

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting June 8, 2021  
Approved Minutes

Members present: Craig Heindel- Chair, Jen Cirillo, Ron DeBellis, Jadziah DeRosia, Matthew Gorton, Krista Hoffsis, Karen Pettersen and Tyler Steff

Members not present: Amy Dohner

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

The May 11, 2021 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as amended.

A. Membership

1. Matthew Gorton and Tyler Steff have been approved by the Selectboard as members of the Conservation Commission. Matt's appointment is for 4 years and expires on March 25, 2025, and Tyler's appointment is for 3 years and expires on March 23, 2024.
2. Karen was reappointed by the Selectboard for 4 years and expires on April 6, 2025.
3. *Craig asked Krista to add the new members to the FCC website, and include the length of their terms and the date of their appointments. Also, add Karen's length of term and date of reappointment on the website.*

B. Land Use Regulations Update Committee

1. The June 2nd Ferrisburgh Planning Commission meeting was postponed until June 16th. Craig will attend the meeting and will be presenting FCC comments on the Natural Resources Sections of the LUR.
2. Since our last meeting Craig heard from the Riparian Buffer and Shoreland Protection manager Laura Dlugolecki, State Floodplain manager Jen Mojo, and Addison County floodplain manager, Kyle.
3. Laura was very happy with our Riparian Buffer wording and the fact that we included it in our LUR.
4. Jen Mojo said the Shoreland Protection rules don't protect the streams that run thru the 250 ft shoreland buffer. Craig will bring it up at the xxx meeting.
5. Craig showed Bonnie a new wetland screening tool on the computer. Now, any applicant can enter their parcel and the tool gives an indication if there might be wetlands in the area of concern. The tool can create a .pdf map. If the tool shows a possibility of wetlands then the applicant would have to contact the State wetlands office.

C. FCC Brochure

1. Amy was going to talk with the Town Clerk. Tyler and Matt received some information from the Town about the Town when they moved here.
2. Craig suggested that the brochure be included in information given to new residents.
3. *Craig will contact Amy.*

D. Bat Monitoring

1. *Karen will email Amy the name of the person who lives in the Hollow, and has a background in bats. I will try to get an email address for this person.*

#### E. 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? They were expressing the loss of Marty Illick, Lewis Creek Association founder, who was working on climate change, carbon sinks and increasing carbon ? mass.

#### I. 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.*

#### J. New Business

1. Four Winds Road stump removal – there has been some stump removal and rip rap added at the edge of the road. Jen said that at the last Selectboard meeting John Bull said he was going to proceed with stump removal. *Craig asked Jen to ask the Town if there is any documentation regarding the stump removal. Craig thought the work was related to a State issued grant. Craig suggested Jen talk with Mike Winslow, the ACRPC Transportation Specialist and John Bull.*
2. Karen asked if anyone knew what the orange cover crop is that has shown up in a number of farm fields this season in some Addison County towns. It could be Barley. *Craig suggested that I call at the Water Quality Division of the State Department of Agriculture. Also, try contacting the Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District.*
3. Craig suggested that we could have a FCC meeting before the Invasive Workshop. Ron volunteered to help Krista with the Invasive Workshop.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next scheduled meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Respectively submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary