgh. Craig is serving on an Ad Hoc Committee that was appointed by the SB to coordinate with Anbaric and National Grid. Craig reported that, at the Committee's suggestion, Anbaric has scheduled an informational meeting on 2/25 (at Town Offices in the evening), for Anbaric to explain the project in detail. The Committee requested that a notice be mailed to all abutters to the powerline about this informational meeting. This meeting will be open to the public, and notice will be posted on the town bulletin board, website, and FPF. Craig reported that the proposed route of the powerline comes out of Lake Champlain in Kingsland Bay, then will be buried under town roads heading south and east to Rte. 7, then south along the shoulder of Rte. 7 to New Haven. The southern end of the powerline will tie into the high-voltage grid at the substation in New Haven south of Rte. 17 and east of Rte. 7, where there will be large building to house the converter equipment. He noted that he does not see any significant conservation issues in Ferrisburgh related to this proposal excepting possible wetland incursions if their construction activity extends wider than the roads. Craig reported that the Committee is expecting to receive the first draft of a proposed legal agreement with the town (Memorandum of Understanding, or MOU) from Anbaric in the next week or two.

10b. VT Energy is closing and they will be removing underground tanks and cabins behind the building, except one. It was reported that Dock Doctors will be expanding into that area. No conservation issues are expected. However expansion by Dock Doctors could trigger stormwater permitting and/or a wastewater permit amendment.

10c. Northeast Farm Equipment is closing its location on Rt 7 in Ferrisburgh (former Hawkins Garage; Eriksen Marine).

10d. May reported seeing a new solar installation on Pierce Lane.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.

The next scheduled meeting is March 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Jen Cirillo