

**FREMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
FREMONT TOWN HALL  
FREMONT, NH**

**MARCH 2, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

APPROVED APRIL 6, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR BILL KNEE CALLED THE MEETING OF THE FREMONT CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM AT THE FREMONT TOWN HALL, 295 MAIN STREET, FREMONT, NH 03044.

PRESENT WERE: CHAIR BILL KNEE, CO-CHAIR JANICE O'BRIEN, MEMBER PAT DEBEER, ALT. LEANNE MINER, ALT. MEREDITH BOLDUC, AND RECORDING SECRETARY SUSAN PERRY.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 5, 2015

*LEANNE MINER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2015 AS WRITTEN. PAT DEBEER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 5:0.*

III. SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST – GARRISON PROPERTY

MR. KNEE INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT, PER DAVID VIALE OF SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST OF NH, MS. GARRISON AND HER ATTORNEY HAD APPROVED THE AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND TO THE LAND TRUST AFTER SHE SOLD A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO THE NRCS. THE CLOSING WOULD HAPPEN WITHIN THE NEXT 2-3 MONTHS. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO SEEK FUNDING FROM THE FCC SINCE THE NRCS AND THE ARM GRANT WOULD COVER THE COSTS. THERE WOULD ALSO BE NO NEED TO OBTAIN AN APPRAISAL (OR PREP GRANT/ANY MATCHING FUNDS).

MR. VIALE INFORMED THAT HE WOULD HEAD UP TWO PROJECTS WORKING WITH THE FCC THIS YEAR: THE LAND TRUST'S STRATEGIC LAND CONSERVATION PLAN AND A NEW VOLUNTEER LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

IV. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION

A. TREASURER'S C.C. YEAR END ACCOUNT BALANCES (AS OF 12/31/2014)

THE TREASURER'S C.C. YEAR-END ACCOUNT BALANCES WERE REVIEWED. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE OAKRIDGE EASEMENT (\$1,000) SHOULD BE IN THE CURRENT USE FUND.

B. LUCT (CURRENT USE) FUND: INFORMATIONAL

THE CC RECEIVED A JANUARY 8, 2015 CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR HEIDI CARLSON REPORTING THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS REMITTED TO THE CC LUCT FUND FROM FISCAL YEAR 2014 IS \$11,071.38 AND SHE HAS FORWARDED A CHECK IN THIS AMOUNT TO TOWN TREASURER KIMBERLY

DUNBAR FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE CC LUCT FUNDS ACCOUNT. THIS SUM REPRESENTS THE FORMULA OF 50% OVER THE FIRST \$10,000 COLLECTED. SHE INCLUDED INFORMATION FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR AMOUNTS COLLECTED.

C. RESIDUAL FUNDS: INFORMATIONAL

THE CC RECEIVED A JANUARY 8, 2015 CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR HEIDI CARLSON REPORTING THAT THE SUM OF \$192.02, WHICH REPRESENTS THE REMAINDER OF THE 2014 CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPROPRIATED FUNDS, HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO TOWN TREASURER KIMBERLY DUNBAR FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE CC BUDGET RESIDUAL FUND ACCOUNT.

D. NH ASSOCIATION OF CONS. COM. (NHACC) DUES (\$303) (TABLED)  
REMINDER OF CC BUDGET MONEY.

E. GRANT VIOLATION

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TOWN FOREST ORDINANCE, WHICH STATED THAT NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES WERE PERMITTED IN THE TOWN FORESTS. THERE WAS CONCERN SINCE THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT REQUIRED ALLOWANCE OF SNOWMOBILES IN GLEN OAKES. AFTER DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE AND SIGNS, IT WAS NOTICED THAT SECTION B NOTED THE EXCEPTION OF SNOWMOBILES, SO NO CHANGE IN THE ORDINANCE WAS NECESSARY AND THE SIGNS COULD STAY AS THEY WERE.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

DENNIS HOWLAND HAD SENT AN EMAIL REGARDING ATV TRACKS ON THE ISLAND ROAD AND NORTH SIDE OF THE FOREST LOOP. THEY LED TO A RESIDENCE, WHICH TURNED OUT NOT TO BE ABUTTERS. MR. HOWLAND SUGGESTED THEY BE CONSIDERED "NEIGHBORS" OF GLEN OAKES. THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED WRITING A LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS, WITH MR. HOWLAND'S ASSISTANCE (AND INCLUDING A COPY OF THE TOWN FOREST ORDINANCE).

THERE WAS AN EMAIL REGARDING DAMAGE TO A POST AND SIGN AT OAK RIDGE NORTH. THE COMMISSION WANTED TO KEEP TRACK OF THE DAMAGE/SIGN REPLACEMENT IN MINUTES. ON JANUARY 18, 2015, THE SIGN DAMAGE WAS REPORTED AND ON JANUARY 23, 2015, MR. AND MS. HOWLAND TIED THE SIGN TO A TREE AS A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT.

MR. KNEE HAD FOLLOWED UP WITH CHARLIE MORENO WITH INFORMATION FROM THE BIO BLITZ INVENTORY; MR. MERINO RECEIVED THIS AND THANKED HIM.

VI. OTHER

THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY GROUP MET AFTER THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION TO TALK ABOUT ARTICLE 17. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON WHAT PEOPLE COULD DO (TO GET THE WORD OUT), KEEPING IN MIND, NOTHING SENT OUT PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS COULD SEEM BIASED IN ANY WAY. THE COMMISSION FELT IT WAS TOO LATE TO DO SOMETHING NOW, AND THAT THERE WAS NO FUNDING.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING TIME TO BUILD TRUST WITH LANDOWNERS.

MR. KNEE INFORMED THAT HE ESTABLISHED THE WEBSITE USING GOOGLE SITES. HE GAVE OUT THE ACCESS INFORMATION. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE CENTRAL FOCUS THIS YEAR OF HONORING THE MAHONEY REQUEST TO EDUCATE (CHILDREN) ABOUT OPEN SPACE. IDEAS SUCH AS QUEST AND TREE TAGGING WERE MENTIONED.

MS. MINER SAID THAT SHE FOUND A DES LETTER ABOUT EASEMENT MONITORING. SHE WOULD PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF ONES THAT NEEDED MONITORING.

MS. O'BRIEN NOTED THAT SHE WAS NOT WORKING ON THE GRANT SPREADSHEET NOW, AND THAT SHE WAS STILL WAITING FOR INFORMATION ON THE CHANGE OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (GRANT FOR OAKRIDGE). WITH LETTERS ABOUT INSPECTIONS, OAK RIDGE SENDS STATEMENTS OF ASSURANCES AND PROGRAM CONDITIONS; THE OLDEST ONE WAS FROM 1993 AND THE GRANT WAS FROM 1982 SO MS. O'BRIEN WAS TRYING TO GET THE LATTER BECAUSE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HELD TO THAT. THE ONE FROM 1993 SAID THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SIGN, AND IF LOST, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED. IT ALSO SAID THAT IF LINES WERE NEEDED FOR LIGHTS ETC. (E.G. ON TAVERN ROAD), NO UTILITIES COULD BE ON FORESTLAND UNLESS THEY WERE BURIED (IF BUILDING WAS TO TAKE PLACE). PEOPLE WOULD NEED TO BE AWARE.

MR. KNEE THANKED MS. O'BRIEN AND MS. BOLDUC FOR THEIR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OPEN SPACE IN FREMONT - ESPECIALLY IN ESTABLISHING THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE, DEVELOPING THE OPEN SPACE EVALUATION CRITERIA, ESTABLISHING THE GLEN OAKES TOWN FOREST, FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN, TOWN FOREST EASEMENTS, AND PRESERVING SPRUCE SWAMP. MS. O'BRIEN SAID IT WAS A PLEASURE DOING WHAT SHE LOVED AND FELT WAS RIGHT.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT WHO DID OPEN SPACE SCORING NOW. MS. O'BRIEN SUGGESTED THAT THE CRITERIA OF OPEN SPACE STILL BE USED. IT WOULD GO TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AFTER THAT, AND THEN TO THE SELECTMEN. SHE SUGGESTED THAT SOMEONE FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ATTEND THE OPEN SPACE MEETING AND BRING MAPS. IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT THE OPEN SPACE COMMISSION WAS AN ADVISORY GROUP.

## VII. WORKING PLAN

THE FOLLOWING IS A WORKING PLAN WITH SOME RESULTS IN ITALICS.

<b>TASK</b>	<b>COMPLETED</b>
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) COMPILER A LIST OF LAND WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GET COPIES OF EACH EASEMENT</li> <li>- GENERATE A CHECKLIST FOR EACH EASEMENT</li> </ul>	DONE
PROSPECTIVE OAK RIDGE EASEMENT	DONE
REVIEW THE OBLIGATIONS FOR GRANTS ALREADY AWARDED INCLUDING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LAND &amp; WATER CONSERVATION FUND (SET UP FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OAK RIDGE)</li> </ul>	

- MOOSE PLATE, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM, PREP TRANSACTION GRANT - 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	
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.	

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 6, 2015

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*AT 8:50 PM, MEREDITH BOLDUC MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JANICE O'BRIEN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 5:0.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY,  
SUSAN PERRY  
RECORDING SECRETARY