

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

February 5, 2018
7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Approved

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

Also Present: Open Space members Richard Cooper and Sam Harris

A. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Miner opened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After some corrections were made, Mr. Knee made a motion to accept the January 8, 2018 minutes. Ms. Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

C. ADMINISTRATION

1. Mr. Knee made a motion to recommend Rich Cooper as a Conservation Commission Member to fill the vacant term expiring in 2020. Ms. Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mr. Cooper has a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on February 8, 2018 to be appointed and sworn in.
2. Ms. Miner announced that on February 20th the Open Space Advisory Group Meeting will be held at 7 PM at the town hall.
3. Ms. Miner also announced that on Saturday February 24th at 1pm the Open Space Advisory Group will host a snowshoe hike to Camp Nasty. The group will meet at 12:45 pm and leave 1pm.
4. The Commission discussed coordinating a date to meet with the School Board to discuss creating a trail on a lot owned by the School District. They decided to shoot for February 28th.
5. March 13-15 NEAEB Meeting \$80, Devens, MA
6. March 23 NH Water and Watershed Conference, Registration opens February
7. April 7th Saving Special Places, Registration Opens February 12th

D. 2018

1. There was a brief discussion about terms for the 2018 calendar year. Ms. Miner stated that she would be comfortable serving as Chair again provided that another member wasn't also looking to serve as Chair.

E. COMMENT SHEETS

1. A couple Commission members recently attended a site walk for 115 Tavern Road, Map 4 Lot 2. Kevin and Erin Bolduc have applied for a variance from Article XII Section 1201.5 of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance to permit the

construction of a garage 67.9 feet from a wetland and a shed 37.8 feet from a wetland when a 100 foot setback is normally required. Ms. Miner and Ms. deBeer reported that it was a pretty small wetland with no cattails. There was some discussion about the value of the wetlands. Mr. Knee stated that the Commission could ask the ZBA to require the applicant to install a berm to retain surface runoff from getting into the pond. There was a discussion about the procedure for notifying the Commission members about site walks and Ms. Wolfe will work to make sure the members are alerted sooner. There was also a discussion about submission deadlines for ZBA applications and comment opportunities for the Commission.

2. Ms. Wolfe made a couple announcements about some Planning Board applications in the works. She informed the Commission that Altaeros Energies has come back before the Board for an amended site plan at Map 2 Lot 151-2. The Commission did not have any comments. Ms. Wolfe also informed the Commission of two subdivision applications that will come before the Board for multifamily housing on Copp Drive. After looking at the plans, Mr. Knee felt that there were a lot of wetland issues. Ms. Wolfe stated that the plans are still being revised and that she will keep the Commission posted about changes.

F. FOREST PLANNING AND MAINTENANCE

1. Smith Addition

- a. March 5th Meeting with Charlie Moreno to discuss addition to Glen Oakes Forest Management Plan, Smith parcel addition.
- b. Update the 2009 Forest and Wildlife Management Plan for the Smith Parcel in Glen Oakes
- c. Ms. Miner made a motion to spend up to \$7,500 for Plan update using Forest Management Funds (Balance: \$11,596 7/31/17). Funds from Oak Ridge and Glen Oakes work. Ms. deBeer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

2. Wayfinding - Signs

- a. Mr. Knee has put together a chart of the needed signs. He stated that posts will be needed for all of them. After some discussion, Ms. Miner made a motion to expend up to \$450 from the Forest Management Fund to cover the cost of six new wayfinding signs. Ms. Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

G. CONSERVATION

1. Brett parcel – No updates. Duane Hyde, Southeast Land Trust, should be in contact with the Commission in March or April with a business plan.
2. Bolduc Parcel – Ms. Miner submitted questions and package to Heidi Carlson for town legal counsel to review. They need to have a follow up meeting. Upon PSA review/approval, they will set a date for public hearing.

H. OPEN SPACE ONGOING and PROPOSED PROJECTS

Below are some current Open Space projects:

1. Survey and mapping of trails, Trail Finder – Ms. deBeer’s next project is getting Oak Ridge on Trail Finder.
 2. There was a discussion about the proposed trail through Fremont School Property.
- I. OTHER BUSINESS
1. NHACC 2018 Survey
- J. ADJOURNMENT
- Ms. Miner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Mr. Knee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
- K. Next Meeting: March 5, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Wolfe
Land Use Administrative Assistant