

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting January 14, 2014
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman; Dennis Arnell, Treasurer; and
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The December meeting notes were moved to accept as corrected and seconded; all voted in favor.

A. Town Plan

1. Craig brought the draft of the proposed Land Use Plan portion of the Town Plan prepared by Clair Tebbs, dated 1/7/2014. He will attend the Town Planning Commission meeting on 1/15/2014 when the Land Use Plan will be discussed. Karen will send Craig her comments on the Land Use Plan prior to the P.C. meeting
2. Karen presented a summary of the wildlife issues found in the Town Survey for the proposed Town Plan, which had been emailed to committee members. Summary attached.
3. Karen, also, emailed the Ferrisburgh Open House Feedback from Activity Tables, dated 9/23/2013, and noted that one of the items listed under “things participants were concerned about, by town-plan topic” was Conserve wildlife habitat.
4. Craig will request permission from the planning commission tomorrow evening to submit wording for the conservation section of the Town Plan, similar to what the Energy Committee has or will be submitting to the PC.

B. Lewis Creek Association and AVCC

1. Dennis will take the annual appeal request of the LCA, and request for the AVCC application fee to the Town Clerk this coming Friday.

C. Commission business

1. Craig will contact the Town Clerk and Selectboard regarding the Conservation Commission officers, and the departure of Deb from this Commission.
2. Dennis and Karen reviewed the October 13, 2013 approved meeting notes, and both agreed that item A.1 should be revised and reposted on the Town website.
3. Karen will contact Betsy Etchells this Friday to receive a tutorial on downloading the meeting notes to the Town website.
4. Craig will contact the Town Clerk and the Selectboard chair for approval to post an item on Front Porch Forum that we are looking for new members.

D. Pierce Woods

1. Craig visited the property, and noted that the first phase of the subdivision road and the first fire pond have been constructed. There was a haul road leading from the cul-se-sac and a pile of logs in the area.
2. Craig talked with Ken Wheeling, and he is aware that owner of Pierce Woods needs to finalize the conservation easement before any lots can be sold.

E. Winter project.

1. Karen presented 2 of the 3 pdfs maps Kevin Boehm, ACRPC, created as requested. One map shows topography, streams, roads, parcels and an outline of major creek watershed, and the other, in addition to the previous map, shows the natural resources and conserved lands. The third shows all of the above plus prime agricultural soils. Karen will ask Kevin to revise these maps by removing the watershed outlines on the base map, and create two other maps, one showing an overlay of the natural resources and the other the conserved lands. The map showing the prime agricultural soils will not be necessary.
2. Craig will print these maps at a larger scale for the committee to mark up at our next meeting.

G. Other meetings and organizations.

1. Karen will verify the date of the VLCT Municipal Officers Day.
2. Craig will write the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission's annual report for inclusion in the Town's Annual Report, and email it the committee members for their review.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next scheduled meeting is February 11, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

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FERRISBURGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TO: Craig Heindel, Chair
FROM: Karen Pettersen, Secretary
DATE: January 14, 2014
SUBJECT: Summary Town Survey re wildlife issues

Item 9 of the survey asked participants to rank only 5 of the 18 planning topics listed from 1 to 5.

Wildlife habitat was one of the topics.

It ranked 10th in the number of people (26) that included this topic in one of their 5 choices.

However, 70% (18) of those who chose this topic said that this topic was 4th or 5th in importance, being the most important.

Another 19% (5) said that this topic was 2nd in importance.

Item 12 asked participants “what do you think about residential growth...”

73.7% (84 out of a total of 114) chose ‘Development should be limited in some areas of town, in order to maintain our natural and scenic resources.’

