

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting November 12, 2013
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman; Karen Pettersen;
John Medenwald; Dennis Armell, Treasurer;
and Deb Healey, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Representing the Selectboard, Sally Torrey distributed the Ferrisburgh Ethics Policy.

Deb informed the Commission she will be resigning effective November 15. She will complete this month's minutes and post on the Town website.

Deb moved to accept October's meeting notes as presented, Dennis seconded; all voted in favor.

A. Town Plan

1. Results are in from the Planning Commission's survey.
2. Craig attended a Vt. Natural Resources Council program last Thursday in Brandon about how to incorporate wildlife considerations into Town Plans and Zoning regulations.
3. The proposed Shoreland Protection bill is back in Montpelier, probably for rewrite.

B. Wildlife database

1. John and Dennis met with the three Town road crew employees who said they would keep notebooks that simply document what, where, and when. Exclude from the observations small mammals such as squirrels and rabbits.
2. John Bull will drop the notes off at the Town Clerk's periodically. John will follow up monthly with reminders.
3. Craig will look into Survey Monkey to put it on the FCC webpage with a short observation from anyone in Ferrisburgh could submit over the winter months.

C. Town Forest walk November 9

1. Craig and Karen noted the west end of access ROW is heavily signed and the wet area in ROW is still full of water, but no sign of ATV traffic. Boundary signs looked pretty good at trail intersections. Snowmobile Club has not moved the snowmobile road yet to east of the deep puddle in the trail.
2. Rogers & Hazard Committee hasn't asked about cutting firewood for the assistance program. The Maritime Museum hasn't contacted us about needing more logs for the boat-building project.

D. Lewis Creek Association is making a request of their annual appeal. Dennis will bring it to the Town Clerk for inclusion in Town Meeting appropriations.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next scheduled meeting is December 10, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen

