

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting May 11, 2021  
Approved Minutes

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

Members not present: none

Guests: Tyler Steff and Matthew Gorton

Craig opened the Zoom meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The April 13, 2020 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as amended.

A. Potential new members

1. Craig welcomed 2 potential new members and explained the process needed for them to become members of the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission. Each will need to write or email a letter to the Selectboard requesting to become a member of the Conservation Commission. They will be asked to attend a Selectboard meeting and explain why they wish to become members. Potential members need the approval of the Selectboard to become members.

B. Land Use Regulation Update Committee

1. The Land Use Regulations are on the agenda of the June 2nd Ferrisburgh Planning Commission meeting. Craig will attend the meeting and will be presenting comments generated at this meeting regarding the Natural Resources Sections of the LUR.
2. 5.9 Erosion Control – No comments
3. 5.29 Riparian Buffers
  - A. After “with limited exceptions” **add** “as outlined in D below”.
  - B. After “Vermont Natural Resources Atlas”, **add** “except it doesn’t apply to the shore of Lake Champlain”.
  - C. Remove the words “do not apply to land located along” and **add** “apply to the shores of Lake Champlain”.
4. 5.31 Shoreland Protection – *Craig will review the Act.*
5. 5.35 Stormwater Management-no comments
6. 5.37 Wetland Protection- Craig said the State just released a Wetland Screening Tool, which could be used by the Zoning Administrator to indicate to applicants if their project would affect any wetlands. Craig suggested that this screening tool could be effective for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, also.

C. FCC Brochure

1. Amy hasn’t stopped by the Town Clerk’s office, *but will ask the Town Clerk to mail the brochure to new residents.*

D. Bat Monitoring

1. Amy sent out an email to people who had volunteered to monitor bats to find out if they are interested in monitoring this summer. *She will contact Rokeby, one of the monitoring locations, and contact the new intern.* She said Ruddy Mill, another monitoring site, is

changing ownership. *Craig asked Amy to contact Alyssa Bennett, F&W Bat Biologist, about the Ruddy Mill.*

2. *Karen will contact a Long Point resident to find out the name and contact information of their daughter who lives in the Hollow to see if she would be interested in being a monitor.*
3. Bat monitoring should be done 1 day a week for 4 weeks in July.

#### E. Financial Report

1. The balance of our budget is \$485.

#### F. Aquatic Invasive Species Presentation

1. Krista said Meg Modley would do a presentation in July during the week. The presentation could be outside or on Zoom. Craig suggested the presentation could be at the Town Beach. The specific date needs to be worked out.

#### G. Future Workshops

1. Wetland Habitat Enhancement – maybe in the Fall. *Craig will contact Marc Lapin and or Ethan Tapper as a potential speaker.*

#### H. Mid-Champlain Valley Regional Conservation Partnership

1. Jen attended their last meeting. They had contacted Judy Elson at the Elementary School regarding pollinator seed packets. They were expressing the loss of Marty Illick, Lewis Creek Association founder, who was working on climate change and increasing carbon storage.

#### H. Town Forest

1. We should schedule a walk to look for invasive plants in the Forest.
2. Craig said Jean Richardson has a healthy chestnut tree, which has produced 50 small seedlings. Craig suggested that we could plant some, maybe in mid June. *Amy wants to check on the best time to plant these seedlings.*

#### I. New Business

1. Krista will be hosting the next meeting.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next scheduled meeting will be June 8, 2021, and we will meet using Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary