

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting September 8, 2020
Approved

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

Members absent: Dennis Armell, Ron DeBellis and Jadziah Hannon Moonstone

Craig opened the Zoom meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The June 9, 2020 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Land Use Regulation Update Committee

1. Karen reported that the LURUC technical committee final zoom meeting occurred on July 22nd. *Karen will check the technical committee's final submittal to the LURUC committee to determine if the submittal included Craig's version of the Stormwater Management Section.*
2. We discussed the draft Zoning Map regarding the changes to the Conservation Zone in the area around Shellhouse Mountain. Craig accessed the VT Natural Resources Atlas to determine if the enlargement of the Conservation Zone was related to information found on the Atlas. The expanded area of Conservation Zone did match the Significant Natural Communities as shown on the Atlas. *Craig will ask Jens Hilke why this expanded area is significant.*

B. FCC Brochure

1. No update.

C. Roadside Ash Inventory

1. Craig contacted John Bull, and hasn't received a response.
2. Craig reported that there are 2 additional towns that have reported EAB within their towns.
3. Joanne Garton emailed us regarding a Urban and Community Forestry grant opportunity, which Craig thought was not relevant to our Town.

D. Town Forest

1. Craig, Krista and Karen walked the access with Tom Aldrich and Cindy Schultz (western abutters to the Town Forest) on July 15th that Tom and Cindy created thru their property from the former town road to the existing trail thru the Town Forest. The access trail generally follows Tom and Cindy's south boundary line, which they had flagged the trail and cleared some of the low vegetation. They created this access trail to avoid the public driving up their house and not being sure where the access to the Town Forest was located. This access isn't a legal r-o-w.
2. Craig explained that the Town's Selectboard wished that a legal r-o-w be located so timber could be removed from the Forest in the future.

3. The members discussed the legal issues of the public injuring themselves using this flagged trail thru Tom and Cindy's property since it isn't legal r-o-w for the Town's use.
4. Craig responded to an email from Richard Morin regarding creating mountain bike trails on the Town Forest. Craig said that the stated goal of the Town Forest's management plan doesn't include mountain biking.
5. Craig received an email from Brian Lalumiere, who would like to volunteer to help clear an access trail.

E. Future workshops

1. *Jen will contact Forrest Hammond to ask if he would be interested in doing a virtual public meeting on bear's in the area.*
2. *Jen will contact Jadziah about giving a fish (salmon) presentation.*

F. New Business

1. Our next meetings will be Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th, and Dec. 8th.
2. *Karen will contact Jean Richardson about how to call in to a virtual zoom meeting for members who aren't able to join us on a computer.*
3. Following this meeting Jen will instruct Karen and Craig about setting up zoom meetings.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be October 13th, 2020, and we will meet using Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary