

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission  
Meeting September 9, 2014  
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In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chairman; Dennis Armell, Treasurer;  
John Medenwald, Karen Pettersen, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The June meeting notes were moved to accept.

A. Town Plan

1. Craig attended the June Planning Commission meeting on the draft of the Town Plan. The Planning Commission would like to meet with the Selectboard to discuss the draft of the Town Plan that was submitted to the Selectboard last Spring.

B. Commission business

1. Karen has posted the meeting agenda on the Town web site as requested by Gloria, the Town Clerk. I will be able to post the agenda at the No. Ferrisburgh post office. Pam, the assistant Town Clerk will post the agenda at the Town Hall and in West Ferrisburgh.

C. Town Wildlife Mapping

1. Karen will post a request on the Front Porch Forum asking people to provide us the locations of any wildlife sightings within the Town using 911 addresses or other prominent landmarks, such as intersections of roads.
2. Karen will contact Jens Hawkins-Hilke, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist, requesting him to give a presentation to our Town in January on the status of the wildlife within Ferrisburgh. He made a presentation in New Haven on the same subject that Karen attended. His job is to assist Town Conservation Commissions regarding wildlife issues.
3. Karen will post a request on the Front Porch Forum asking people if there is an interest in another animal tracking presentation.

E. Other meetings and business.

1. Karen will contact Betsey Etchells about replacing the picture presently seen on the FCC page of the Town's website with a picture Craig or Karen will supply.
2. Posted in the ACRPC newsletter is a Community Forest Grant sponsored by the USFS. We decided not to pursue this opportunity. Also, in the newsletter is a notice of a Town Forest Summit on Sept. 27 from 8:30 to 4:30 at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School. There is also a webinar on Stormwater Management.
3. There is a ZBA application to reopen the hearing for the Barry MacDonald renovation to his camp on parcel 19-20-43. The camp was torn down and this request is for the reconstruction of a new camp with an increase in the square footage. The hearing is Oct. 1 at 7 pm. Karen will go to the Town clerk's office to determine the location of the property.
4. John explained that 3 species of bats in Vermont may be added to the State and Federal endangered species list. The final decision may be made in January.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is October 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Pettersen, Secretary