



**Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of
October 7, 2013**

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

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

On March 15, 2010 Chrm. Karcz designated Alternate Leanne Miner to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission until such time as the Selectmen have appointed someone to fill that vacancy (allowed by NH RSA 673:12, III). That appointment remains in effect.

MINUTES

Chrm. O'Brien made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 meetings as written.

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

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chr. Knee said he called Mr. LeClair about the upcoming timber cut, but has received no return call. He also spoke with Mr. Moreno who said Mr. LeClair had mentioned he might be ready to begin by end of October, but there has been no contact recently. It was noted that notices have been posted in the Newsletter, Town Hall, Post Office and other various places in Town relative to closure of the area of the timber cutting operation of the Glen Oakes portion of the Town Forest.

TOWN FOREST

Relative to the damaged kiosk in the Oak Ridge South parking lot of the Town Forest, Chrm. Knee said he contacted Fremont Glass who recommended the broken Plexiglas be replaced with a Lexan polycarbonate which is a tougher material. The price is \$150 for the Plexiglas and \$199 for the Lexan polycarbonate.

After some consideration, Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to authorize and appropriate \$199 from the residual to replace the kiosk Plexiglas in the Town Forest. The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

OAK RIDGE EASEMENT

The amendment of the existing Conservation Easement on the Glen Oakes Land to include the Oak Ridge Town Forest Lands of Map 4 Lots 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16 has been completed and the deed executed.

Chrm. Knee reported he met with Tom Howe who is the Senior Director of SPNH (in Mike Speltz place) & Heidi and they signed the Easement document.

Chrm. Knee reported that he received an e-mail from Mr. Howe relative to the signature page of the Baseline Documentation Report for the Town of Fremont's recent CE gift to the Forest Society. Mr. Howe related that at the bottom of Page 3, under "Exhibits to this Report:" and then subsection C, there appears the following line of text: "Document 2: Annotated Survey.

Recorded as Plan #37328." He related that as there is no annotated survey with this baseline, just a copy of the referenced, recorded plan, he proposed simply to cross out by hand the word "Annotated" as suggested by Mike Speltz and, for his records, would like the Fremont Conservation Commission's approval of this change. After some consideration the Members agreed that the word "annotated" should be crossed out as suggested. Chrm. Knee will advise Mr. Howe of this decision.

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE

The 2013 Fall Foliage Hike is scheduled for 9:00 am on October 19, 2013. Chrm. Knee will find out if the room at the Library is available for use for the hiking group to meet. He said he is planning to talk about the importance of water resource of Spruce Swamp. Mbr. O'Brien said she will plan to get the key and do the greeting at the Library. Notice is in the September and October issues of the Fremont Newsletter.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Commission received and reviewed the CC Expenditure Report for January 1 – September 30, 2013.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Commission received and reviewed the Treasurers Report for August 31, 2013.

PALMER CLEANOUTS & DISPOSAL, LLC

Timothy and Geraldine Palmer
706 Main Street, Map 2 Lot 149-01

The Commission received from the ZBA a notice of an October 22, 2013 Public Hearing and a comment sheet for Timothy & Geraldine Palmer who are seeking a Special Exception from the terms of from the terms of Article XI Section E-6.1 as set forth in the Town of Fremont Zoning Ordinance to allow continued operation of their existing commercial cleanout & disposal business at their property at Map 2 Lot 149-001. Mrs. Bolduc reported that Mrs. Palmer explained to the Planning Board that she has dumpsters she takes to private properties to fill and then to Best Way in Raymond. Mrs. Palmer said she sometimes brings items to her property and

has them in her yard for a day or two. This property is located in the Aquifer Protection District and the Flexible Use Residential District.

The Members reviewed the plan submitted. There was some concern that there be no disposal, storage, processing or recycling of hazardous or toxic material allowed on the property and that the business should be limited to residential cleanouts. Following some discussion Chrm. Knee issued written statement on the comment sheet that “It is imperative that the applicants realize their property is located in the Aquifer Protection District and that they comply without exception to the restrictions cited in Article XI Section E-4. In particular to the handling, disposal, storage, processing or recycling of hazardous or toxic materials and that the property not act as a junk or salvage yard.”

BITTERSWEET PROPERTIES, LLC/COLONIAL POPLIN NURSING HOME AND POPLIN WAY ASSISTED LIVING
442 Main Street, Map 3 Lot 109-001

The Commission received from the ZBA a notice of an October 22, 2013 Public Hearing and a comment sheet for the Colonial Poplin Nursing Home who are seeking a Variance from the terms of Article XIII Section 1.3.1 as set forth in the Town of Fremont Zoning Ordinance to allow expansion of their Nursing Home/Assisted Living Facility, including associated infrastructure items, without the required seventy five (75) foot natural buffer where the non-residential use within the Village District abuts residential uses outside the District.

The Members reviewed the plan submitted and following some discussion it was agreed that Chrm. Knee issue the written statement on the comment sheet that the Conservation Commission has no comment.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT MONITORING

The easements include:

3615/702	Conservation Easement Cornerstone Estates/Dakota Realty Trust
	1-35-8, 1-35-9 and p/o 1-35 D-28735
3972/1691	Conservation Easement Tuck Woods
	6-64-21, 6-64-22 and 6-64-23 D-30397
4247/1418	Conservation Easement Tuck Woods
	OS, OS2, OS3 D-31333
4342/1206	Conservation Restriction Deed Not to Further Subdivide Spruce Hill
	Map 6 Lot 50 D-31622
4408/1234	Conservation Restriction Deed Seacoast United Soccer Club
	p/o 20-1 D-31731
4435/1986	Conservation Easement Fremont Pizzeria
	p/o Tax Map 3 Lot 120 D-31624
4890/1139	Conservation Easement Scribner Estates
	Easement 13 D-31121

Mbr. O'Brien went through the easements and offered to generate a checklist of things to look for. Chrm. Knee will put the list on a spreadsheet. The next step would be to figure out who is going to go out to the properties and do the physical monitoring of the easements.

WORKING PLAN

The following is a working plan with some results in *italics*.

- Set up a monitoring scheduled for the Town owned Conservation Easements.
(As the holder of an easement, the Town is obligated to monitor each easement once per year.)
Compile a list of land with conservation easements. *This is done.*
- Get copies of each easement.
- Generate a checklist for each easement.
- Prospective Oak Ridge Easement: *This is done.*
- 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.
- Oak Ridge Management Plan - Review for updates.
Mbr. de Beer said this is in the NRI of the Master Plan.
- 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.

EVENTS

Previous event suggestions included:

- Birds & bats
- Edible plants
- Wildlife cover
- Sustainable agriculture
- A butterfly garden
- School program that would involve growing plants.
- A presentation on sustainable agriculture.
- Community garden

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

- Notice of the October 18, 2013 Lamprey River Watershed 30th anniversary celebration event at the Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall in Lee, NH.
- Application for the 2013-2014 Assistance Program: Planning and Preparing for a Changing Climate: A Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC) program through RPC & UNH Cooperative Extension.

At 8:55 pm Chrm. Knee made the motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Next scheduled meeting: November 4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Land Use AA/Recording Secretary

CC action item timeline.

January – Review obligations for grants already awarded.

February – Review Forest Management & Wildlife Plans: Oak Ridge & Glen Oakes.

March – Commission reorganization; events to be sponsored through the next year.

April –

May –

June-

July –

August – Budget review and approval for upcoming year

September – October: monitoring Town owned Conservation easements & reporting on same.

November – Review the NRI

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