

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting June 10, 2014
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman; Dennis Armell, Treasurer;
John Medenwald, Karen Pettersen, Secretar and Amy Dohner,
Guest

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

The May meeting notes were moved to check on a fact prior to accepting.

A. Town Plan

1. Craig will forward the link of the Town Plan draft to Dennis and John.

B. Commission business

1. Craig explained to Amy that she will need to write a letter to the Select Board requesting their approval for her membership to the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission.

C. Town Wildlife Mapping

1. Karen will post a request on the Front Porch Forum asking people to provide us the locations of any wildlife sightings within the Town using 911 addresses or other prominent landmarks, such as intersections of roads.
2. Karen will contact Jens Hawkins-Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, requesting him to give a presentation to our Town in January on the status of the wildlife within Ferrisburgh. He made a presentation in New Haven on the same subject that Karen attended. His job is to assist Town Conservation Commissions regarding wildlife issues.
3. Karen will post a request on the Front Porch Forum asking people if there is an interest in another animal tracking presentation.

D. Watershed Center in Bristol

1. Scott Hamshaw, president of the Watershed Center in Bristol, made a presentation regarding their potential acquisition of an additional 194 acre parcel to their existing land holdings surrounding the former Waterworks and the Vergennes water supply reservoir. He was asking for any assistance we could provide to spread the word, and with fund raising. The asking price is \$34,000, which is approximately half the assessed value, and therefore, a very good value. The parcel contains Indiana Bat habitat. The Vermont Geological Society will be guiding a tour of the site on Aug. 9th. Scott will forward to us the announcement regarding this potential addition to their holding and for Karen to post to our Front Porch Forum. Also, Karen will request Betsey Etchells to add a link on the Town's website for the Watershed Center, and bring literature to the Town Clerk's office Scott brought for distribution.
2. After Scott left, Amy suggested that UVM PLACE Program maybe a resource for the Watershed Center. She will contact her source to inquire if the program is still active.

E. Other meetings and business.

1. Karen will contact Betsey Etchells about replacing the picture presently seen on the FCC page of the Town's website with a picture Craig will supply.
2. Craig attended the June, 2014 Select Board meeting to hear the presentation by SunCommons and their interest in two parcels; Aquilar and McNary. Neighbors abutting the Aquilar parcel

attended the hearing and noted there are wetlands on this parcel and an adjacent parcel. SunCommons didn't present any specifics at this time due to the nature of their development process, which is in the early stage. In general, they offer the opportunity to the public to buy into a project.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is September 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary