

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

September 12th, 2016
7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Bill Knee, members Leanne Miner, Janine O'Brien, Pat deBeer, Leo Danjou, and recording secretary Casey Wolfe.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Knee called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was some discussion about corrections that need to be made to the July minutes. Afterwards, Ms. deBeer made a motion to approve the July minutes with corrections. Ms. Miner seconded that motion with all in favor.

Mr. Knee went through some of the highlights from the August meeting. There was some discussion about corrections that need to be made to the August minutes.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. O'Brien started a brief discussion about using the Wildlife Action Plan and the Resource Inventory Map in the criteria that Open Space uses for rating properties.

IV. OLD SCRIBNER ROAD VARIANCE

Mr. Knee explained to the Commission that he and Ms. Miner participated in a ZBA site walk on Old Scribner Road. The applicant was seeking a variance so that he could build a garage within a wetland setback. Mr. Knee was glad that he went on this site walk as he was concerned about accelerated water flow into the wetland. Mr. Knee felt that there was no reason not to put a garage in the proposed location provided that there is a crushed stone trench around the garage. Mr. Knee will draft a letter for the ZBA with this recommendation. The Commission was in agreement.

V. HORSBURGH – WEST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

West has completed an assessment of the Horsburgh property. Shape files pertaining to this assessment still need to be submitted to the town. There is an invoice that needs to be approved. Mr. Knee made a motion to make a payment of \$4,240 to West Environmental from the budget residual fund. Ms. deBeer seconded it with all in favor.

Mr. Knee submitted a letter to Ms. Wolfe that outlined the Commission's support of putting the Horsburgh Property into Conservation. The application for the ARM grant was submitted before the end of August. The application includes this letter and West's assessment. We are moving toward a conclusion.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED

Mr. Knee talked to the Town Administrator about the 2017 budget and apparently Ms. Carlson had already started playing with the numbers. Mr. Knee felt that the Commission should request the 2016 budget again this year because it was approved by the Selectmen and Budget Committee last year.

The owner of a tree stand that is illegally in a Town Forest needs to be contacted. The Commission is going to look into who the owner of this tree stand is.

Mr. Knee reported that Dennis Howland and Sam Harris having been playing with the new wildlife camera. Mr. Howland called the camera company because there has been some issues. The camera is going to need to be sent back.

The Rockingham County Conservation District sent in a monitoring report on the Anderson piece in town. There was a discussion about monitoring forms and aerial monitoring.

VII. PATTERSON – APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Ms. Wolfe presented to the Commission an application for an asphalt plant that has been submitted to the ZBA. Ms. Wolfe passed around the rolled plans for the proposed project on Shirkin Rd [Map 5 Lot 34]. The Commission felt that not enough information has been provided for the Commission to fully understand the full scope of the project. Ms. deBeer felt that the Lamprey River Advisory Committee should be notified about the project. There was some discussion about having the applicant submit an up-to-date site plan to the ZBA. There was also some discussion about suggesting that the Planning Board requests a hydrology study if the case goes through a site plan review. Ms. Miner will draft some comments for the ZBA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knee adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe
Recording Secretary