

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting November 10, 2016
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Dennis Armell, Jen Cirillo,
Amy Dohner, Finn Yarbrough , and
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
Guests: Keegan Buckley, Angela Karas
And Liana Vitousek

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

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

A. Pollinator Habitat presentation

1. Keegan, Angela and Liana, UVM seniors at the Rubenstein School, gave us a power point presentation explaining their general approach for the workshop they will be giving on this subject at the Bixby Library on December 4th. The time of the workshop is yet to be determined. The FCC is sponsoring this workshop. They will also be making a presentation to the Ferrisburgh Selectboard at their meeting on December 6th.
2. We discussed advertising for this event. Jane Spencer, Director of the Bixby, will add this event to their calendar. Amy will send the students all the addresses of the advertisers the FCC uses for our past workshops. Amy will contact the Addison County Beekeepers Association. She suggested the students to create a poster for her to use on facebook and to post throughout our town and surrounding towns.
3. The students asked which Town owned land would be appropriate to use for demonstration plots. Potential areas in town are the firehouse, the town offices, the town beach, the historic society, the union meeting hall, certain cemeteries, the intersection of Routes 22A and 7.
4. We all agreed that the project should reach out to 4H, boy and girl scouts and local farmers including CSAs.
5. We also discussed how to ask for feedback from the attendees after the students' presentation, the supplies that the students will need to involve the children in the audience, and the need for refreshments.

B. Laughlin

1. A site visit was held on October 29th at the property to review possible town right-of-way locations for access to the Town Forest. Attendees included Carl Cole, Craig, John, Amy, Karen, Jen, 3 or 4 members of the Planning Commission, Loretta Lawrence of the Selectboard, Cliff Mix, Town Forester, and Erik Carruth
2. Carl indicated that the subdivision layout hasn't been finalized.
3. We walked a possible route for future mechanized access that curved south of the wetland. The foot path would still be located along the alignment that had been discussed previously – along the Shapiro and Town Forest property lines.
4. The potential building envelope on the lot within the Conservation Zone would be located near the zoning line between the RA5 and the Conservation Zone, which would provide an acceptable buffer for the bobcats.

C. Vision Statement

1. Postponed until all the FCC members are present.

D. New business

1. Mitchell subdivision. The Planning Commission received a subdivision application for a property located on the northeast side of Little Chicago Road as it crosses over Little Otter Creek. A portion of the property is within the Conservation Zone. Karen will go to the Town Clerk's office and copy any information submitted with the application and email that information to the FCC members. Dennis will be able to attend the November 15th meeting of the Planning Commission.
2. Dennis will check on our annual budget at the Town Clerk's office. Amy suggested we have a planning session regarding future activities for the coming year that could require funding by the Town.
3. Jen will write up the report on this year's FCC activities for the annual Town Report.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is December 13th, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

