

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission Meeting

January 9, 2024

Minutes Approved

Members present: Craig Heindel, Don Dewees, Barry Estabrook, Jen Cirillo (all remotely due to snow storm)

Members absent: Matt Gorton, Joe Nelson, Amy Dohner.

1. Craig opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.
2. 2023-12-12 minutes approved as presented.
3. Craig reported that Karen Pettersen had tendered her resignation via email prior to the meeting due to illness.
4. Town Plan:

Craig said that the Ferrisburgh Planning Commission had asked us first to review Section 3.1 of the Town Plan to determine whether we felt it was too long. Craig said that he felt the length was appropriate and details in it would help us if we were required to consider specific sites if they were mentioned in the Plan. He said we might even want to add to the Section in light of Act 171 and the information provided by the UVM students in December 2023. In particular, we will probably want to insert more details about Forest Blocks and Habitat Connectors within the town, to be in conformance with Act 171.

Craig said we should also look closely at Section 4.1 of the Plan, about policies.

Don asked if the compact format of the Monkton Town Plan was something the Conservation Commission should consider. Craig

observed that restructuring the town plan would not be hard if the Planning Commission was provided the necessary policy information.

Craig suggested that we closely review the Town Plan and have a special meeting before the next regularly scheduled meeting to on February 13. He suggested January 30 at 6:00 at the town offices.

Craig suggested that we reach out to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission to see if there are town plans that have already incorporated Act 171. Don said he would.

Jen said that Hinesburg might have a plan that takes Act 171 into consideration.

Jen will send a notification to the Conservation Commission regarding the January 30 meeting along with appropriate Google Docs.

Craig will update the Planning Commission about the Conservation Commission's progress on the Town Plan. He will also bring their attention to the Monkton Plan as a possible template.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
6. Next meeting: January 30, 2024, 6:00 p.m. with pizza provided, at the town offices and hybrid mode; this will be a single-topic meeting to focus on town plan revisions.
Next regular full-topic meeting: Feb. 13, 2024, 6:30 pm, at town offices and hybrid mode.

Submitted by Barry Estabrook