

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

December 4, 2017
7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Present: Chair Leanne Miner, Vice Chair Bill Knee, Member Cindy Crane, and Land Use Administrative Assistant Casey Wolfe

Also Present: Pat deBeer

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Miner opened the meeting at 7:07 pm.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After some edits, Mr. Knee made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes as amended. Ms. Miner seconded the motion with all in favor. Ms. Miner made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 nonpublic minutes. Mr. Knee seconded the motion with all in favor.
- C. Administration
 1. Ms. Pat deBeer has offered to take over Mr. Leo Danjou's position on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Knee made a motion to recommend that the Board of Selectmen appoint Ms. deBeer as a Conservation Commission member for the length of Mr. Danjou's term. Ms. Miner seconded the motion with all in favor.
 2. Ms. Wolfe will post the final Stewardship Plan on the town website and delete the September 29th version everywhere so there is no confusion about which is the final stewardship plan.
 3. Ms. Miner stated that she has gotten in touch with Forester Charlie Moreno. Mr. Moreno should have a draft of the Forest Management report ready for Commission review. There was a discussion about the purpose of Forest Management reports.
 4. Ms. Miner asked Ms. Wolfe if the Commission members could each have a copy of the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Wolfe provided each of them with a copy.
 5. Ms. Wolfe described to the Commissioners where their files have been placed since the renovation of the Town Hall basement has been completed.
- D. BUDGET
 1. Ms. Miner informed the Commission that the Budget Committee has given the Commission \$2,000 for their 2018 budget. There was some discussion about the 2017 budget.
 2. Mr. Knee had a few recommendations for books to be added to the Commission's library. The first book is titled *The Nature of New Hampshire: Natural Communities of the Granite State* by Dan Sperduto and Ben Kimball. Both of

these men are from the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau. The ISBN for this book is 978-1-58465-898-6. Mr. Knee also recommended *Reading the Forest Landscape* by Tom Wessel. The ISBN for this book is 0-88150-420-3. The third book he recommended is *Bogs of the Northeast* by Charles W Johnson. The ISBN number for this book is 0-87451-331-6. Ms. Miner made a motion to appropriate up to \$100 for books for the Conservation Commission library. Mr. Crane seconded the motion with all in favor.

E. COMMENT SHEETS

1. While there was no new comment sheet, Ms. Wolfe updated the Commission on an application that they have previously commented on. She informed the Commission that Altaeros Energies had their plans signed to develop Map 2 Lot 151-2 on Main Street. However, the plans have not been recorded yet. They will not be recorded until the surety for the site is in place.

F. OPEN SPACE

1. Bolduc Property Map 4 Lot 18 Ranking Results and Next Steps
 - a. Last month there was a ranking done of the Bolduc property by twelve people including the Open Space Advisory Group (Jack Karcz, Dennis Howland, Jack Downing, Matthew Thomas, Pat deBeer, Rich Cooper, Sam Harris), two members of the Conservation Commission (Leanne Miner and Bill Knee), Betty Harris, Mary Kaltenback, and Jack C. The average ranking of the property ended up being 56. The Commission reviewed the ranking in the CTAP Open Space Report. The Bolduc property ranked low, 87 out of 90. There was a discussion about the creation of the Open Space Advisory Group and the property rating process. Mr. Knee read from NH RSA 36-A:5, II which states that prior to the use of conservation funds for the purpose of any interest in real property, the Conservation Commission shall hold a public hearing. The Board of Selectmen can be included in the acquisition process for input, but the Commission does not need to have permission from them to buy property. The Commission will enter Non Public Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the possible property acquisition.

G. OPEN SPACE

1. Signs – The Commission discussed putting up new signs that pointed to trail heads from the road. The Commission needs to talk with the Road Agent about putting these signs up. The Commission decided to table this topic to look into the costs and to vote on it at the next meeting.
2. Trail Finder – Ms. deBeer has a draft of a map of Oak Ridge for Trail Finder. In the New Year she will finish the project.

H. FOREST PLANNING AND MAINTENANCE

1. Ms. Miner to contact Town Administrator to repair ruts created from Snowmobiles on Link Trail etc.

I. CONSERVATION –

1. Brett parcel – There was some discussion about the Brett family parcel on Beede Hill Road. The property was previously ranked via the CTAP grant program. Mr. Knee stated that the appraisal for the wetland and agricultural easement should be ready. Duane Hyde, Southeast Land Trust, should be in contact with the Commission in March or April with a business plan.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Miner informed the Commission that she attended the Rockingham Planning Commission’s Legislative Forum on November 8th. The topic of discussion that evening was “The Future of Water.”

K. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with NH RSA 91:A:3, Ms. Miner made a motion to go into nonpublic session to discuss land acquisition. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Ms. Miner made a motion to leave nonpublic session. Ms. Crane seconded the motion with all in favor.

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

M. Next Meeting: January 8, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe
Land Use Administrative Assistant