

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting May 14, 2019
Approved

Members present: Amy Dohner, Acting Chair, Karen Pettersen, Dennis Armell, Jen Cirillo, Jadziah Hannon-Moonstone, Ron DeBellis (speaker phone)

Amy opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The April 9, 2019 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Emerald Ash Borer Workshop

1. Jen sent the poster to the people on the FCC mailing list.
2. Craig had previously volunteered to post the event on Front Porch Forum, and did send the poster to the officials in neighboring towns.
3. Karen will put the event on the Town's sandwich board and place in front of the Town's Community Building.
4. Jen will post the event in the Addison Independent. Also, she will contact Elise to find out her requirements and needs for the presentation.
5. The refreshments include: brownies (Karen), cheese and crackers (Jen), and cider (Dennis).
6. We need a projector and screen, and copies of the poster. Jen will ask Gloria, Town Clerk, if we can use the Town's projector for the presentation.

B. LURUC

1. Karen attended the March 26th meeting. The LURUC has asked the FCC for assistance regarding the natural resources issues in the proposed zoning/subdivision regulations. Brandy Saxton, Planner, has done an analysis comparing the current Town Plan and the current Zoning Regulations for the LURUC, and, also, provided the committee with suggested wording that could be incorporated into our new regulation.
2. After looking at a map prepared by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) showing the Conserved lands, the State, Federal and Town lands, and the significant natural resources the committee suggested that they consider incorporating the Conserved Lands into the Conservation Zone. Karen brought a map to the FCC meeting, however, she brought a different map in error, so there was no discussion on this matter.
3. Karen will email the FCC members the Brandy Saxton analysis and the recommended model language to discuss at our next meeting. Karen asked if the FCC could meet during our summer hiatus to discuss these complicated issues in a shortened time frame.

C. Natural Resources Flyer

1. Jadziah presented the flyer layout.
2. Jen would like more photos for the flyer. Amy suggested using FPF to ask for wildlife, and nature photos taken in Town. Jadziah volunteered to put a request on FPF asking for photos to be sent by June 10th.

D. Bat Monitoring

1. Amy said it was unclear who was coordinating the volunteers for the Rokeby and Ruddy Mill sites.
2. The training session at Rokeby will be held on June 21.
3. The State has changed the monitoring this year to be 4 evenings between July 11- July 30.
4. Amy will send out this information to the list of volunteers from previous years, and also post it on the Town's website and on Front Porch Forum.
5. Amy will be away during the days of the monitoring.

E. Yellow Iris eradication

1. Kate Kelley, LCA Program Coordinator, gave us tentative date and time for the volunteer work – June 8th from 9 am to 1 pm.
2. Jadziah will post the notice for volunteers on FPF, Jen will send out the notice to our email list, and Karen will send out the notice on Next Door.

F. Master Naturalist Program

1. Possible partners in a future project could be the towns of Waltham, Addison, Panton and/or Vergennes.
2. Amy will contact Alicia Daniel to discuss the program and a possible project.

G. Animal sightings

1. Amy received a few more animal sightings.
2. It was suggested that the sightings should be shown on a 'google' map.

H. New business

1. The proposed solar array project at the south west corner of Rt. 7 and Greenbush Rd. has begun construction.
2. Dennis said we have a balance of \$471.63 after paying Alicia Daniel for the Winter Ecology Walk. We will need \$250 for the Sue Morse Walk next winter.
3. Future possible programs – Jadziah suggested a presentation at the Maritime Museum on salmon for this fall. Bear or Deer were another suggested presentation for this fall.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is June 11th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary