

Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission
Meeting April 12, 2016
Approved Copy

In attendance for the FCC: Craig Heindel, Chair, Dennis Armell, Treasurer,
Jen Cirillo, Amy Dohner, Finn Yarbrough,
and Karen Pettersen, Secretary

Craig opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The March meeting notes were moved to be accepted as presented.

A. Claflin

1. Craig didn't have any additional information to report regarding the permitting.
2. The neighbors called Craig and said there was some flagging along the road and did he know what that signified. He said the flagging probably indicated the corners of the proposed lots.

B. Salisbury Conservation Commission

1. Dennis attended the joint Addison County Conservation Commissions gathering sponsored by the Salisbury Conservation Commission held on March 23, 2016. He passed out notes that he made and they are attached.

C. Addison County River Watch Collaborative

1. The presentation on March 31, 2016 at the Ferrisburgh Community Hall was well attended.
2. The additional contact data from the presentation will be added to our contact data base.

D. Vermont Green Line (Anbaric)

1. Vermont Green Line and the Ferrisburgh Selectboard are negotiating a Memo of Understanding.
2. The Selectboard wants to hire four experts to assist the Town with technical issues.

E. Town Plan

1. There has been only one public hearing.
2. The Planning Commission will hold the second public hearing on April 20th at 7:45 to present and hear comments by the townspeople on the 4th draft of the Town Plan.
3. After this hearing the Planning Commission will present the Town Plan to the Selectboard.
4. The section on solar siting isn't in this draft version, because the Selectboard wants to wait until the State legislature has developed specific wording.

F. Solar projects

1. There are no new solar projects that we are aware of.

G. McKibben

1. John attended the hearing, but wasn't in attendance at our meeting to report his findings.

H. Dock Doctors

1. Craig said that there was a technical reporting violation of the Wastewater Permit for the new warehouse on the east side of Route 7.

2. Dock Doctors bought the former VT Energy. There are underground fuel tanks which may have to be removed.

I. New Business

1. Craig and John have been reappointed for another 4 year term.
2. Carl Cole told Craig Ms. Laughlin (Town Forest abutting property owner) may be proceeding with subdividing her property. Carl Cole, her realtor, may want to attend our next meeting to discuss the subdivision.
3. Craig suggested one of us could attend the Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition's meetings regarding agricultural practices to improve the quality of storm water runoff from agricultural fields. The RAP (Required Agricultural Practices) should be finalized by July 1, 2016. In 2 or 3 years the VT Agency of Agriculture may be establishing rules for drainage tile discharges from agricultural fields.
4. Finn asked if the Conservation Commission could give or provide help in combating the honey bee decline. He suggested possibly using the cemetery's in town by eliminating the mowing, and Craig explained that mowing is important to many people visiting the cemeteries, and maybe there are alternative options.

J. Vision statement

1. Jen will combine the Huntington and Hinesburg Conservation Commission vision statement and distribute the result at our next meeting.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. The next scheduled meeting is May 10, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pettersen, Secretary

