

**Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH**

**September 14, 2015
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Knee called the meeting of the Fremont Conservation Commission to order at 7:04 PM at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont, NH 03044.

Present were: Commission members Bill Knee, Pat deBeer, Leanne Miner, and Janice O'Brien.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 3 and 10, 2015

Pat deBeer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2015 as amended. Leanne Miner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

Pat deBeer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 as written. Janice O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

III. DAN HORSBURGH

Dan Horsburgh was not ready with a new proposal so this agenda item will be rescheduled at a later time. The Conservation Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on September 24th.

IV. WILDLIFE & FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (STATUS UPDATE)

There was nothing new to report on the Wildlife & Forest Management Plan.

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION

A. TREASURER'S CC ACCOUNT REPORT / 2016 Budget Worksheet

There was no current information for the account/budget reports (same information as July 31, 2015).

B. ONGOING LIST OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FY15 (NO BUDGET):

1. NH Conservation Commission's 45th Annual Conference on November 7, 2015 (Mr. Knee read the cover letter of the invitation, highlighting that they secured more grants/contacts since the last annual meeting, they are visiting commissions and the NHACC is taking part in National Wildlife commissions across NH.) A good amount of members who had left the NHACC are now returning. Mr. Knee felt Fremont's Commission should take advantage of the re-energized NHACC. An invoice was sent for the cost of the upcoming membership, which is \$333 and is due April 1, 2016.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. NH ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS

1. Review of cover letter
2. Review of Outreach Infographics
3. Review of Contact Information
4. Review of membership invoice - \$333 (due April 1? 2016)
5. "Back To The Future" A Changing Sense of Place - NHACC 45th Annual Meeting and Conference on Nov. 7, 2015

There were information sheets by NHACC which included a 2002 study on the benefit of Open Space and a 2012 UNH study on the conservation attitudes of NH residents. Fremont Conservation Commission contact information will be updated with NHACC.

- B. PLANNING COMMENT SHEETS FOR THREE LOT SUBDIVISION FOR DEBORAH HAMILTON AND ESTATE OF BRIAN HAMILTON
1. Public Hearing on August 20, 2015
 2. Public Hearing on September 4, 2015

The Commission members reviewed the map regarding a request for the subdivision of an 11.4 acre lot with house into 3 separate lots. The existing house on 909 Main Street will remain on a 3.1 acre lot and 2 new lots will be created with primary frontage on Kelsey Drive (4.45 acres and 4.01 acres). In reviewing the planning comment sheet, the Conservation Commission noted wetlands and setbacks are shown as compliant with current zoning, therefore the Commission has no comment.

Another item for review is a 3-lot subdivision where one has 2 lot lines that are less than the required 100 feet (pursuant to article 4 section 2 in Fremont's Zone Ordinances) . The issue is there is a 50 foot frontage (not 200 frontage) so they are seeking an exception. The Conservation Commission had no comments on the planning comment sheet.

- C. 2015 CONSERVATION EASEMENT MONITORING/STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR ANDERSON DONE BY THE ROCKINGHAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT

This was inspected on August 3, 2015. The checklist that was done was reviewed, including photos and a map of the perimeter walk that was done. Ms. Miner will scan the information in so it will be in digital format and bring it back to the next meeting.

- D. NHDES DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER BUREAU: SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER "Supply Lines With the Source" (Informational only)
- E. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT 2014
- F. WOODARD & CURRAN'S DIRECTIONS: SUMMER 2015 ISSUE, VOL. 23, NO. 2

VII. OTHER : The Members will also hear any other business to come before the Commission

- A. C.C. TABLE AT THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION FAIR AT ELLIS SCHOOL, SEPT. 16th, 6-7 PM

The Commission members felt that the Community Information Fair seemed like a fundraiser and did not see the "fit" for a Conservation Commission table there. With \$1 in the budget, the Commission could not have a table.

- B. BOND INFORMATION (TO BE GIVEN AT THE SELECTMEN MEETING ON SEPT. 24th)

Estimates for appraisals and a timeline will be given at the Selectmen Meeting on September 24th.

VIII. WORKING PLAN

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

TASK	STATUS
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. - Get copies of each easement - Generate a checklist for each easement	Ongoing
Prospective Oak Ridge Easement - Roy Foundation	Done
Review the obligations for grants already awarded including: - Land & Water Conservation Fund (Set up for the acquisition of Oak Ridge) - Moose Plate, Recreational Trails Program, PREP Transaction Grant (Glen Oakes) - Smith Property: Davis, Fields Pond, Cricket and Wharton, Moose Plate and LCHIP, PREP (Smith property, now part of Glen Oakes)	Est. due June 2015
Glen Oakes Forest & Wildlife Management Plan – Review for updates	Ongoing
Oak Ridge Forestry Management Plan – Review for updates	Ongoing
Natural Resource Inventory – Review for recommendations for updates of information and maps. (Charlie Moreno is reviewing for Glen Oakes area)	Ongoing
Earth Day event(s) for the current year	No action planned for 2015
Biothon – discuss a possible event for the current year	No funding available for 2015
Reorganization of the Conservation Commission	Done
Budget for 2015	Done
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.	Ongoing

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2015 (SEPTEMBER 24th: MEETING WITH SELECTMEN)**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:49 PM, Leane Miner made a motion to adjourn. Pat deBeer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Susan Perry,
Recording Secretary