

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

April 3, 2017
7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present : Chair Leanne Miner, Vice Chair Bill Knee, Member Leo Danjou, and Recording Secretary Casey Wolfe

Also Present : Cindy Crane

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 6, 2017

Mr. Danjou made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017. Mr. Knee seconded the motion with all in favor.

III. BUSINESS

A. Reorganization of the Conservation Commission

1. The Commission welcomed Cindy Crane to the meeting. She is interested in becoming a member of the Fremont Conservation Commission. Mr. Knee asked her to send a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen and to make arrangements to be sworn in when convenient over the next month. Ms. Crane wrote down her email address so that she can get on the NHACC email list and so that Ms. Wolfe can contact her.
2. The Commission took the time to take nominations and vote on who will be the 2017 CC Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Knee nominated Ms. Miner to be Chair of the Commission. Mr. Danjou seconded the nomination. Ms. Miner accepted the position with the condition that other members would pitch in with the responsibility when she is traveling for work. Mr. Knee made a motion to appoint Ms. Miner Chair of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Danjou seconded the motion with all in favor. Ms. Miner made a motion to appoint Mr. Knee to be Vice Chair of the Commission. Mr. Danjou seconded the motion with all in favor.

B. Forest Management Plan Update for Glen Oakes.

1. Status of the Forest Plan Update – Forester Charlie Moreno has been contacted and the Commission is still awaiting a response.

C. Survey of Cooperage Town Forest (Map 3 Lot 56)

1. Mr. Knee felt that a boundary survey needed to be done for the Cooperage Town Forest. Last year, the Town voted to accept this land as Town Forest. There was a discussion on whether or not to seek the services of Surveyor, Tom Brouillette, to have the boundaries of the Cooperage Town Forest surveyed and marked. The

Commission went over the Treasurer's Report and found that the funds for this could come from the Forest Management Account or the LUCT Account. Mr. Knee made a motion to get a quote from Tom Brouillette. Ms. Miner seconded the motion with all in favor.

D. Horsburgh Property Update:

1. Mr. Knee informed the Commission that SELT has not yet closed on the properties. They are waiting on NRCS to contract with a surveyor to have the boundaries surveyed. They will need to have the surveyor do the subdivision for the house from the rest of the land. The closing is anticipated for some time this August.

E. Trailfinder.info Project:

1. Ms. deBeer published the data to trailfinder.info about the Glen Oakes Town Forest. Mr. Knee has drafted a Letter of Notification for Selectmen. Ms. deBeer contacted Michael Rydeen for approval to have his children's picture posted on the website. Mr. Rydeen gave his approval for this. Below is the email thread for reference:

From: Rydeen, Michael

Date: Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 11:22 AM

Subject: RE: Release of kids picture and names

To: Patricia deBeer

The kids love it too. I showed them last night and they were all smiles 😊. Let me know when you have finalized the site and if it is ok with you guys, I will share on facebook.

From: Patricia deBeer

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 11:02 AM

To: Rydeen, Michael

Subject: Re: Release of kids picture and names

Absolutely. I will update his name to Alec! Thank you for letting us use the photo. It is one of our favorites!

Pat

On Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 9:36 AM Rydeen, Michael wrote:

Thank you Patricia, it looks great. I love seeing all of the way points showing all the sites.

If it is still possible to update the information, my sons name ends in a "c". So Alec 😊.

Cheers,

Michael

F. Update on ATV and Dirt Bike Complaints in Town Forests:

1. The ATV's have again been destructive to the trails in Glen Oakes. The trails were torn up again on March 16th most likely at night during the snowstorm. We need to continue to encourage people using the trail system to report the use of ATV's or dirt bikes within Town Forests to the Commission and Town Police Department in the hopes of putting an end to their use in Town Forests.

G. Town Budget:

1. On March 14, 2017 Article 5, the operating budget for the Town, was passed. The Conservation Commission has an operating budget for the first time in three years

allowing it to participate with regional organizations once again and offer training opportunities to its members. The Commission looked at a sheet that showed what the Commission has spent so far in 2017.

H. Correspondance

1. Mr. Knee looked at a letter from NHDES that was to a resident in town that lives at 281 Beede Hill Rd at Tax Map 5 Lot 72-1-2. The owner of this property created a pond on his land without permission from NHDES. This letter's purpose was to let the property owner know what they need to do to fix their violation.
2. Ms. deBeer has requested to be reimbursed for her out of pocket expenses while updating the GRANIT conservation easement layer. Ms. Miner made a motion to reimburse Ms. deBeer \$34.50 from the Conservation Projects budget line item. Mr. Danjou seconded the motion with all in favor.

I. OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1. Ms. Wolfe updated the Commission on Bill Currier's property at Map 1 Lot 48 on Sandown Road. Mr. Currier got the variance from the ZBA that he requested. Now, he has an application before the Planning Board to subdivide the land. Ms. Wolfe wanted to make sure that the Conservation Commission had a chance to comment on the application. The members looked at the proposed subdivision plans. The Commission had concerns about the existing driveway being modified and they also had concerns about the driveway being extended into the wetland setback. Ms. Miner will fill out the comment sheet on behalf of the Commission.
2. Mr. Knee wanted the Commission to discuss creating an interpretive trail in remembrance of Aja Mahoney who passed in June 2013. Mr. Knee proposed having this trail highlight what makes Spruce Swamp a special place. Ms. Miner brainstormed some ideas on the white board. The purpose would be to educate the public and to inspire stewardship. Ms. Crane had the idea to use the rail trail for the interpretive trail. The commission members liked this idea. Mr. Knee brought up the idea of doing letterboxing on the trail. Ms. Miner listed other groups that should be involved in the decision making process including individuals from the town that would represent the interests of science teachers, the boy scouts, Open Space, and the garden club. The Commission needs to work on the appropriate permissions from NH Department of Resources and Economic Development to accomplish this.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miner made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Mr. Danjou seconded the motion with all in favor.

Next Meeting May 1, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe
Recording Secretary