

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting January 13, 2015
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman, Dennis Armell,
Amy Dohner, Jen Cirillo
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The December meeting notes were moved to accept.

A. Town Plan

1. Craig emailed Bob Beach, Planning Commission chair, regarding the status of a public hearing for the draft Town Plan, and he reported that there wasn't any additional news.

B. 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, and, also, asking people if there is an interest in another animal tracking presentation.
2. Jens Hawkins-Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, will attend our next meeting, Feb. 10, 2015. Karen will not be able to attend that meeting.

C. Web site

1. Karen will contact Laura Farrell regarding using her photograph of a bobcat.

D. Natural Resources Atlas training

1. Craig will send out an email with possible dates for a committee training session. We agreed to hold the session during a weekday evening. Attendees should bring their own laptop or tablet.
2. Jen said there are other atlas'. Such as, the VT Center for Eco Studies which has a VT Atlas of Life, a breeding bird Atlas, eBird, eButterfly and INaturalist.

E. Shoreland Protection Law

1. We agreed to hold the informational meeting on the law the week of June 29th or July 6th to include summer residences.
2. Craig will follow up on the training offered by the State for recording the new permits with contacting Gloria Warden, Town Clerk, and/or Ken Wheeling, Town Zoning Administrator.

F. Energy Committee

1. Bob McNary hasn't gotten back to Craig regarding picking a date for a joint meeting.
2. Approach Bob regarding the potential of the town land at the corner of Routes 7 and 22A for locate a solar array.

G. Criteria 9L

1. As reported in the Addison Independent, the Selectboard decided to approach the legislature about reducing the scope of this criteria.

H. Town Forest

1. We will conduct our semiannual Town Forest site visit to review the northern boundary line and invasive species. The tentative date is Sat. Jan. 31 at 1:00.
2. There was a UVM biodiversity survey of the Town Forest conducted by students of Leslie King during August and September of 2004. Karen will search for the survey in the Commission files at the Town Clerks office.

J. Other meetings and business.

1. Jen received a letter from the Selectboard appointing her to fill a vacancy on the Conservation Commission.
2. Karen volunteered to write the annual Conservation Commission report to be included in the Town Report. The deadline for submission is Jan. 23rd.
3. Ask Betsey Etchells to include a link regarding the Enabling Legislation on our webpage.
4. Mission statement. Look up other town vision or mission statements.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is February 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary