

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting December 14, 2021  
approved Minutes

Members present: Craig Heindel, Chair, Jen Cirillo, Amy Dohner (via Zoom), Mathew Gordon (via Zoom), Karen Pettersen and Tyler Steff

Members not present: Ron DeBellis

Craig opened the in-person and Zoom meeting at 7:08 p.m.

The November 9, 2021 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as amended.

A. Lewis Creek Presentation

1. Matt reached out to Kate Kelly regarding the date for her presentation. Kate said that February would work best for her. *Matt will contact her next week.*

B. FCC website

1. Tyler fixed all the links.
2. Craig received a call from Betsy Etchells, Town website manager, and she suggested taking a photo at this meeting. Tyler took a picture and will photoshop in members who aren't present.
3. *Craig asked Tyler to update our website announcing our search for 2 members.*

C. Trails Committee

1. Amy said the Selectboard is collecting 'Letters of Interest' from people interested in being a member of the new Trails Committee.
2. Amy sent a letter and *Tyler will send a letter* expressing their interests.

D. Town Forest Management Plan

1. Matt said he is planning on contacting UVM student after this semester to assist us with updating our management plan. Walt Paulman, instructor of the NR206 class, would be the contact.
2. Craig would like this effort to be a formal update. He suggested contacting VT Family Forests, a consultant and/or the County Forester.
3. Craig, also, would like to recognize the original traditional unseated stewards of the land and contemporary homelands of the Winooskyk band of Abenaki. Craig would like to be open to asking the Abenaki for their input, such as their goals for the forest.
4. *Matt said he will contact the Abenaki leader of the band.*

E. Comeau Appeal

1. Craig has no information regarding this project. *He said he would look into it.*

F. Zoning Permits.

1. White – Craig had no information.
2. DeVos on Ashley Road – Craig said a portion of the land is in the Conservation District, but he is unsure how much of the property is in the CD. Bonnie Barnes, Zoning Administrator, has tried to get that information. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. *Craig will send Karen the comments from the FCC that were sent to Bonnie Barnes.*

3. Hawkins – Craig hasn't any new information. *He said he will look into it.*

G. New Business

1. Jen and Judy Dow will drive around Ferrisburgh to determine which areas are significant for Judy's presentation. Craig suggested that maybe Judy could do a driving presentation.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be January 11, 2022.

Respectively submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary