

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting September 14, 2021
Approved Minutes

Members present: Craig Heindel- Chair, Jen Cirillo, Matthew Gorton (via Zoom), Krista Hoffsis, Karen Pettersen and Tyler Steff

Members not present: Amy Dohner, Ron DeBellis

Guest: Jeff Goulette

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

The June 8, 2021 meeting notes were moved to be accepted as amended.

A. Goulette Subdivision

1. Craig explained the Sketch Plan process.
2. Craig reported he didn't see any environmental issues. Craig emailed his comments to the FCC members on Sept. 9th. He read his comments. Jen and Matt talked about the importance of the wildlife corridors as shrub-land bird habitat.

B. Ferrisburgh Day - Town Forest

1. The guided walk into the Town Forest will take place on Sunday, September 26th at 9:00 am.
2. Trail clean-up will be held on Sunday, September 19th at 9:30. Meet at the pull off on Robinson Road where the road takes a sharp curve to the left. Craig, Krista, Jen and Tyler volunteered for the clean-up.
3. *Craig will post this event on Front Porch Forum.*
4. Craig plans to lead the walk thru the Town Forest to the clay plain wetland.

C. Land Use Regulations Update Committee

1. Craig met with the Planning Commission on June 16 regarding FCC comments on the Natural Resources Sections in the LUR.
2. The Planning Commission was supportive of the FCC comments on applications. We should send any comments to Bonnie Barnes, Zoning Administrator, the chairs of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

D. Aquatic Invasive Species Presentation

1. Krista reported that there were less than 10 people at the presentation, 3 of which were FCC members.
2. Matt and Amy expressed an interest in the Champlain Farmers Alliance.

E. Four Winds Road

1. Jen said Mike Windslow, ACRPC Transportation Planner, explained that money was sent to Ferrisburgh to improve the stormwater discharges from Town roads to comply with the Town's State General Permit. *Jen said she will follow up on this issue.*

F. Agricultural Cover Crop

1. Karen called two people, and they left messages. *Karen will follow up on this issue.*

G. Wetland Habitat Enhancement

1. Krista was interested in how to improve wetland habitats.
2. Craig suggested contacting Ethan Tapper or Chris Olsen, County Foresters, Zapata Courage, District Wetland Administrator, Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District, and Bill McKibben with 350.org.

I. New Business

1. Craig sent information on the new Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) outbreak in Middlebury to Cliff Mix, John Bull and Joe Nelson. Craig explained to our newest members, Tyler and Matt the FCC history with EAB.
2. Jean Richardson gave Craig 2 American Chestnut seedlings to plant in the Town Forest. Tyler and Matt asked for the other 2 seedlings that Jean was giving away.
3. Craig will not be at the next meeting.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next scheduled meeting will be October 12th.

Respectively submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

