

**Fremont Conservation Commission
12-05-11 Meeting Minutes**



**Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of December 5, 2011
Approved January 4, 2012**

Present: Chairman Janice O'Brien, Co-Chairman Bill Knee, Member Pat deBeer, Alt. Leanne Miner and Alt/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. O'Brien opened the meeting at 7:15 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. Knee made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Chrm. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote except for Alt. Miner who abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

SMITH LAND ACQUISITION

Map 4 Lots 086, 088 and 089

Chrm. O'Brien reported that the purchase & sale agreement for the Smith property has been signed by all parties and the Commission needs to authorize \$2,000 for the deposit.

Mbr. Knee made the motion to authorize the Town Treasurer to cut a check for \$2,000 from the Current Use Fund and make it payable to the Law Offices of Casassa & Ryan, representing the deposit for purchase of the Smith property land acquisition, Map 4 Lots 086, 088 and 089. Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

Chrm. O'Brien reported that, relative to the Smith property, Mike Speltz has completed the field work for SPNHF that is necessary for them to be the potential easement holders. She added that per the Conservation Commission's agreement to split the survey cost, a check in the amount of \$3,400 will need to be drawn from the Current Use Fund and given to Mr. Smith at the closing. The Members agreed.

GRANTS

Mbr. deBeer said she has secured a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from Moose Plate to be used for the Smith land acquisition. The grant is for 2012.

Note: Member deBeer has also secured four \$10,000 land acquisition grants for a grant total so far of \$55,000. Chrm. O'Brien thanked Mbr. deBeer for all her hard work and diligence with the grant applications.

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SEACOAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB
Map 6 Lot 020-001

Further to tree cutting activity in the Prime Wetlands, or wetlands buffer, at the Seacoast United Soccer Club (SUSC) property on Shirkin Road. (this is Prime Wetland #10):

Mrs. Bolduc reported that according to a November 21, 2011 e-mail message and phone conversation with Eben Lewis, NH DES Wetlands Compliance Specialist, DES conducted an inspection with NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) and the logger on October 18 and 25, 2011. DES documented cutting within the prime wetland buffer during these inspections and will issue their decision shortly.

Chr. O'Brien said she spoke with Eben Lewis (DES) on Thursday December 1, 2011 regarding the violations at the Seacoast United Soccer Club property and he indicated that he hoped to have a report to the Commission by tonight's meeting, but was not sure it would be completed in time. The Commission has not received the report. She said Mr. Lewis indicated that although the finding portion of the report was complete, the remediation portion had not yet been determined (as of Thursday). He said he was meeting with the Wetlands Board to determine exactly what the remediation should be, as he himself had never seen such severe extensive damage to a prime wetland buffer.

The Commission also received a November 30, 2011 correspondence from Chris Albert of Jones & Beach Engineering, Inc. to Chrm. O'Brien. This letter was in response to the November 2, 2011 certified letter from the Commission and the Selectmen to Paul Willis, President of the Seacoast United Soccer Club advising him of the violations to the Conservation Restriction Deed. Mr. Albert advised that Jones & Beach has been retained by SUSC to undertake the restoration actions as identified in that letter. They conducted a November 22, 2011 site walk and have been in contact with Eben Lewis of DES to rectify the work that has taken place within the prime wetland buffer. Mr. Albert also related that JBE will install the Conservation Easement placards as identified in the Conservation Restriction Deed, they recognize that the landscaping plantings identified on sheet 6 of the Site Plan still need to be installed, and they will work with the Town to resolve the issues.

Chrm. O'Brien said she had spoken with Mr. Albert via phone and he seemed to think the violations are not as severe as Mr. Lewis has indicated. She said the Commission will have to wait and see what DES is going to require.

BASSETT, STEVE
Map 4 Lots 070, 072,073,074,075

Mr. Bassett was not present, but Mrs. Bolduc reported that when he met with her on November 23, 2011 he indicated that he would like to find out if the Town would be interested in purchasing, or consider Conservation Easements for, one or more of his five parcels of land that are near or abutting Town-owned properties.

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The Members located the parcels on the tax map and noted that the properties are all landlocked and much of the land is in designated prime wetland #1 (Spruce Swamp) and completely wet or underwater. A portion of two of the lots has some dry area to the south. A portion of lot #70 abuts Town property of Glen Oakes and a portion of lot #73 abuts School District property. Chrm. O'Brien stated that she did not see why the Town would be interested in purchasing the parcels that are wet because they are already self-protecting, but she would like to hear what Mr. Bassett is actually proposing. There was some conversation and it was the general consensus that the Commission would be interested in hearing Mr. Bassett's proposal. Mrs. Bolduc will contact Mr. Bassett and have him submit a written proposal for the Commission's consideration.

SNOWSHOE HIKE

Mbr. deBeer said Dennis Howland told her that he would suggest doing a snow-shoe hike once per month and during the day rather than by moonlight. The Members agreed with Mr. Howland's suggestions.

ERLAC

Mbr. deBeer reported that Theresa Walker is continuing to work on the Watershed Management Plan. She said she went on the ER LAC "Watershed Tour" on Friday and they stopped at the Hammond property (Brownfields project) and the Scribner Road dam. She said the tour was very interesting.

GRANTS

Mbr. deBeer said Mike Speltz was concerned because the Conservation Commission was not asked to give a presentation for the LCHIP grant. She called and LCHIP said they did not ask for a presentation because our application was complete and they had no questions. Mbr. deBeer said she is submitting the grant application for \$100,000 and she asked the Members if they thought that was too much to ask for. The Members agreed that \$100,000 is reasonable.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Members received and reviewed the Conservation Commission account balances as of October 31, 2011. This included interest earned in all accounts as well as deposits of \$10,000 each for grants recently awarded from:

- William P. Wharton Trust
- Davis Foundation
- Cricket Foundation
- Field Pond Foundation

REIMBURSEMENT

Mbr. deBeer said she would like to be reimbursed for the printing costs of about \$145.00 associated with grant applications for the Smith property. The Members agreed that she should absolutely be reimbursed her expenses.

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Chrm. O'Brien motioned to reimburse Mbr. deBeer up to \$150.00 for printing costs to be funded from the residual fund.

Alt. Miner seconded the motion with unanimous favorable vote except for Mbr. deBeer who abstained.

NHACC

The Commission received an invoice from the NHACC dues in the amount of \$265.00. This was an increase of \$15.00 over last year's dues.

Chrm. O'Brien Motion to confirm the total NHACC dues in the amount of \$265.00 and authorize payment of same. Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- The Selectmen's nomination form for Fremont resident Fred Lindhal to the Lamprey River Advisory Committee.

TOWN FOREST

GLEN OAKES FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mbr. deBeer related that according to the Glen Oakes Wildlife and Forest Management Plan Forester Charlie Moreno recommended that forest cutting begin in 2010 and this has not occurred. The Members agreed to have a review of the Plan on the next meeting's agenda.

At 8:10 pm Mbr. Knee made the motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

The Members agreed to move the next regular meeting from January 2, 2012 to January 9, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc,
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary