

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting November 11, 2019  
Approved

Members present: Craig Heindel- Chair, Dennis Armell, Amy Dohner, Jen Cirillo, and Karen Pettersen

Guest: Krista Hoffsis

Craig opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

The October 8, 2019 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Krista Hoffsis

1. Krista expressed her interest in becoming a member of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission. She told us of her educational and interest background. Craig invited her to stay for the rest of our meeting to see how our commission functions and the issues we tackle. Craig, also, explained the procedure if she decided to pursue membership in the Conservation Commission.

B. Vermont Master Naturalist Program

1. Amy was in contact with Alicia saying we would be interested in participating in the program in 2021. Alicia would like to have a planning meeting in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, possibly Feb. or March, of next year. We need to make a list of people/ organizations we might partner with. Possible partnerships could be abutting towns' planning and conservation commissions that haven't participated in the program, Lewis Creek Association, Addison County Regional Planning Commission, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Rokeby Museum, Family Forest, Champlain Framer Coalition, Lake Champlain Basin program, Lake Champlain Committee, Lake Champlain Land Trust.
2. Ask VACC to send out an announcement.
3. The purpose of this meeting is to find funding assistance, to connect with partners, and to develop program topics.

B. Emerald Ash Borer

1. Ron and Amy have inventoried ash trees in their section of Town.
2. Amy will send out the list of people who participated in the training with instructions to pick a leader for each sector.
3. We set the deadline for the inventory – end of 2019.
4. The State has asked us to provide them with the estimated number of hours each sector spent on the inventory.

C. Zoning Regulations rewrite

1. Karen reported that the definition of Excavation and Industrial Use were discussed.

2. Karen to send out the topics that the LURUC expects to receive input from the Conservation Commission for our next meeting, so we can provide input by the end of January.

D. Atkins shed

1. Craig sent an informal response to the ZBA's request to comment on an equipment shed proposed by John Atkins that might be located in the Conservation Zone. Refer to the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting notes for the Nov. 6, 2019 meeting.

E. Forest Fragmentation- Act 171

1. Craig attended the State's presentation on this new law. He reported that Act 171 only applies to Town Plans that haven't been adopted yet. We will have to wait until our Town Plan is updated.

F. Future Workshops/Field Trips

1. Bear workshop – Jen contacted Forrest Hammond, VTF&W, regarding a potential workshop in April, and Forrest hasn't responded.
2. Another possible presentation - The Indigenous Invasive Perspective by Judy Dow.

G. New Business

1. Craig will contact Bonnie to get copies of high resolution town maps.
2. Town Forest r-o-w. Craig sent maps showing a suggested r-o-w to the Town Forest through the Schultz -Aldrich property to Gloria, Town Clerk, to distribute to residents who have inquired about access to the Town Forest. He will send these maps to Schultz-Aldrich.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. The next scheduled for December 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Petterson, Secretary