

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting February 11, 2014  
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman; Dennis Arnell, Treasurer;  
John Medenwald; and Karen Pettersen, Secretary

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

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

A. Town Plan

1. Craig attended the 1/15/2014 Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed Land Use Plan portion of the Town Plan. Dennis and Karen emailed Craig their comments on the Land Use Plan prior to the P.C. meeting. Craig said the discussion at that meeting mostly concerned the Route 7 corridor. There was some discussion as to whether the Conservation District, the location of which is a specific distance from the shoreline, could be revised to reflect the riparian zone definition as described in the State Riparian Zone Regulations. Kevin Boehm, ACRPC, has the capability to do a slope analysis along the shoreline, which would be necessary to use the State's riparian zone definition.
2. Karen will attend the next Town Plan discussion at the Planning Commission meeting on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Karen will ask to have the Biological Natural Areas from the Feb. 1995 report prepared for the VT Department of Fish and Wildlife included in the Town Plan.

B. Lewis Creek Association, River Watch and AVCC

1. Dennis reported that Pam Cousino, Assistant Town Clerk, will pay the AVCC dues. The LCA and River Watch annual appeal requests are warned for this years' Town Meeting.

C. Commission business

1. Craig will write to the Town Clerk and Selectboard regarding the Conservation Commission officers, and the departure of Deb from this Commission.
2. Karen revised the October 13, 2013 approved meeting notes, and reposted them on the Town website.
3. Karen contacted Betsy Etchells and received the 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. Winter project.

1. Karen presented the 3 corrected maps prepared by Kevin Boehm, ACRPC. Map one shows topography, streams, roads, and parcels; the second, in addition to the previous map, shows the natural resources, and the third, in addition to map one, shows the conserved lands. Karen will ask Kevin to revise these maps as follows: Base map – remove or move the words 'Elevation in feet' located at the intersection of Quaker and Dakin Roads and Route 7; Conserved Land map – there are three municipal lands shown that aren't municipal, one is adjacent to the town forest, another is at the intersection of Little Chicago and Hawkins Roads, and the last, actually 3 pieces, is under the Conserved Privately Owned layer on the Brisson/Birkett farms located east of Route 7 and north of Monkton Road. There is an additional privately conserved parcel (Spooner

property) not shown ,which was conserved 1 year ago, and is located on Fuller Mountain Road near the Monkton Town Line. Karen will send the link for the maps to John and Dennis.

2. Karen will ask Kevin to give us the percentage of the lands on the Conserved Land and the Natural Resources Maps of the items listed in their respected legends. Also, Karen will ask Kevin for the definition of Community Habitat.
3. When the corrections are made Craig will print these maps at a larger scale for the Town Meeting.
4. John and Dennis will ask John Bull for any wildlife information the Town Road crew has recorded.

E. Other meetings and organizations.

1. Dennis will attend the VLCT Municipal Officers Day on March 31.
2. There are two applications (Neil Aguiar, and Jeanette Mailloux) to the Planning Commission that are warned for the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, which involve the Conservation Zone. Karen will check with Chet to see if the Town has received any maps or plans for these applications.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 11, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

