

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting June 14, 2016  
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair, Jen Cirillo, Amy Dohner,  
Finn Yarbrough, and Karen Pettersen, Secretary  
Guests: Andrew Dombek, Dorothy Muzzy,  
Kristina Macklin, and Merrie Perron

Craig opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The May meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Laughlin

1. The owner wishes to continue the negotiations regarding the right-of-way to the Town through her property. Carl Cole, her realtor, wants to schedule a site visit with the Conservation Commission to walk the proposed r-o-w, which could be scheduled as a special meeting during the summer, if needed.
2. Dennis suggested that the width of the proposed r-o-w be a minimum of 30 feet wide.

B. Clafin

1. Clark Hinsdale's proposal to the Planning Commission for a subdivision of the property shows three-2 acre lots and a fourth lot of 14.38 acres.
2. Clark's proposed plan shows a r-o-w between lots 2 and 3 to the 4<sup>th</sup> lot. Lot 1 has its own drive.
3. Craig said that Clark indicated that a good portion of Lot 4 would be conserved. Craig thought it was unlikely that Lot 4 could be further subdivided, because it needs to be 25 acres or the applicant would have to submit an application for a PUD subdivision.
4. Craig said at the previous Planning Commission hearing that the FCC would like the lots shifted 50 to 100 feet north to provide for a wildlife corridor or at least a no cut zone along the southern boundary of the Clafin property.
5. Dorothy Muzzy said she owns conserved lands and lands under Current Use adjacent to the proposed subdivision, and she is concerned about the over shadowing on her property of the Lot 1 and 4 wastewater systems' isolation zones for wells.
6. Andrew Dombek said there is plenty of wildlife traveling between all the individual lots on the west side of Hand Road.
7. Kristina Macklin said Clark mischaracterized what the neighbors said previously.
8. Finn asked what the neighbors want.
9. The neighbors said they are concerned about the character of the neighborhood, and think 5 acre lots would be a better fit. They, also, said that the wildlife can travel between the individual houses if the proposed lots were 5 acres. In addition, they don't think the applicant can get 4 lots.
10. Craig suggested that the FCC could request a 25 foot no cut zone on either side of the interior lot lines in a 4- 5 acre lot alternative layout, or we could ask for this plus one along the boundary with Muzzy to the south. Amy said that our priority should be a 50 foot wide wildlife corridor.
11. Andrew said there are existing wildlife travel paths along the southern boundary of the Clafin property on the parcel already.
12. There is a Planning Commission hearing on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Craig said he will write up the FCC position and send it around to the members prior to the hearing

C. Vision Statement

1. Finn would like to add a statement about being responsible to future generations, and the stewardship of human habitat – what’s good for wildlife is good for humans.
2. We will hold an early evening pot luck at Kingsland Bay to discuss the vision statement. Possible dates are Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>.

D. Town Plan

1. Nothing to report.

E. Lake Water Quality

1. Someone could contact the VT Agriculture Agency and/or the Champlain Valley Coalition about the proposed RAP (Recommended Agricultural Practices).

F. Possible future workshops sponsored by FCC

1. Biological Natural Areas in Ferrisburgh – next Spring.
2. Birding ID and habitat with Jim Andrews.
3. ANR enforcement.
4. Co-sponsor a RAP presentation.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. The next scheduled meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

