

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting February 9, 2021
Unapproved

Members present: Craig Heindel- Chair, Jen Cirillo, Ron DeBellis, Amy Dohner, Krista Hoffsis, and Karen Pettersen

Members not present: Jadziah DeRosia

Craig opened the Zoom meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The January 12, 2020 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as amended.

A. Land Use Regulation Update Committee

1. Karen attended the public hearing on the Draft Land Use Regulations held by the Selectboard on January 18, 2020. There was very little discussion in general. Charlie and Deanna Shapiro and Cindy Schultz, Town Forest abutting landowners, asked if the boundary of the Conservation Zone around Shellhouse Mountain is shown as it is presently, not as it was proposed. The Selectboard said the boundary as shown on the Zoning Map in the Proposed Land Use Regulations is as it had been shown in the previous Zoning Regulations.

B. Town Forest

1. Jen took photographs of various entrance signs to public property in the surrounding area. She suggested that maybe we could get a UVM class to design a sign for us. We discussed that the entrance sign should have a map, and a note that dogs must be on a leash.
2. Craig asked Pam, Ferrisburgh Town Clerk, if the local snowmobile club has asked the Selectboard for permission to cross a portion of the Town Forest on the designated snowmobile trail. Pam responded that the club had asked and was given approval by the Selectboard.

C. FCC Brochure

1. Jen emailed Phyllis of Futura asking for prices for printing 250 copies of the brochure using glossy, recycled paper, and folding the brochure.
2. Craig asked if Jen she could inquire about the cost and availability of stands to hold the brochures. He, also, asked Jen to ask Phyllis if we could have a small size file of the brochure for the FCC webpage.
3. *Krista will ask Betsy to add the brochure to the FCC webpage.*

D. Emerald Ash Borer

1. Craig reported that John Bull, Cliff Mix and Joe Nelson worked with the Selectboard to include a line item included in the town budget for the removal and maintenance of town trees.
2. Shade Tree Management Plan- Craig had nothing to report.

E. Bear Presentation- Jan 14, 2021

1. Forrest Hammond's presentation was a success with 47 people attending via zoom. After the presentation Forrest answered questions from the audience, and Craig received thank yous for sponsoring this event.

F. Future workshops

1. Salmon fisheries presentation by Matt Harrison – *Amy will contact Jadziah to verify the date.*
2. Native American presentation by Judy Dow- Jen emailed Judy regarding the April presentation. The presentation will be on a Wednesday or Thursday evening, and avoiding Spring Break.
3. Invasive Species presentation - *Craig will contact the State to get a suggestion for an aquatic invasion speaker.* Potential date could be in late spring or summer.

G. New Business

1. Annual Report – The report has been written by Jadziah, submitted to the Town and included in the Town Report.
2. Bat Monitoring – *Amy will contact Alyssa Bennett regarding the monitoring this summer.*
3. FCC new member – Craig hasn't heard anything regarding membership from the Selectboard. *Craig will text Matt Leonard at 802-598-4876.* Krista said she uses Anywho.com to search for people's phone numbers.
4. Ethan Tapper, Addison County Forester, contacted the Town to post information on FPF. *Krista will contact Ethan.*
5. Draft of the Northern Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan. There is only a small portion of the Town that drains directly into Lake Champlain, instead of into named creeks. Public comment period end on Feb. 19th.
6. Craig sent the member of FCC a brochure organized by the Orleans County NRCD entitled Municipal Road Right of Way (ROW) and Required Agricultural Practices (RAP) Factsheet.
7. Amy suggested that we thank Dennis for his time as member of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission. Jen said the FCC Annual Report includes recognition of Dennis' input and the many years as a member of the FCC.
8. *Amy, FCC Treasurer, will send an email to Deb Healey requesting budget information.*

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. The next scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2021, and we will meet using Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary