



**Fremont Conservation Commission  
Minutes of  
February 3, 2014**

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

Chrm. Knee opened the meeting at 7:00 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**

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting as written. Mbr. O'Brien seconded the motion with unanimous favorable vote.

**TOWN REPORT**

Chrm. Knee said he has submitted the CC report for the Town Report. He did not include the Ariela Mahoney donation because it was not accepted until 2014. It will be in next year's report.

**DONATION**

Mrs. Bolduc reported that there has been a separate fund created called the Ariela Mahoney Fund into which the \$10,000 donation has been deposited.

**BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP**

The Commission discussed the application and information for the Barry Conservation camp and whether they want to sponsor a child. No decisions were made, but it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

**DUES**

SPNHF: The Commission received the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests 2014 dues renewal invoice. Alt. Miner made the motion that the dues in the amount of \$50.00 be paid from the dues and membership line of the current budget. The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

NHACC: The Commission received the NH Association of Conservation Commissions 2014 dues renewal invoice. Mbr. deBeer made the motion that the dues in the amount of \$275.00 be paid from the dues and membership line of the current budget. The motion was seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

## TOWN FOREST

- Forest Management

The Commission received and reviewed a package from Forester Charlie Moreno containing a spreadsheet with all of the information relative to the Glen Oakes timber harvest. Chrm. Knee had reviewed this information. Mrs. Bolduc reported that she spoke with Mr. Moreno who said that in going over the bookkeeping he found that there was a \$358.00 overpayment to the Town by Mr. LeClair due to an overcharge for black oak. He contacted Mr. LeClair and took care of the matter.

The package included:

Summary sheet

Final accounting sheet

LeClairs original submission

Statement of accounting

Check to the Fremont Conservation Commission

Copy of all deliveries made to Shiller power station – wood chips

Log accounting/ purchase tally for Multibois Logyard – hardwood

Scale slips of the log sale to Diprizio Pine Sales – pine

Breakdown for the Forester cost

The summary statement sheet listed gross stumpage, stumpage paid by the logger, overpayment reimbursement and forestry cost with the net payment to the Fremont Conservation Commission of \$12,464.15.

After some discussion the Members agreed that the money should be placed in a separate account to be used for the Town Forest management.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to establish a new account called the Fremont Town Forest Management Fund for the purpose of maintenance of the Fremont Town Forests as per NH RSA 31:110-113 and to deposit the amount of \$12,106.15 realized from the timber harvest of Glen Oakes into said account.

Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

There was a discussion relative to having Mr. Moreno update the Wildlife and Forest Management Plan to include the newly acquired Smith property. Mbr. O'Brien suggested that while he is amending the Plan for the addition of Smith we can have him make note of the recent harvest.

Mrs. Bolduc will contact Mr. Moreno for an estimate and possible timeline to amend the Wildlife and Forest Management plan to include the Smith property and the recent Glen Oakes timber harvest.

- Glen Oakes Trails

Mr. Howland reported that he is assembling the new kiosk in his basement and he is going to need some lexon and maybe other materials to finish it.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to authorize up to \$250 from the Residual Fund for purchase of materials to finish the kiosk. Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

Mr. Howland suggested the possibility of making an event out of erecting the new kiosk. Earth Day or May Day were mentioned as possible dates. No decision was made.

Mr. Howland said he toured Glen Oakes and found that there are some areas where slash needs to be removed and trees reblazed. There was a conversation relative to the possibility of getting the Boy Scouts to do some of the work.

Mr. Howland shared a map that showed the areas that were logged during the recent timber harvest and where they intersect the trails. He said that there are a lot of skidder paths across the footpath part of Homestead and a few skidder intersections with Forest Loop. Before the logging Forrest Loop, Link and the road part of Homestead were obvious as to where the path was. Now in a few places it is not so obvious. Mr. Howland added that Homestead footpath is now so crisscrossed from skidders, that better trail definition is needed. He noted that in some cases, the skidder paths could be blocked with slash or dead trees where they intersect with Homestead and in other places better marking for Homestead may be needed. He noted that opening up of forest provides more "viewing" opportunities and allows visibility into parts of the forest previously blocked from view.

Mr. Howland said he walked out to the Ladd property today and found that it has been clear cut and there are "no trespassing" signs.

Mr. Howland took the new sign and will install it in the Glen Oakes kiosk.

#### LAWRENCE & NANCE LOURETTE

197 Sandown Road, Map 1 Lot 5

The Commission received from the Planning Board a notice of a February 19, 2014 Public Hearing and a comment sheet for Lawrence & Nancy Lourette for a Site Plan Review to continue the operation of their existing commercial outdoor recreation facility at their property located at 197 Sandown Road, Fremont, NH, Map 1 Lot 005. This property is located in the Flexible Use Residential District. The recreation includes pursuit sports including paintball, laser tag, archery tag, water tag, etc. For more information on the business go to [www.rockpaintball.com](http://www.rockpaintball.com)

The Members reviewed the plan submitted. Following some discussion and with the unanimous agreement of the Members, Chrm. Knee issued written statement on the comment sheet that the

Conservation Commission has no comment to make at this time concerning the current recreational use of the property as cited.

#### BUDGET

The Board received and reviewed the CC end of year 2013 budget and expenditure report. The report showed budget lines for 2012 and 2013 and actual spending for the year. It also included department requests for 2014 as well as the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommendations.

#### BIRD WATCHING PRESENTATION

Mbr. O'Brien said she called Eric Masterson and left a message relative to more information about his Birdwatching presentation and she has received no response.

#### CONSERVATION EASEMENT MONITORING

The easements include:

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

Mbr. O'Brien submitted to Chrm. Knee spreadsheets of the Town held Conservation Easements that she had created as a result of her review of each one. He said he will turn them into Google spreadsheets and send the information to the Members for their review.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- A membership application form for the New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists.

#### 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, PREP.
- 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

At 9:00 pm Alt. Miner made the motion to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Bolduc, Land Use AA/Recording Secretary

Next scheduled meeting: March 3, 2014.

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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

December -