

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting May 8, 2018
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Jen Cirillo
Amy Dohner
John Medenwald

Guests: Alexi Licursi
Danielle Licursi

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

The April 10th meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Potential new members

1. Both Alexi Licursi and Danielle Licursi expressed an interest in joining the Conservation Commission. Craig described the purpose and focus of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission, and the procedure to become a member.
2. Craig said there was another person Sheila Schwaneflugel who expressed an interest in joining the Commission, but was unable to attend.

B. Natural Resources flyer

1. Jen and Amy said they wanted to work on a Ferrisburgh Natural Resources flyer for the Commission to have available for distribution at the Town Clerks office.

C. Bat Monitoring

1. Alyssa wanted to wait until Kingsland Bay State Park to schedule training for this year's monitoring.
2. Amy said she heard back from 2 people who wanted to volunteer for this year's monitoring at Kingsland Bay State Park between July 11th and 30th.

D. Sue Morse presentation

1. Amy hadn't contacted Sue.
2. There is a possibility of a 1 ½ hr. pre-presentation field trip in mid-afternoon.
3. Amy will provide a flyer for us to use when advertising her presentation.

E. Department of Agriculture hearings

1. Dennis will check on the hearing schedule. Two of the three hearing will deal with the drainage tile issue.

F. Animal sightings database

1. Amy has received 6 or 7 sightings of animals from town's folk.
2. Craig will post a request for additional sightings on the FCC website and on Front Porch Forum.
3. Jen will ask the people who submit sightings if they are comfortable with us posting the location of the sighting.

4. Once we are members of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions we will be able to ask other members what their experience has been with animal sightings.
5. Amy will send us the animal photos she has received.

G. Emerald Ash Borer

1. We will ask Cliff Mix, Town Tree Warden, to give a public presentation concerning the status of the infestation.
2. Craig will contact Charlotte regarding their presentation and posting on the subject on Front Porch Forum by their Town Tree Warden.

H. New Business

1. The tree cutting on Sand Road before the intersection with Cross Road was done by the State Fish and Wildlife Department to improve wildlife habitat.
2. Craig was contacted by a property owner (seasonal use) on Arnold Bay. This property owner didn't think the farmer/neighbor (Vorstevold) used Required Agricultural Practices when clearing some forest to create a cornfield.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is June 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary