

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting December 11, 2018
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: John Medenwald, Acting Chair
Karen Pettersen, Secretary
Dennis Armell, Treasurer
Jen Cirillo
Amy Dohner

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

The November 13th meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Town Forest

1. Sue Morse is not available for a site walk on weekends this winter. She is available on 2/21, Thursday 1pm-4pm. Confirm with Craig and others who registered for the previous walk. Amy will check with Gloria regarding the date.
2. Amy will update the workshop attendees list.
3. Sue wants us to provide quotes from the workshop attendees for her grant. Jen and Amy will provide Sue with quotes.

B. Natural Resources flyer

1. Jen had nothing new to report.

C. Workshops

1. Winter Ecology – Jen called a UVM professor and Alicia Daniel with no answers.
2. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – for the future.

D. Zoning Rewrite

1. Karen reported that the November meeting was canceled due to the weather, and the next meeting is scheduled for December 12, which she'll attend.

E. Additional members

1. Amy contacted Betsey Etchells to add an item on the Town's website that we are looking for a new member, and if interested to contact the Town Clerk or any member of the FCC, and they would have to be a Ferrisburgh resident. Jen will contact our local school.

F. Vorsteveld

1. We viewed a video sent to the Conservation Commission taken by Mark Berger via Rick Ebel. It showed the runoff from a recent snowmelt flowing into a culvert crossing under Arnold Bay Road, and flowing onto the neighbor's wooded property. The discharge was over the banks and flooding the neighbor's woods. Sediment was obvious in the stormwater on both sides of the road. The Vorsteveld field didn't have a cover crop in the video. John Medenwald will visit the site. John Medenwald and John Bull had agreed previously that there wasn't a need to put in check dams and catchment pool unless there was turbidity, which was present in the video. Karen asked if we could send a letter to the Department of Agriculture indicating that the Vorsteveld field didn't have a vegetated cover and the runoff from the field was discharging

sediment to the lake. No discussion on this request. Craig emailed the Commission members an amendment to the tile drainage regulations.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is January 8th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

**Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Ferrisburgh Town Offices
3279 Route 7, Ferrisburgh, VT 05456**

**To: Ferrisburgh Selectboard;
Ferrisburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Date: Sept. 23, 2018

**Re: Proposed Salvage Yard
Brent Jerger
2861 Shellhouse Mountain Road
Ferrisburgh**

Brent Jerger met with the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission at our meeting on Sept. 11, 2018 to explain his proposal to consolidate the area of stored vehicles on his property at 2861 Shellhouse Mountain Road, and to reduce the number of stored vehicles to approximately fifty [50]. He also indicated that he does not propose to do any salvage work, parts-stripping or crushing of vehicles on this property. He said he does not plan to take in any more vehicles – only to store these vehicles until he can sell them.

Brent identified the area where he will consolidate the vehicles to, for storage, as the cross-hatched area labeled “Excluded Areas” on a map titled “Forest Management Map; Lands of August & Judith Jerger”, by Randy Wilcox, Consulting Forester, Vermont Forest & Field, Inc., dated Revised 3/99 [attached].

As indicated on the other maps attached with this letter, the proposed salvage yard is within the Conservation Zone of the Ferrisburgh Zoning Map [2012], at its extreme eastern edge.

At the Conservation Commission’s meeting on Sept. 11, 2018, we adopted a resolution supporting a fifty-vehicle salvage yard at the location indicated to the Commission by Brent Jerger, specifically a consolidation of the area where vehicles are now stored immediately west of the parcel labeled as “M. Jerger” on the map titled “Forest Management Map; Lands of August & Judith Jerger”, by Randy Wilcox, Consulting Forester, Vermont Forest & Field, Inc., dated Revised 3/99. The Conservation Commission’s support of Jerger’s salvage yard is conditional on the salvage yard being owned and operated by Brent Jerger and no one else.

The Conservation Commission also only supports Jerger’s proposed salvage yard on the following three conditions: a) that it has received a Certificate of Approval for Location of a Salvage Yard from the Ferrisburgh Selectboard and the Ferrisburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment; b) that it is being operated in compliance with the Salvage Yard Rule, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sept. 1, 2015; and c) that it has a valid and current Permit to Operate a Salvage Yard from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

The discussion of the Conservation Commission at our Sept. 11, 2018 meeting centered on potential impacts on natural resources and the environment from the current and proposed salvage yard. We concluded that those potential impacts are likely to be reduced with the proposed salvage yard, compared to the potential impacts from the currently stored vehicles, for the following reasons. Jerger proposes to reduce the number of vehicles from the current number of approximately three hundred (300) to no more than fifty (50). He will store them in a consolidated area which will allow better management and observations of potential environmental impacts. He will not take in any additional vehicles, and will not allow liquids from the stored vehicles to leak from them. We note that the Salvage Yard Rule requires the salvage yard to be located at least 100 feet from streams and wetlands, and for all liquids to be drained from all vehicles. By adhering to all state requirements, the Conservation Commission concludes that there are not likely to be impacts on natural resources and the environment from the proposed 50-vehicle salvage yard as described above.

Craig Heindel
Chair, Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Sept. 23, 2018

