

Fremont Conservation Commission
03-04-13 Meeting Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of
March 4, 2013

Approved April 1, 2013

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

Chrm. Knee opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting as written.

Mbr. deBeer seconded the motion with unanimous favorable vote.

TOWN FOREST

Mbr. deBeer said Dennis Howland sent an e-mail message relative to fallen trees in Oak Ridge by post #3 that need to be cleaned up.

WORKING PLAN

- Set up a monitoring scheduled for the Town owned conservation easements. The first task is to compile a list of land with conservation easements. The second task would be to get copies of each easement.
Prospective Oak Ridge Easement: Mbr. O'Brien said she is still working on getting the list of easements and verifying her information. Chrm. Knee and Mbr. O'Brien reported that they received an e-mail from Mike Speltz that included a copy of the search and legal "Opinion of Title" for Oak Ridge property at Map 4 Lots 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.
- Review the obligations for grants already awarded including.
 1. Land & Water Conservation Fund (set up for the acquisition of Oak Ridge)
 2. Moose Plate, Recreational Trails Program, PREP Transaction Grant
 3. Smith property: Davis, Fields Pond, Cricket and Wharton, Moose Plate and LCHIP.
- Glen Oakes Forest & Wildlife Management Plan - Review for updates.
Discussion:
Mrs. Bolduc said there has been no contact from Forester Charlie Moreno relative to the status of the management plan for Glen Oakes. She will contact him again.

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Mbr. deBeer said we should get started on a management plan for the Smith property. Mbr. O'Brien said she thinks we should wait until the Glen Oakes is finished before starting another one.

- Oak Ridge Management Plan - Review for updates.
- Natural Resource Inventory – - Review for recommendations for updates of information and maps.
- Earth Day event (s) for the current year.
- Biothon – discuss a possible event for the current year.
- Reorganization of the Conservation Commission.
- Budget for the following year.
- Compiled of all of the grants that have been awarded to the Town and create a checklist of the requirements of each grant that can be reviewed annually. Any future grant can be added to the compilation.

Discussion:

Mbr. deBeer said she wrote again to the Natural Heritage Bureau to get an update of the endangered, threatened species of concern in the Spruce Swamp area. She will report back to the Board when she has received information.

Mbr. O'Brien reported that the Kelleher property is now owned and protected by the Southeast Land Trust. Chrm. Knee and Mbr. deBeer both said they were pleased with this news and there was a discussion about the property and the protection.

EVENTS

- Birds & bats
- Edible plants
- Wildlife cover
- Sustainable agriculture

Mrs. Bolduc sent a letter to Cindy McRae after the last meeting and followed it up with a phone call. Mrs. McRae is thinking about some events and she agreed to attend the next meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Members received and reviewed the Conservation Commission Treasurers Reports as of January 1, 2013. There was a new line entitled "Anderson" with \$1,000 in it. The Commission asked Mrs. Bolduc to find out what that line is for.

BUDGET REPORT

The Members received and reviewed the draft of the Conservation Commission Budget Report which was last updated on February 5, 2013.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Saving Special Places 2013 workshop notice.

At 7:55 pm Mbr. deBeer made the motion to adjourn.
Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

The next scheduled meeting is April 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Land Use AA/Recording Secretary