

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting September 11, 2018
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Jen Cirillo
Amy Dohner
John Medenwald

Craig opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The June 12th meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Sue Morse presentation

1. Site visit – Amy emailed us an update, said a contract has been signed, and the fee will be \$250. We will meet Sue and Bobbi at the Town Hall at 12:30 pm and will leave at 12:45 pm carpooling over to the Town Forest access. The site visit will take place from 1:00-4:00 pm. After the site visit Sue and Bobbi will return to the Town Hall for a dinner, which will be supplied by Amy. Karen will be at the Town Hall at 12:30 pm, and Craig will be at the Town Forest access a little before 1:00 pm. The site visit is limited to 20 people. Craig will send the Town Forest abutters an invitation to the site visit.
2. Presentation – Amy has contacted Gloria, Town Clerk, regarding the PA system. Gloria said the system wouldn't meet Sue's requirements. We discussed renting a system. Amy will get the screen out of the basement. As many of us as can should be at the Town Hall at 5:30 pm to set up the chairs and tables. Everyone should bring snacks and/or drink for the event.
3. Advertising – Jen will send the flyer to local schools, and environmental clubs. She will advertise in the Addison Independent, the Eagle, Seven Days, Charlotte New, Shelburne News and Hinesburg. Jen gave us each flyers to post in as many places as possible.

B. Bat Monitoring

1. Amy has a summary for this past summer, and will email it to all the volunteers that participated in monitoring the bats at Kingsland Bay.
2. Alyssa requested that we monitor the Bat Condo at Kingsland Bay next year.

C. Town Forest

1. We set Nov. 11, Sun. for the boundary maintenance at the Town Forest starting at 10:00 am, - meeting at the left hand turn on Robinson Road. The alternative date will be Nov. 17th at the same time and place. We will start at the SE corner of the Forest and head westward. John will bring the boundary paint, and Jen will bring brushed. We should bring hammers and flagging. We need to get the nails and the decals from Craig.

D. Zoning rewrite update

1. Karen attended the first meeting of the Ferrisburgh Land Use Regulations Update Committee (LURUC) on Sept. 5th, chaired by Bonnie Barnes.
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3. Arabella Holzapfel volunteered to be the chair of the Committee.
4. We reviewed the analysis of the existing zoning and subdivision regulations versus the current Town Plan prepared by Brandy Saxton, Planner.
5. Arabella volunteered to fill out a grant application to fund a planner to assist this committee in writing the new zoning and subdivision bylaws.

6. The next meeting will be on Oct. 3rd at 5:30 – 7:00.

E. Long Point aquatic weed infestation

1. Karen explained Long Point Corporation is considering methods to manage the excessive aquatic vegetation outbreak that occurred in the summer of 2016 with consideration of similar future events. A permit from the State would be needed for vegetation removal in the lake. The first step towards filing an application for that permit would be an aquatic weed survey, which the Corporation has undertaken. The Corporation would probably form partnerships with other nearby entities.

F. Proposed Salvage Yard Permit – Brent Jerger

1. Brent made a presentation to the Conservation Commission concerning his proposed salvage yard. The State is requiring him to have a license, and to limit the number of cars to 50. Presently there are 200 cars, most of which will be removed. The yard will be in an old sand pit, which is not visible from the closest road. He manages the fluids that were in the vehicles. His property doesn't abut the Town Forest.
2. He needs zoning approval for the state license. We should confirm if the property is within the Conservation Zone. Brent will bring a map of his proposal to the Town Clerk, who will forward it to Craig by email.
3. John made a motion to write a letter to the ZBA after we review the map, and it was seconded.
4. The letter should reference his project as "50 car storage area owned and operated by Brent Jerger". His mailing address is 2861 Shellhouse Mountain Road, and his cell phone number is 349-7452.

G. Natural Resources flyer.

1. Jen started a draft of the flyer and should have the draft ready by November.

H. Animal sightings database

1. There have been a few sighting submissions.
2. Amy will send the animal photos to Gloria to post on our website.

I. Emerald Ash Borer

1. This subject could be a good subject for a future workshop.

J. New Business

1. New members – Jen asked Gloria if there is an age limit for being a member of the Conservation Commission. Gloria said she couldn't find any restrictions on age. Jen will contact schools in the area. Someone should post another notification on Front Porch Forum. Craig will make an announcement at the Sue Morse presentation.

K. Vorsteveld/ Arnold Bay tree cutting

1. Craig recused himself because he has a conflict of interest. John was selected to Chair this issue.
2. John, Karen, Dennis and Jen held a Special Meeting on Sept. 11th at Arnold Bay Road. There were 24 neighbors present. Karen will write up the minutes from this Special Meeting, and John will write a letter to the Selectboard expressing our concerns.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is October 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary