

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting November 11, 2014  
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman, Amy Dohner,  
John Medenwald, Karen Pettersen, Secretary  
Gunnar Sonwaldt, guest

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

The October meeting notes were moved to accept.

A. Town Plan

1. Craig reported that the Selectboard and the Planning Commission met on October 28, 2014 to discuss the draft of the Town Plan that was presented to the Selectboard. The list of Selectboard comments was discussed without any rancor and there was a general positive concensus. The proposed land use map needs to be updated due to the omission of the industrial area at the corner of Routes 7 and 22A. Most of the words ' shall or should' will be revised to read 'encourage' at the request of the Selectboard. The use of the word 'village' was discussed.
2. Craig emailed Bob Beach, Planning Commission Chair, regarding the status of the public hearing for the Town Plan.

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. Karen contacted Jens Hawkins-Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, and he said he could meet with us on Dec. 9 or Jan. 13. The members asked if he could meet with us in Feb. instead, so we have time to notify and invite the Townspeople and to check on the availability of any school classes that would wish to attend. When Karen contacts Jens Karen will confirm that his presentation will be similar to the one he gave in New Haven on the same subject.

C. Barry MacDonald ZBA application.

1. Barry Macdonald has received a Conditional Permit.

D. Shoreland Protection Law

1. Craig suggested that the FCC could hold a workshop on this new law.
2. Craig printed out a page from the State's website summarizing the law, and will ask Pam, the assistant Town Clerk, to post it at the Town Clerk's office, and will ask Ken Wheeling, Town Zoning Administrator, to have copies available to give to townspeople with shoreline property who are considering changes to their property.

E. FCC web page pictures

1. Amy received several wildlife pictures from Townspeople: 2 of a Coopers Hawk, and 3 of a bear in someone's backyard. Craig brought the picture of a fox cub he took while checking the Town Forest boundary. Karen was directed to send one each of the Coopers Hawk, the bear, and the

fox cub to Betsy Etchells to replace the current picture along with a credit and a title of each. Karen will ask Betsy what photograph format she requires.

F. Monkton Agriculture and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC)

1. We will attend their meeting on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.
2. Craig will bring a copy of our Natural Resources Map.

F. Other meetings and business.

1. We will conduct our semiannual Town Forest site visit to review the northern boundary line and invasive species. The tentative date is Sun. Dec. 14 at 9:30.
2. Craig will contact John Bull regarding the potential impact the inclusion of additional bat species to the endangered species list will have tree cutting within the Town's road ROWs.
3. Craig will attend the ANR Municipal Day on November 13<sup>th</sup> with special focus on the Shoreland Protection Law session.
4. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a meeting on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30, and one of the applications up for review is for a wood shed at Button Bay State Park. We should look at the application at the Town Clerk's office to determine if the Shoreland Protection Law will apply to this wood shed.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is December 9, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary