

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

December 19th, 2016

7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

Approved January 9th, 2017

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Knee called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

- II. BUSINESS: The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss Galloway's request for a variance to alter the terrain within the 100 foot wetland buffer for a storm water drainage system. Since the last meeting, the Commission received a hydrogeological review and a wetland buffer evaluation from the engineering firm Stantec. Ms. deBeer felt that the Commission should still recognize the bigger picture: that these wetlands are the headwaters of the Piscassic River. There is a buffer in place for a reason. Mr. Knee pointed out that the reports say that there wouldn't be a difference where the structures are placed. This is according to the experts that the ZBA hired. Having gone on the ZBA's site walk, both Mr. Knee and Ms. Miner felt that the structures couldn't be done better as long as they are done with the recommendations from the reports. Ms. deBeer didn't believe that these reports were commenting on the long-term impacts. Mr. Knee read from one of the reports, "the location of these basins within the wetland buffer should not create any difference in the overall infiltration to groundwater." He didn't think the ZBA had any leg to stand on to deny this variance request. Ms. deBeer did not think that these were thorough studies. Mr. Knee said that when he walked the site, he was looking for evidence of sedimentation. However, nothing was getting into the wetlands – the site is pretty flat. The tailings that are currently in the setback do need to be removed. There was also a discussion on monitoring phosphate and pH levels. Mr. Knee read a statement that he had prepared to give to the ZBA. The statement spelled out conditions that should be met if the ZBA decides to grant the variance. Ms. deBeer is opposed to approving the drainage structures within the setback. It will be added as a comment in the letter that one Commissioner disagreed with the Commission's recommendation.

The next Conservation Commission meeting is Monday, January 9th.

- III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary