

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting July 16, 2019
Approved

Members present: Craig Heindel, Chair, Dennis Armell, Ron DeBellis, Jadziah Hannon-Moonstone, Karen Pettersen

Guests: Joe Nelson

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

The June 11, 2019 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Emerald Ash Borer

1. John Bull hasn't responded to emails concerning EAB due to his busy schedule.
2. Craig contacted ACRPC for a map of Ferrisburgh showing the electrical distribution line. Kevin Behm (ACRPC) suggested talking with John Bull about a computer application he uses that show Town culvert locations, which could assist us in showing the ash tree locations relative to town culverts.
3. Craig mentioned the upcoming informational session that will be held in Bristol. The ash borer moves 1 to 2 miles per year if there weren't other means of transportation. Joe signed up for the extra training session. Craig will urge Cliff to attend the training provided by the State.
4. Joe said that there are white ash trees that are surviving the EAB infestation in Michigan. However, we have mostly green ash in Ferrisburgh. Craig suggested that Joe contact John Bull after this meeting and explain that the FCC would recommend that Ferrisburgh conduct an ash tree inventory.
5. Craig questioned if the town was insured for damages caused by a falling tree. Ron will contact the Town Clerk concerning the Town's insurance coverage.

B. Zoning Regulations rewrite

1. Craig said the proposed Public Water Source regulation is unnecessary in our new Land Use Regulations because the State has detailed requirements.
2. Wetland Regulation – Craig said the following could be substituted for the language submitted by the Planner “Upon receiving a development application the Town Zoning Administrator may require a written assessment by the State Wetland office if the ZA deems it appropriate based on a review of the State Natural Resource Atlas”.
3. Riparian Buffer Regulation – Craig suggested using Charlotte's riparian buffer language.
4. At our next meeting we will review the following suggested regulation by the Planner: Stormwater, Floodplain and Erosion.

C. New business

1. Project Coyote –The FCC could have a future workshop on coyotes.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next scheduled meeting is August 6th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary