

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting June 9, 2015  
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In attendance for the FCC: Dennis Armell, Treasurer and Acting Chair,  
Amy Dohner, Karen Pettersen, Secretary,  
and Finn Yarbrough

Dennis opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The May meeting notes were moved to accept.

A. Selected Reptiles and Amphibians workshop, May 13<sup>th</sup>

1. The workshop was well received with 35 attendees.

B. Shoreland Protection Workshop, July 6th

1. Craig hasn't heard anything additional from Misha Cetner, and the committee can exchange emails about publicity details in the next few days.
2. Karen had contacted Long Point Association to include a notice of this workshop in their next newsletter.
3. Dennis will contact the Town Clerk to get a list of other shoreland landowners.

C. Energy Committee

1. Finn reported that Bob McNary, Chair of the Energy Committee, went to the Selectboard meeting with a concern that there are too many solar array projects being proposed in Ferrisburgh all at the same time.
2. The Selectboard sent a letter of non-support to the developer of the solar array project proposed behind the Dollar General.
3. The Energy Committee drafted a letter to the developers of two other solar array projects, Aegis Renewable Energy and Pomerleau, suggesting that the developers might approach the Energy Committee and the Conservation Commission for input on their projects as a means of soliciting local support. The Energy Committee would like the Conservation Commission to cosign the letter. Finn will email the letter to our members.

D. Vision Statement

1. Jen emailed the committee a draft vision statement on May 21 for us to review.
2. Dennis would prefer to meet on a week night to discuss the vision statement, possibly over a picnic dinner in August.

E. Town Forest

1. Craig to follow up with Jeff Jerger regarding any ATV this past winter.
2. Carl Cole contacted Craig regarding the Laughlin property, which abuts the Town Forest.
3. We agreed to send a letter to the Selectboard to reinforce our need to have clear ROW thru the Laughlin property to the Town Forest after Carl meets with the Committee.

F. Town Plan

1. The Planning Commission will not hold a hearing on June 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the draft Town Plan due to the 30-day warning requirement.

G. Website

1. Karen to contact Betsy Etchells to add:
  - a. another item on the left sidebar labeled 'Upcoming Workshops'
  - b. remove 'interested in joining the FCC'
  - c. add Finn Yarbrough's name as a member of the committee
  - d. remove one of the 'meeting minutes' notations

H. Sue Morse presentation

1. Craig wrote that he hopes to attend the June 18<sup>th</sup> presentation. He asked if we could work on some concepts to explain our management of wildlife habitat and corridors. He encouraged other members to attend and will coordinate with us by email.
2. We are in the initial stages of identifying wildlife corridors within the Town.

I. New business

1. Amy will contact Jens Hilke, VT Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, to request his attendance at our September meeting to discuss our expectations for a public presentation by him possibly during the week of October 19-23<sup>rd</sup>.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next scheduled meeting is September 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary