

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting April 8, 2014
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman; Dennis Armell, Treasurer;
John Medenwald; and Karen Pettersen, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

A. Town Plan

1. Karen attended the 3/19/2014 Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed Town Plan including the initial discussion of the implementation section.
2. Craig attended the 3/31/2014 Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed Town Plan where various edits were discussed.
3. Karen and Craig volunteered to attend the 4/16/2014 Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed Town Plan and the suggestions made by Claire Tebbs, ACRPC.
4. Craig will send a letter to the Planning Commission supporting the revisions to the draft Town Plan suggested by Claire Tebbs regarding the flood plain, and permitted uses within the Conservation Zone.

B. Commission business

1. Dennis and Craig have been reappointed by the Selectboard.
2. Gloria Warden, Town Clerk, posted that we are looking for new members on Front Porch Forum.
3. Amy Dohner emailed Craig expressing her interest in becoming a member of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission.

C. Town Wildlife Mapping

1. Craig brought the Ferrisburgh Natural Resources Map showing the location of wildlife sightings that were marked by people at this year's Town Meeting.
2. Karen will post a request on the Front Porch Forum asking people to provide us the locations of any wildlife sightings within the Town using 911 addresses or other prominent landmarks, such as intersections of roads.
3. Karen will contact Jens Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, requesting him to give a presentation to our Town on the status of the wildlife within Ferrisburgh. He made a presentation in New Haven on the same subject that Karen attended. His job is to assist Town Conservation Commissions regarding wildlife issues.

D. Town Forest

1. Craig attended the last Selectboard meeting to provide input on the request by Jeff Jerger to cross the southeast corner of the Town Forest with his ATV in the winter to access a relative's house via the snow machine trail. The Selectboard granted him permission for 1 year. The Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission will monitor the affects the AVT will have on the Town Forest.
2. Jeff Jerger said the local snow machine club hadn't relocated the snow machine trail that crosses the Town Forest avoiding a ponded area. The trail had been groomed a few times this year.

E. Other meetings and business

1. Dennis and Craig couldn't attend the VLCT Municipal Officers Day on March 31.

2. Craig had sent the members of the FCC an email regarding an interest in the property that is For Sale on Route 7 just south of the intersection with Greenbush Road by NextSunEnergy for use as a solar farm. We would be concerned because the wooded area on the south side of the property is used as a wildlife corridor between the Rokeby property and the State Wildlife management Area. We will make sure to follow any activity planned for that property.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary