

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

**January 4, 2016  
7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bill Knee called the meeting of the Fremont Conservation Commission to order at 7:01 PM at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont, NH 03044. Present were: Commission members Bill Knee, Pat deBeer, and Janice O'Brien. Also present were: Dennis Howland (Open Space Committee Chair), Jack Karcz, Sam Harris, Charlie Moreno, Jimmy Watkins and another person unknown to the minute-taker.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 7, 2015**

*Pat deBeer made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2015 as amended. Janice O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.*

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

Jimmy Watkins expressed concerns regarding accusations made by Mr. Galloway, whose site is adjacent to Mr. Watkins' business. Mr. Watkins provided the Commission with two materials reports and will provide the Town's Administrator with aerial photographs of Mr. Galloway's worksite to distribute to Conservation Commission members.

**IV. DAN HORSBURGH**

There was a site walk on December 17, 2015, which included members of the NRCS, EPA, NH Fish and Game, Southeast Land Trust, Bill Knee, Dan Horsburgh, and abutters. They gathered information about wetlands and discussed how the various natural features on the property would lend support for the grant application. The site walk went well. Mr. Horsburgh is working on the grant that is due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Parameters will not be known until about March.

**V. WILDLIFE & FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN: STATUS UPDATE BY CHARLIE MORENO 7:15 PM**

Forester Charlie Moreno reviewed maps he had drafted that will be integrated into the larger Glen Oakes map. He stated that the Smith lot map shows natural features, wetlands, seasonal streams, and interesting trees (more than 100 years old). He spoke about the need to make forest types consistent (e.g. having a key such as "wp" for "white pines", etc.). Mr. Moreno will make a PDF of the full map for the management plan. He felt that the property would work well as 2 management units that can easily be worked with adjacent management units. Some areas should be left intact (example: the north western area and the far eastern area of the property). He spoke about the landing site and the best way to access the Eastern side.

Mr. Howland mentioned that an old skitter path has been broadened (around Forest Loop and Island Road) that could be an access for the middle of the property. Mr. Moreno suggested the area could serve as a single landing for the whole area depending on the logger's setup needs.

Mr. Moreno presented his suggestion for proposed trails, noting that he has already spoke with Phil Auger who will review it with the SELT Board. His proposed trails leave a large block in the middle with no disruption. The proposed trail involves different habitats that would and a wide diversity of wildlife. Mr. Howland was familiar with the area. He spoke about the need to block ATV traffic (e.g. with natural "roadblocks" such as stream crossings). He said that Open Space wanted to be sure the trail provided access to interesting natural features, leaving some of the forest alone for silvicultural and conservation needs (e.g. not pushing up to the northwest corridor of the area. Mr. Moreno mentioned the need to balance maintenance and recreation parts of the forest. Mr. Howland also suggested running a loop along the boundary of the Garrison property without needing to go outside of the Town Forest; Mr. Moreno felt that this could work but that both Phil Auger and he felt that locating a trail in this area would be redundant as it would closely parallel an existing trail.

The Conservation Commission gave positive feedback, noting that Mr. Moreno accomplished what was tasked. Mr. Moreno will contact Mr. Auger tomorrow. Mr. Knee would like to do a walk-through with Mr. Howland.

**VI. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION**

**A. TREASURER’S CC ACCOUNT REPORT**

There was a question about the \$200 that was spent in September 2015 that came out of residual funds. Mr. Knee would inquire about this.

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

Mr Moreno offered to provide the Commission with digitalized maps but Ms O'Brien and Mr Knee said that the Commission couldn't pay for them because the Commission was unfunded this current fiscal year.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

There had been an email regarding a change in the Executive Directors at the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (currently there is an interim Executive Director is Carol Andrews).

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

**A. WARRANT ARTICLE**

The Board of Selectmen agreed to a Conservation Commission Warrant Article to see if the Town will vote to designate as Town Forests, in accordance with NH RSA 31:110, the following parcel of land: Beede Spaulding Conservation Land Map 3 Lot 56. The Selectmen wanted to know the reasoning behind this article. The Commission members discussed the reasoning, noting that it was mostly for consistency with management (to have the same rules as other Town forests and to be able to manage it). The lot is currently owned by the Town of Fremont and has Conservation deed restrictions. The Commission would like for the lot to become a town forest. Other reasoning includes: the Commission would need to pay for new signs that do not reflect the State RSA, and the Commission would be able to manage the land if designated as town forest (e.g. when logging is done, any profit goes toward managing all town forests).

**IX. 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	Available on Town Conservation Commission Google site. Set up 2016 schedule.
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)	Done. Available on Town Conservation Commission Google site. Review in 2016.
Glen Oakes Forest & Wildlife Management Plan – Charlie Moreno drafting.	Ongoing
Oak Ridge Forestry & Wildlife Management Plan – Review for updates	Pending available funds.

Natural Resource Inventory – Review for recommendations for updates of information and maps. (Charlie Moreno is reviewing for Glen Oakes area)	Pending available funds.
Earth Day event(s) for the current year	Pending available funds.
Biothon – discuss a possible event for the current year	Pending available funds.
Reorganization of the Conservation Commission: Annual Appointments	April 2016
Budget for 2016 – pending Budget Committee response.	

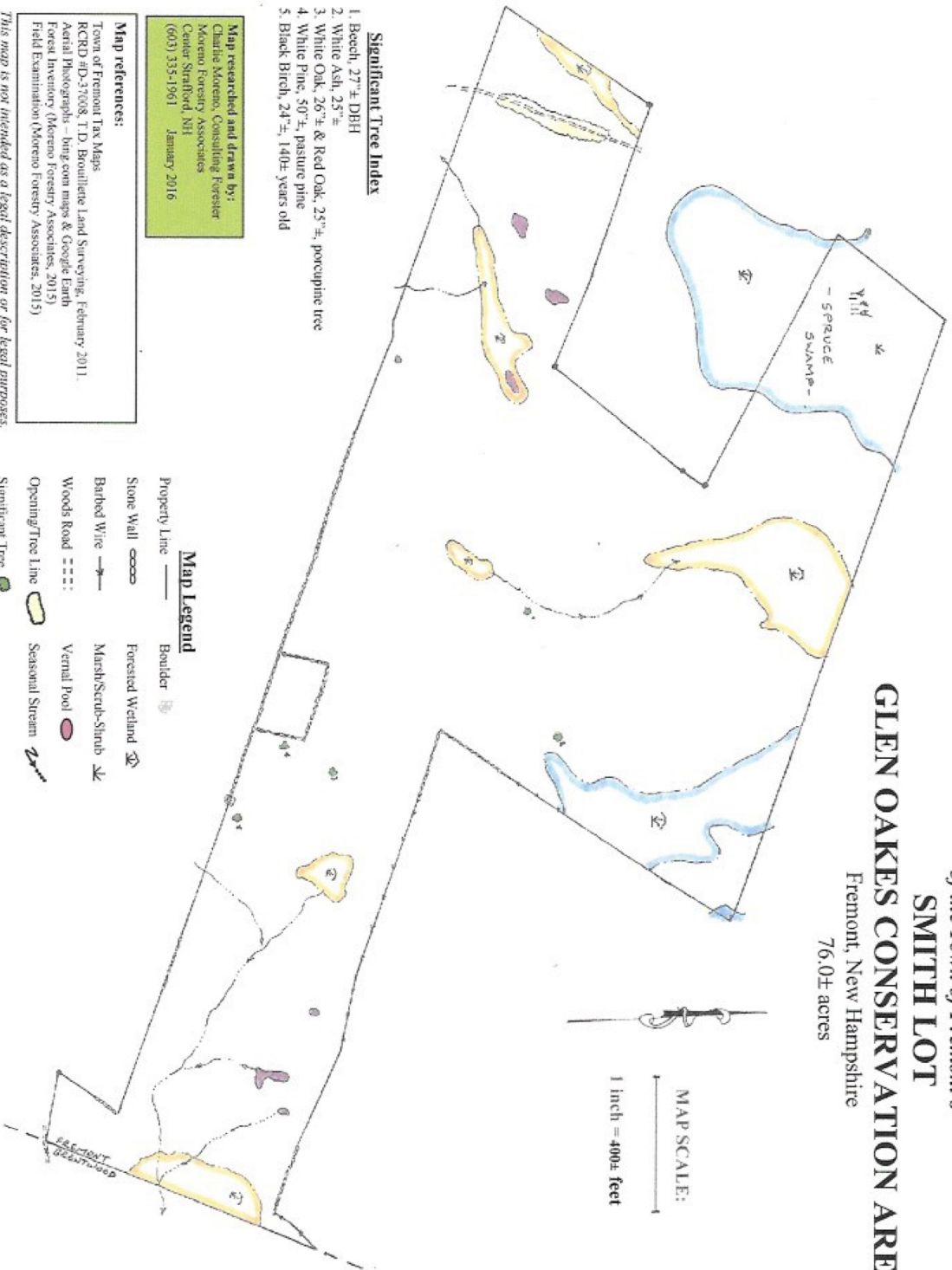
**X. NEXT MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 8:35 PM, Pat deBeer made a motion to adjourn. Janice O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed 4:0.*

Respectfully submitted by, Susan Perry, Recording Secretary

*Natural and Physical Features Map*  
of the Town of Fremont's  
**SMITH LOT**  
**GLEN OAKES CONSERVATION AREA**  
Fremont, New Hampshire  
76.0± acres



- Significant Tree Index**
1. Beech, 27"± DBH
  2. White Ash, 25"±
  3. White Oak, 36"±, & Red Oak, 25"±, porcupine tree
  4. White Pine, 50"±, pasture pine
  5. Black Birch, 24"±, 140± years old

Map researched and drawn by:  
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Center Stratford, NH  
(603) 335-1961 January 2016

**Map references:**  
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Forest Inventory (Moreno Forestry Associates, 2015)  
Field Examination (Moreno Forestry Associates, 2015)

*This map is not intended as a legal description or for legal purposes. Property lines, acreages, and interior details are approximate.*

**Map Legend**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Property Line ———  | Boulder           |
| Stone Wall ———     | Forested Wetland  |
| Barbed Wire ———    | Marsh/Scrub-Shrub |
| Woods Road - - - - | Vernal Pool       |
| Opening/Tree Line  | Seasonal Stream   |
| Significant Tree   |                   |

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- Property Line ———
  - Stone Wall ———
  - Woods Road - - - -
  - Landing/Opening
  - Forest Type Change
  - Forested Wetland
  - Marsh/Scrub-Shrub



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