

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

January 9, 2017

7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Approved March 6, 2017

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Knee opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Mr. Knee made a motion to approve the December 5, 2016 the minutes as revised.
Ms. Miner seconded the motion with all in favor.
- III. BUSINESS
 - A. Tim Lavelle, surveyor, Concern over a wetland permit
On December 10, the Commission went on a site walk at Map 6 Lot 22 where resident Joel DeBlois is looking to subdivide the land and build two homes. Mr. DeBlois needs to fill in 760 square feet of wetland for a shared driveway. Mr. Knee explained that Mr. Lavelle made new plans since the site walk. Mr. Lavelle changed the size of the culvert, the slope at the end of the driveway, and the angle of the driveway going through the wetland. The plans are stamped by a wetland scientist. The plans show the driveway easement, the culvert design, and the grading. He still needs to go to the ZBA for a special exception to put the driveway through the wetland. The construction of the driveway is going to be inspected by Stantec. The Commission went over the design review letter from Stantec. The firetruck turnaround needs to be shown on the plans. Mr. Knee felt that Mr. Lavelle kept the impact to a minimum. The Commission agreed in a consensus to sign the expedited wetland permit form. The Commission passed around the form and Mr. Knee signed each copy. A copy will be filed with the Town Clerk.
 - B. Trail Finder Meeting: www.trailfinder.com
In accordance with last month's discussion and unanimous decision to submit Town Forest trail data to be incorporated into the Trail Finder website, a work session will need to be scheduled this month. The Commission looked at the Glen Oakes Town Forest Brochure. They looked at the template for posting trails on Trail Finder and checked off the appropriate answers. They should let the Selectmen know that they are putting the trails on the site so that the Selectmen are aware. There was some discussion that the primary contact should be the Land Use Administrative Assistant.

C. Debbie Flag

Ms. Flag came to the Commission to tell them that motorized vehicles have been ruining the trails. She walks the trails several days a week. Her and other people who enjoy the trails are upset with the conditions of the trails. Mr. Knee stated that the only way to handle the issue is to issue a warning through the police. Sometimes it takes a uniform to make the correct impression. Ms. Flag left at 8:28 pm.

D. Galloway Change of Use

Mr. Knee announced to the Commission that Mr. Galloway got his variance to reconfigure the land within the 100 foot wetland buffer to construct a runoff detention and infiltration system. Mr. Knee had several questions for the Planning Board including how many gallons of water the operation will use a day, why were monitoring wells required in the first place, why hasn't monitoring data been collected regularly over the years, why is there a lack of a formal maintenance plan for the storm water system, why hasn't Fremont enforced the regulations that exist, and why hasn't Fremont addressed the infrastructure needed to attract businesses that the spirit of the commercial designation intended? There was a discussion about how to enforce site plans. Ms. Wolfe will talk to the Rockingham Regional Planning Commission about this.

E. Town Forest Data Request

UNH is partnering with NH GRANIT to identify and document all Town Forests and town owned conservation lands greater than 10 acres, so that the GRANIT GIS data layer of conservation lands in New Hampshire can be updated. A point person needs to be designated to act on behalf of the Commission to accomplish this task. Ms. Miner and Ms. deBeer will begin work on this.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A. Mr. Knee went on a site walk visit with the Wetlands Bureau in Portsmouth.

There he learned that there can be no impact on the wetland itself – it's less about the buffer. Mr. Knee read the current information about wetlands buffers to the Commission.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. deBeer made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Mr. Knee seconded the motion with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe
Land Use Administrative Assistant