

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting April 10, 2018  
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary  
Dennis Armell, Treasurer  
Amy Dohner

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

The March 13th meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Town Forest

1. We decided to postpone the site visit, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, to the Town Forest due to a discussion Craig had with Sue Morse. She suggested avoiding the cliffs in the spring and early summer when bobcats den up with their young. We picked July 28/29 for a tentative site visit to check the southern property line and invasive species check.

B. Appointments

1. Jen and Amy asked to be reappointed for 4 years as members of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission.
2. Finn will not be seeking reappointment.
3. We should contact Gloria to advertise for new members, possibly in the Addison Independent and Front Porch Forum.

C. Addison County Conservation Commissions Networking Summit

1. Dennis attended the Summit on April 7th, which had 30 attendees.
2. Each town gave an 8-10 minute presentation.
3. Compared to other towns, the budget for our Conservation Commission is below average.
4. The representatives from Ripton presented a flyer that they developed which is given to new landowners explaining the natural resources of the town. We all agreed that this flyer is something that we should develop for our town with the possible assistance of a UVM field naturalist graduate student.

D. Perron subdivision

1. Karen didn't report any information regarding this subdivision.

E. Bat Monitoring

1. Amy contacted Alyssa to express our interest in monitoring bats again at Kingsland Bay State Park this summer.

F. Sue Morse presentation

1. We will invite the Shultz/Aldrich to the presentation this fall, and the pre-presentation walk if there is one. Amy will talk to Sue about the extra cost of the walk, and to ask her to explain to us how to handle the bobcat issue, regarding making people aware of their den locations.

G. Turkey presentation

1. There were 27 people at the March 29th
2. Jen has a list of the attendees. Hopefully we will be able to use this list to send out future announcements of events and other news.

H. New Business

1. Dennis will ask Gloria to pay \$50 for our membership in the Association of VT Conservation Commissions. The AVCC would advertise any event we sponsor if we give them a flyer well in advance.
2. Dennis said that the Department of Agriculture will be holding 3 public meetings to discuss the use of drainage tiles and pesticides as a source of phosphate and nitrogen that make their way to Lake Champlain.
3. Craig suggested that we create a data base of bear and bobcat sightings. He said he will post a request on FPF asking for information on any of these sightings, including the date, location, etc.
4. Amy will be away April 15-25.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary