

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting September 12, 2017
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair, Jen Cirillo,
Amy Dohner, John Medenwald
and Karen Pettersen, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The June 6th meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented. There were no meeting on the June 12th due to a lack of a quorum.

A. JSCL, Tappers Crossing

1. Craig attended 2 Zoning Board hearings and a site visit.
2. On Sept. 6 the ZB granted approval for the project with conditions, including condition #6, which was requested by the FCC regarding the stormwater design. See the ZB meeting notes for the wording of condition #6.

B. Town Plan

1. The Town Plan was adopted by the Selectboard.
2. Arabella has an email list serve for the upcoming rewrite of the Zoning Bylaws.

C. Bat Monitoring

1. Amy, Jen, Karen and Craig volunteered for a few evenings in June and July to monitor the bats at Kingsland Bay State Park as part of a project developed by the VT Fish and Wildlife Department.
2. At each of our 4 evenings we saw hundreds of bats exiting the buildings at the park, which was very encouraging.
3. Amy sent our compilation sheets to Alyssa Bennett, VT Fish and Wildlife Department, and we are awaiting the results of this year's efforts.

D. VT Green Line

1. That committee continues to negotiate the draft Host Town Agreement and Town Road Access Permit.

E. Officers

1. Craig and Karen expressed an interest in continuing as Chair and Secretary, respectively, on the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission.
2. Craig will contact Dennis for his interest is continuing as Treasurer.

G. BioFinder and Natural Resources Atlas

1. Craig will conduct a fall training session for interested town employees and commission members.

H. New business

1. Future possible programs:

Turkeys – Jen suggested sponsoring a talk in November about turkeys and inviting Dan Mulligan and Amy Alfieri (Vt F&W).

Sue Morse presentation in the Spring regarding wildlife.

Invasive plant workshop next Spring to cover Poison Parsnip, Wild Chervil and Japanese Knotweed.

2. Laura Farrell, from Monkton, emailed us regarding continuing the joint meetings of their surrounding Towns' Conservation Commissions.
3. No one attended this year's State Conservation Commission Association annual meeting.
4. There are statewide changes to the stormwater regulations that will affect the Lake Champlain TMDL, specifically the runoff from Town roads. John will contact John Bull to see if we can provide with any help.
5. Ferrisburgh has a new Zoning Administrator, Bonnie Baldwin.
6. Craig and Jen will not be able to attend the next FCC scheduled meeting on Oct. 10, and we will try to reschedule that meeting for the 17th using the upstairs Community Room at the Town Office building.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is October 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

