

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting March 10, 2020
Approved

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

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

The February 11, 2020 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. FCC Brochure

1. No new update.

B. VT Master Naturalist Program

1. Amy and Krista will be working on developing a list of people to contact for any interest in attending a meeting in May, maybe on the 19, 20 or 21. Krista will be creating a draft invitation letter to email.
2. Possible contacts could be the towns of Panton, Addison and Waltham, and the City of Vergennes.

C. Land Use Regulation Update Committee

1. Karen explained that the Zoning Rewrite subcommittee worked on the wording for Signs and Enforcement at their last meeting.
2. Karen presented the wording for the Soil Erosion Section for review and input by the Commission. The consensus was to incorporate more of the version Brandy, the Planner, created.

D. Roadside Ash Inventory

1. Ron had contacted his friend and explained to him we don't need extra help with locating ash trees with his drone.
2. Craig will set up a meeting with John Bull, Cliff Mix and Joe Nelson to review the maps showing the locations of the ash trees within the Town roads, and to determine that the next step will be to develop the strategy for a management plan.
3. We discussed locating the ash trees on other public property in the Town and add them to the ash tree database. Public properties includes the Elementary School, the Town beach, the Town Firehouse, Union Meeting Hall, Historical Society building, the Town garage, the land at the intersection of Rts 22A and 7, and the 3 Town cemeteries.
4. Craig suggested conducting an inventory of the ash and hemlock trees in the Town Forest as part of a study to determine if any ash and hemlock survive the invasive pests.

E. Bears in Vermont Presentation – April 16th

1. The upstairs space at the Town Hall has been secured for the presentation.
2. Confirm with Jen the advertising that will be needed.
3. Forrest said to remind him of the presentation in March, so he can send us information needed for the advertising.

F. Future workshops

1. Aquatic invasive animals - Jadziah would know who to contact to recommend a public speaker on this subject. There is an organization called VT Invasive Patrolers who are volunteers trained to identify invasive species on VT lakes and ponds and report their findings to the State.

G. New Business

1. Craig reminded the members about the email Laura Farrell, Monkton Conservation Commission, sent to us regarding the meeting of neighboring Conservation Commission.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned. The next scheduled meeting will be April 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary