

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

**April 6, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Knee called the meeting of the Fremont Conservation Commission to order at 7:03 PM at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont, NH 03044.

Present were: Bill Knee, Pat deBeer, Leanne Miner and Recording Secretary Susan Perry.

II. REORGANIZATION

*Pat deBeer made a motion to nominate Bill Knee as Chairperson. Leanne Miner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

*Leanne Miner nominated herself as Vice Chairperson upon being sworn in. Pat deBeer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2, 2015

*Bill Knee made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 as amended. Pat deBeer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

IV. SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST – GARRISON PROPERTY

Mr. Knee read a letter from DES acknowledging the receipt of the “Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification” form for work in Fremont (Tax Map/Lots: 4/90, 91, 92). The letter listed 6 provisos to sufficiently start the notification:

1. Work not to be done in a municipally designated prime wetland/buffer or in a bog, marsh or undisturbed tidal buffer zone.
2. Timber cutting for forest management purposes only- not for current/future development
3. Must follow the “Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harbusting Operations in New Hampshire (2004)”
4. Must avoid wetlands/stream crossings where possible
5. Must post the Confirmation of Complete Forestry Notification in a secure manner/in a prominent place at the site.
6. Authorization is valid through February 10, 2017.

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION

A. TREASURER’S C.C. ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT (as of 2/28/2015)

The treasurer’s C.C. account balances were reviewed. It was noted that, after the Town vote, \$1 was appropriated. The members had no comment since the report was dated 2/28/15 and March’s information was missing. Mr. Knee noted that the Town Budget of \$1 is missing from the assets and should be there. It was noted that there was no funding available for the 2015 Biothon.

There was a question as to what the \$100 amount was in line 4610030 CC Clerical of the Conservation Commission budget and why the balance of budget line item 4610 was -\$99. Ms. Perry would ask Heidi Carlson.

B. LUCT (Current Use) FUND

Since the \$1,000 was added in March to the current use fund, it should appear in the updated budget report.

C. RESIDUAL FUNDS: INFORMATIONAL

The residual budget is earmarked for Charlie Moreno's work.

D. NH ASSOCIATION OF CONS. COM. (NHACC) DUES (\$303)

The members spoke about the benefits of being a member of the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Mr. Knee said that there was new leadership that was being very proactive in getting information out to commissions about workshops, resources, etc.

*Bill Knee made a motion to pay the \$303 membership fee to NHACC: taking \$153 from checking (leaving \$1.78) and the remaining \$150 from the budget residual line). Leanne Miner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

E. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PLAN COMMENT SHEET: 300 MAIN STREET

The members reviewed a request to convert the building at 300 Main Street (Map 3 Lot032 - housing a school and one residential apartment) into 3 apartments. The request seeks special exception from Article XI Section E.5.2 of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to allow multi-family use in the Aquifer Protection District and variance from 5 Articles/sections of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Knee recused himself from writing comments/signing the sheet since his wife worked at the school/building in question. The ZBA scheduled a site visit for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Mr. Knee noted that the septic is away from the building (wetlands are not on the property) and that 10% of the lot might be impervious surface.

The members reviewed the request and map relative to any surrounding wetlands and aquifer protection district. They deemed that the property conversion as described is not within any wetland areas or relevant buffer and does not appear to have any potential impact on aquifer protection district given the overall reduction in septic use.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

There was information on the Saving Special Places 2015 Land Conservation Conference on April 11, 2015.

VII. OTHER

Per Janice O'Brien's idea to do more P/R through public access television, Ms. Miner said that she could send Ms. Perry any information that would be beneficial to broadcast on the local cable station.

Ms. Miner mentioned that she had spoken with the Garden Club about ways to use the Mahoney Fund money. Suggested ideas included: learning how to protect wildflowers (it was suggested that the

UNH C.E. might have resources for this) and identifying wild berries, recognizing poison ivy/oak, etc, and bird attraction. Mr. Knee felt that the initiatives should be more long-lasting. Ms. deBeer suggested having a handicapped-accessed area. Mr. Knee suggested having trail systems on conservation land with brochures on sign posts, etc, and with QR code scans as a component on the identifying signs. The cost of whatever project that will be decided would need to be under \$10,000. Ms. Miner suggested putting a bench in an accessible area to honor Ida Mahoney. Ms. deBeer would be in touch with Dennis and Mr. Knee would provide more information about the Google site.

## VIII. WORKING PLAN

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

<b>TASK</b>	<b>STATUS</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.) 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	(-\$99)
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: MAY 4, 2015

X. ADJOURNMENT

*At 9:17 PM, Leeane Miner made a motion to adjourn. Pat deBeer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Susan Perry  
Recording Secretary