Fremont Conservation Commission 6-06-11 meeting Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission Minutes of June 6, 2011 Approved August 1, 2011

Present: Chairman Janice O'Brien, Member Pat deBeer, Alternate Leanne Miner and Alternate/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. O'Brien opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. Miner made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Chrm. O'Brien with unanimous except for Mbr. deBeer who abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

GRANTS

Mbr. deBeer reported the notification of a \$10,000 grant awarded to the Fremont Conservation Commission from the Davis Conservation Foundation for land acquisition of the Smith Project. This was as a result of a grant application written by Mbr. deBeer. A thank you letter from the Commission has been sent.

ERLAC

Chrm. O'Brien suggested that the report of the monthly ERLAC meeting be limited to those items that directly affect Fremont. Mbr. deBeer said she feels the Commission should at least be aware of events that ERLAC is discussing. The Members decided to table this discussion until Mbr. Knee is present.

DES WATERSHED GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THE FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY PROJECTS ON THE EXETER RIVER

Mbr. deBeer discussed Grant money available from DES for fluvial geomorphology projects on the Exeter River. These projects would be to improve the health of the river. Mbr. deBeer said there would be a dollar amount match, but she is not sure what that is.

Mbr. deBeer said there are three possible projects. One possibility is to obtain Conservation Easements. This led to a conversation relative to the rights and language structuring for Conservation Easements. Another possibility that the DES talked about is reconstruction of the Sandown Road Bridge. And the third possibility is removal or development of a watershed management plan for the Scribner Road dam. Chrm. O'Brien suggested that because the dam is privately owned the Selectmen should, or possibly must, be involved. She suggested that the first preference would be for Conservation Easements and the others agreed.

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NON PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:35 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to enter into non-public session, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d), to discuss possible consideration of acquisition of real property. Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote 4-0.

Mbr. Bill Knee joined the meeting at 7:40 pm.

At 8:05 pm the Members returned to public session and Mbr. deBeer made the motion that, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 III, in as much as divulgence of the information presented likely would affect adversely the action here enclosed and render it ineffective, the minutes of the non-public session held at tonight's meeting be sealed until such time as, in the opinion of a majority of the Members of the Fremont Conservation Commission, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. The motion was seconded by Alt. Miner and unanimously approved 5-0.

BIOTHON

The May 21, 2011 Fremont Biothon event was held at the Glen Oakes Town Forest. The Members agreed that the Biothon was very successful and lots of fun. Mbr. deBeer and Alt. Miner both recorded various species data during the event and Mbr. Knee offered to compile all the data that was collected into one spreadsheet and send it to the others. There was a conversation relative to the variety of plant, animal, bird and insect species that the Biothon group found to be in the Glen Oakes area. It was noted that one of the species of dragonfly's that was identified and photographed was the Ringed Boghaunter, which is a New Hampshire state endangered species.

ERLAC - continued

Chrm. O'Brien told Mbr. Knee that earlier in the evening the group had a discussion about whether to limit the monthly report of the monthly ERLAC meeting to those items that directly affect Fremont. There was a brief conversation and it was agreed that the report to the Commission should include the items discussed at the ERLAC meeting for the Members information, and that items that do not pertain directly to Fremont would not necessarily need to be discussed.

GOLDENS REALTY TRUST/DEBORAH MASLOWSKI & ELEANOR GATES REV. TRUST Map 1 Lots 058 & 059

The Commission received from the Planning Board a notice of Public Hearing for a lot line adjustment for between Map 1 Lot 058 located at 35 Gates Lane, Fremont, New Hampshire owned by Goldens Realty Trust/Deborah Maslowski Trustee and Map 1 Lot 059 located at 38 Gates Lane, Fremont, New Hampshire owned by Eleanor Gates Rev. Trust/Donald Gates, Jr. Trustee. The proposed Lot Line Adjustment is to convey 30.1 acres (1,309,200 sq. ft.) from Map 1 Lot 059 to Map 1 lot 058.

The Members agreed that the Commission has no comments as there are no wetland issues.

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MARK WOODMAN BEST MACHINE, INC. 79 Beede Hill Road Map 3 Lot 062

At the May 2, 2011 meeting the Commission received from the ZBA a notice of an April 26, 2011 (continued to May 26, 2011) Public Hearing and a comment sheet for Mark and Cheryl Woodman who are seeking a Special Exception from Article XI Section E-6-1 and a Variance from Article XVIII Section 7 of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to allow the continuance and expansion of an existing non-conforming metal products business on their property which is in a Flexible Use Residential Zone and the Aquifer Protection District.

The Members issued a comment sheet stating "The Conservation Commission acknowledges that the ZBA will be reviewing the Engineers written report and upon such review and acceptance by the ZBA the Conservation Commission is agreeable to granting the Special Exception. The Conservation Commission does request a copy of the Engineer report."

Mrs. Bolduc reported that the Woodman's withdrew their application for Special Exception because they are going to locate their business in an area of their property that is outside of the Aquifer Protection District. Therefore, there will be no Engineer report for the Commission to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no incoming correspondence.

Alt. Miner made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion seconded by Mbr. Knee with unanimous favorable vote.

After the close of the meeting Mbr. Knee shared a presentation of many pictures of plant and animal species that he took during the May 21, 2011 Biothon event.

The Members agreed to move the July 11, 2011 meeting to July 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc Land Use AA/Recording Secretary