

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting January 10, 2017  
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair, Dennis Armell, Treasurer,  
Jen Cirillo, John Medenwald and Karen Pettersen, Secretary  
Guest: Judy Elson

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

The December meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Lewis Creek Association

1. Judy Elson, Lewis Creek Association (LCA) board member, said that LCA is going thru a restructuring and there will be a new Executive Director, Krista Hoffsis.
2. Judy would like names of people who would be asked to represent Ferrisburgh of the LCA board.
3. She asked what water related issues did the FCC think the LCA should be addressing. Members of the FCC suggested water related issues that are significant to Ferrisburgh are runoff from agricultural uses, and roads (RT 7, Town and private development road), maintaining riparian buffer zones, and bank erosion.
4. Craig suggested that she also meet with the Ferrisburgh Planning Commission and the Selectboard.

B. JSCL, Tupper's Crossing

1. Craig found out from Zapata Courage, VT District Wetland Ecologist, that she is requiring a wetland delineation of the property, however, she doesn't think the pond that was recently filled in was a wetland.
2. Winn Wilson, VT stormwater regulator, told Craig that an MSG (Multi-Sector General) permit will be required. The FCC is concerned about nutrient loading, sediment, and heavy metals in the stormwater runoff.
3. Winn, also, said that Jaron Borg, VT ANR River Management Engineer, received notification of the fill on the parcel. Jaron wishes to investigate whether the fill is located in the headwaters of a stream.
4. Craig wants to gather updated information from State personnel before writing a letter expressing our concerns to the Ferrisburgh Zoning Board of Appeals, neighbors and the applicant.
5. The next hearing for this project is February 1 before the ZBA.

C. VT Green Line: Craig provided these updates

1. TRC, engineering company, submitted Stream Alteration and Lake Encroachment Permit applications to the State on December 20, 2016. A wetland permit application is expected to be submitted shortly.
2. Craig talked with regulators from the State, and they will be consolidating ANR's review of the above 3 applications.
3. Craig believes that there will be no town interest regarding the Lake Encroachment Permit.
4. The horizontal bore of the line, as it approaches the shore, will start between the concrete swimming pier at Kingsland Bay State Park and the mouth of Kingsland Bay and end in the horse field, northeast of the Kingsland Bay State Park entrance. Then the line will head down Sand Road in a excavated trench, eventually reaching Route 7.

5. This project will need ANR and Corps of Engineer permits plus archeological and fisheries investigations. The only stream crossing is under Rt. 7.
6. There is a public informational hearing held by the Public Service Board on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at the New Haven Town Hall. Craig will request the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk to post this event on the Ferrisburgh website.

D. Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions questionnaire

1. AVCC emailed us a questionnaire for our members to fill out.
2. We should fill this out on-line and on Survey Monkey individually and send to Karen.

E. Annual budget

1. Dennis attended the Selectboard budget meeting.
2. The Selectboard recommended an increase from the existing \$200 annual FCC budget to \$500, and it will be a line item with a contingency fund. The budget has to be approved at the Town Meeting, which is the first Saturday in March, the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.

F. Town Report

1. A draft of the Conservation Commission's annual report for the Town Report was emailed to each member by Jen. We are to review the report and if we have any comments send them to Jen by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

G. New business

1. Karen will not be able to attend the February and March meetings. Jen will write up the meeting notes and Craig will post them during Karen's absence.
2. Spring events will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is February 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

