

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting April 9, 2019
Approved

Members present: Craig Heindel, Karen Pettersen, Dennis Armell, Jen Cirillo, Ron DeBellis
Amy Dohner, Jadziah Hannon-Moonstone, John Medenwald

Guest: Kate Kelly

Craig opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The March 12, 2019 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Lewis Creek Association

1. Lewis Creek Association (LCA) received a grant for the removal of yellow iris, an invasive species, along Lewis Creek and Little Otter Creek. Kate Kelly, LCA Program Coordinator, requested our help with this program, and is looking for 8 volunteers for 5 hours of effort each. The work would involve some hand pulling in early June. She will send us a poster to distribute and to post on our website. Monkey Survey will be available for people who wish to sign up.

B. Winter Ecology Workshop

1. The workshop, on March 28th, was held at Kingsland Bay State Park and there were 16 to 20 attendees.

C. Emerald Ash Borer Workshop

1. The workshop will be held on Thursday, May 30th. The time to be decided. Craig will contact the Selectboard to reserve the upstairs room for the workshop.
2. Elise Schadler, Technical Assistance Coordinator with VT Forests, Parks and Recreation, doesn't have a standard poster for advertizing the workshop, and will send us information to create our own poster.
3. Elise sent an email regarding pest training to Amy, who will pass it onto the other members. It is sponsored by the AVCC, is free and will held from 10 am to 3 pm on May 18th.

D. LURUC

1. Karen attended the March 26th meeting. Brandy Saxton, the planner who prepared the comparison of the current Town Plan and the existing Zoning Regulations, brought a large map of the Town showing the conserved land, and the conservation district.
2. The notes of the LURUC meetings can be found on the Town's website
3. Karen was unable to attend the April 3rd meeting, but will be able to attend the next meeting on April 23rd.

E. Natural Resources Flyer

1. Jadziah volunteered to create the layout for the flyer.

F. Bat Monitoring

1. Amy has been in contact with Catherine Brooks, Rokeby Museum Director, regarding the training and the monitoring this year.
2. The training will be similar to last's presentation at Rokeby. The training will be held on the evening of June 21, Friday with a rain date of June 22, from 8 pm to 9:30 pm +/- with an indoor presentation and an outdoor demonstration of bat counting on the Rokeby grounds.

3. There are 3 potential sites, Kingsland Bay, Rokeby Museum and the Mill, where volunteers will be needed. At our next meeting we will discuss how to attract more volunteers for this effort.

G. New business

1. Elect FCC officers – We voted to maintain the existing officers: Craig as Chair, Dennis as Treasurer, and Karen as Secretary.
2. Craig was approached by Gerri Huetz regarding a property on Ft. Cassin Point Road, which is for sale.
3. The Vermont Land Trust sent a letter to the Ferrisburgh Selectboard regarding the responsibilities of owning a conservation easement, which they forwarded to Craig. He will forward that letter to the remaining members.
4. There was an article in the Addison Independent regarding Panton water quality. The Allen Dale farm had spread raw manure on their fields off season, which is contrary to agricultural practices. Laura Di Pietro, VT Department of Agriculture, said the manure pits were full and it's better to spread it than let the pit overflow.
5. Bear sightings- Decided to send out a reminder to citizens of Ferrisburgh thru FPF to take down their bird feeders at this time of year to discourage bear encounters.
6. Construction of the proposed solar installation near the intersection of Greenbush Rd. and Rt. 7 has begun.
7. Sue Morse called Amy to reschedule the winter field trip to the Town Forest. We would prefer a weekend in January or February, starting around 1:00 pm.
8. We discussed the runoff from the Vorsteveld fields on Arnold Bay Road after an early spring storm event. John will discuss our concerns with Rick Ebel, Selectboard Chair, and the Town attorney.
9. Dennis gave us a treasure's report. We have spent \$221.63 this year. A \$200 check to Sue Morse should be canceled for the field trip to the Town Forest, canceled due to weather. At the beginning of the fiscal year we will have an additional \$500 in our budget. Budgeting and ideas for next years spending should be discussed at our next meeting.
10. John will not be able to attend the May 14th meeting.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 14th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

