

Fremont Conservation Commission  
Fremont Town Hall  
Fremont, NH

June 6, 2016  
7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Bill Knee, members Janice O'Brien, Pat deBeer, and Leo Danjou, Open Space member Denise Howland, and Recording Secretary Casey Wolfe

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Knee called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 2, 2016

Mr. Danjou made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Ms. O'Brien seconded that motion with all in favor.

III. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION

A. TREASURER'S CC ACCOUNT REPORT – no changes

B. RECENT MISSED OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FY15 (NO BUDGET)-  
INFORMATIONAL

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Open Space- Wildlife Camera

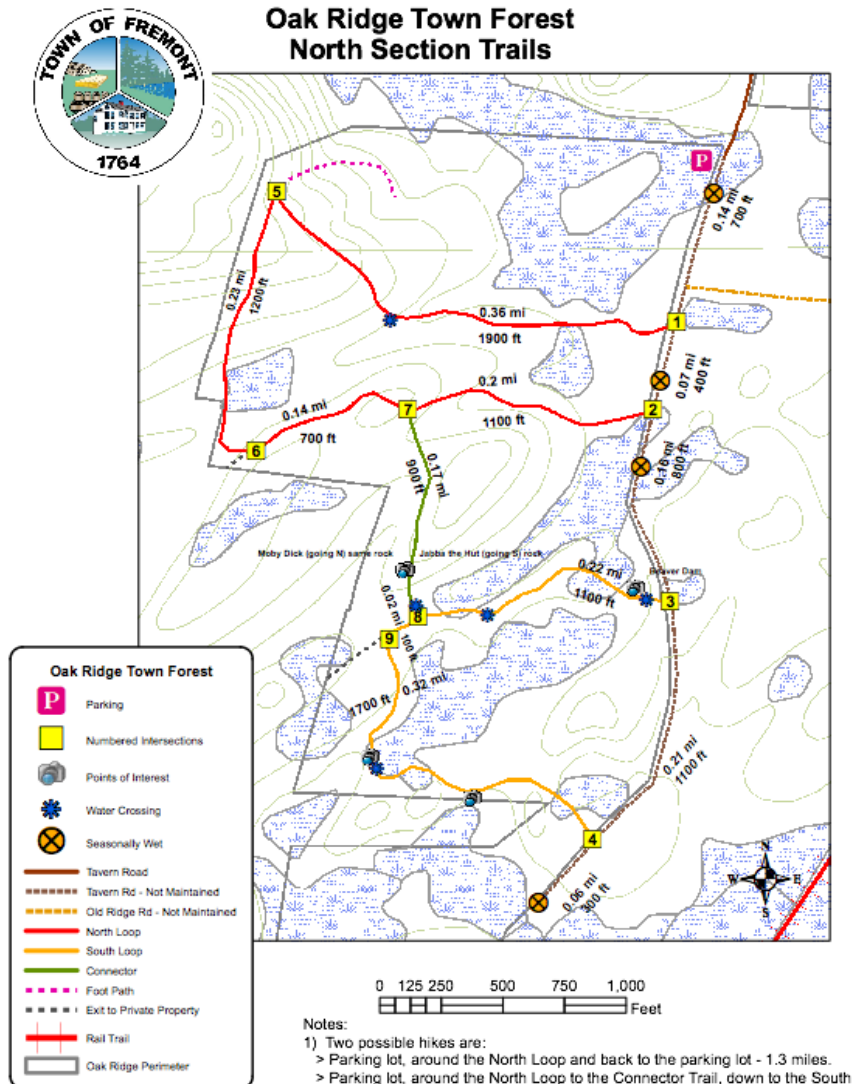
Mr. Knee had some more information to share about the trail camera. He emphasized that getting the camera would be for capturing wildlife. Some of the features of the camera would be it have a long motion-sensor range and use an infra-red flash (so that night photos will not scare the wildlife). There was some discussion about having a memory card vs. having a USB port. For security, this camera should have a metal case, a heavy duty cable, and a lock. There was some discussion about the battery life– Phil Auger informed Bill Knee prior to the meeting that they have a good life. In order to retrieve data, the camera and or its memory card has to be brought in from the field and interfaced to a computer, the process of managing the camera and/or its positioning is made more difficult. It would be desirable to be able to preview the camera data in the field. This could be a camera with built in display, or a camera with an interface to a tablet computer. (Small tablets can be bought for less than \$100.) Dennis Howland proposed assembling a KIT that would include all of the above mentioned items in an inexpensive container that would hold everything. There was also some discussion about data storage. Ms. deBeer asked a question about the file format. Some of the Open Space members would be willing to assist in setting or retrieving the camera, but more information is required before anyone commits. Ms. O'Brien made a motion to purchase the Bushnell camera that included the security case, locks, and SD cards for a total of \$264.95 funded by the Forest Management Fund. Ms. deBeer seconded that motion with all in favor. Mr. Knee said that he will order the camera.

B. Dennis Howland (Open Space) - Take A Hike

Mr. Knee presented to the Commission two ideas suggested by Open Space: offering customized hikes and offering a series of hikes. A customized hike would be arranged by

residents contacting Open Space to schedule a hike that would suit that person's needs. Mr. Knee read a draft created by Open Space of what the advertisement could sound like. The advertisement would be posted on the website, on Channel 22, the town forest Facebook page, and on the Town Newsletter. There was also discussion about having a series of hikes scheduled – perhaps once a month from September through November . Open Space felt it would be possible to offer both types of hikes. Ms. O'Brien felt that the two types of hikes would appeal to different parts of the population. Ms. deBeer felt that the customizable hikes would give good flexibility to some older people – perhaps the the Golden Group should be contacted for input about these hikes.

C. Open Space - Oak Ridge North Trail Maintenance



Mr. Howland gave a report on the Oak Ridge North Trail. On Friday, May 27th, he and Sam Harris were in Oak Ridge North and replaced the vandalized blazes. After completing this, they toured most of the other trails in Oak Ridge North noting the following:

- a. Recent beaver activity has raised the level of the dam near Post 3 1.5 to 2 feet and dropped two large trees making the trail segment between posts 3 and 8 impassable at this time.
- b. Beavers have also continued to reinforce the dam near post 8 but, in this case, there is an easy pedestrian bypass.
- c. Beavers have reinforced the berm on the west side of Tavern Rd and on the east side of Tavern Rd just North of Post 1 completely blocking off the drainage to the west. The walkway around this is dryer than normal, though the berm leading to it could use some pruning and brushing.

Before Mr. Howland left, he asked who is going to order the locks that the Commission approved to buy at the last meeting. It was decided that Mr. Howland would order the locks.

#### D. Steve Miller and Lisa Graichen Email - Buffer Options for Great Bay

There was an email from Steve Miller and Lisa Graichen. They wish to talk to the Conservation Commission about how Fremont manages its wetland buffer. Mr. Knee asked the Commission if they should be invited in to a meeting. Ms. deBeer felt that we could also invite other people to attend the meeting. Perhaps they can be invited to attend the September meeting. Ms. O'Brein said that she was interesting in learning techniques used by other Towns to help make better decisions.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 11, 2016

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Danjou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Ms. O'Brien seconded that motion with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe  
Recording Secretary