

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting May 13, 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 7:35 p.m.

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

A. Town Plan

1. Karen and Craig attended the 4/16/2014 Planning Commission meeting regarding the proposed Town Plan and the suggestions made by Claire Tebbs, ACRPC. The historic village land use boundary as shown in the distributed version didn't reflect what was agreed upon at the previous meeting. Claire will have the land use map changed to show this boundary change. Also, discussed was the Implementation section of the proposed Town Plan including specific actions and what entity will be responsible for carrying out that action and when. The items that were approved included update the zoning regulations specifically along Route 7 and the areas between the existing developed portions along Route 7, add density based zoning, and add a 50 foot vegetative buffer along stream banks, and, in addition, create more recreational opportunities on the Town school property. Specifically assigned to the FCC are to inventory the natural resources and forest areas within the Town, and suggest zoning regulations pertaining to these areas.
2. Craig sent an email to the Planning Commission supporting the revisions to the draft Town Plan suggested by Claire Tebbs regarding the flood plain, and permitted used within the Conservation Zone.

B. Commission business

1. Amy Dohner attended this meeting expressing her interest in becoming a member of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission.

C. Town Wildlife Mapping

1. Craig received three emails from towns people with additional wildlife sightings, which were added to the Ferrisburgh Natural Resources Map.
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 Hawkins-Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, requesting him to give a presentation to our Town in January 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.
4. Karen will post a request on the Front Porch Forum asking people if there is an interest in another animal tracking presentation.

D. Other meetings and business.

1. Couture court appeal – Craig reported that the issue is the wastewater isolation distance which extends onto the neighbors' property, and the neighbor appealed the Zoning approval.
2. Natural Gas pipeline – Craig reported that the proposed pipeline will be located mostly on the south side of Plank Road. The gas company will avoid impacting a number of wetlands by directional drilling under the wetlands.
3. Karen will contact Betsey Etchells about replacing the picture using on the FCC page on the Town website with a picture Craig will supply.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is June 10, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary