

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

Present: Chair Leanne Miner, Vice Chair Bill Knee, Rich Cooper, Cindy Crane, Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement, and Land Use Administrative Assistant Casey Wolfe

Also Present: Open Space Chair Dennis Howland

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Miner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 1. Mr. Knee made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2018 as written. Ms. Crane seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- C. NEXT MEETING:
 1. The next regular monthly meeting will be on November 5 at 6:30 pm. Note time change and confirm that there are no conflicts with the meeting room.
- D. REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES – Member Business
 1. Budget: Ms. Miner reviewed spend to date and discussed anticipated spend for end of year. Ms Miner expects to spend the entire budget. Line items were reviewed. Some items are over and some are under 2018 budget.
 2. Members spoke about reimbursement for conferences, they need to email Ms. Wolfe with the information to receive reimbursement. The members are waiting for the invoice to be issued for their NHACC membership.
 3. Pat deBeer has requested to be reimbursed for the registration of a GIS workshop offered by UNH on October 18th. The cost is \$119.00. The committee members discussed billing this training fee to the Training & Conferences line in the budget. Even though there is not enough money in this line item, this would keep the information accurate for future budging. Ms. Miner will speak to Ms. Carlson if this needs to be done differently. Mr. Knee made a motion to approve the reimbursement to Pat DeBeer or \$119.00 for the GIS Workshop. Ms. Miner seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
 4. Mr. Knee presented the materials for the Acorn Story Walk that he is preparing for the Town Barbeque. He spent a total of \$82.59 for the supplies. He will also contact the Library to ask if they will make some color copies for the Story Walk, or the committee will have them printed at another location. Mr. Knee made a motion to approve up to \$90.00 (\$82.59 for supplies and possible cost of copies) to come out of the Aya Mahoney Fund. After a short discussion, Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
 5. Administration – Other
 6. Calendar of Events and Announcements
 - a. November 3rd NHACC Annual Meeting
 - b. October 13th, Town Barbeque with Conservation Commission, Open Space, Garden Club and PTA participating. It will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. As a community event, they would like to get more people involved in the different clubs and committees in town. At the barbeque, they will have information about the duties of the Conservation

Commission. There will also be books and other information and the members will be ready to answer any questions. All members are going to work on gathering information to make some brochures. There are new maps for Glen Oaks and other trails. The brochure from the library is now obsolete with new trails added. Mr. Knee will store the maps on the website. Open Space needs to have Ms. deBeer work on this. Mr. Howland will use a GPS to track the trails to make sure the maps are updated and accurate.

- c. October 20, 1:00 pm Fall Foliage Hike at Oak Ridge Town Forest NORTH section, we will be previewing a NEW TRAIL, the Salmon Ridge Trail. We will gather in the Oak Ridge North Parking lot on Tavern Road, about 1/2 mile South of North Road. We will plan to conduct the hike that day but if we get really nasty weather, we will use Sunday, October 21st as a rain date (same time). The committee is hoping that there is a good turnout for the hike.

E. REPORT FROM OPEN SPACE

1. Signage, trails, events – Mr. Howland reported that the Depot Trail is almost ready. The posts for the signs went in last week and the signs were put up on Saturday. There is now signage at the beginning of the Rail Trail, a sign post at the Ridge Trail where it meets the Rail Trail. These signs have directional arrows. The Forest Ordinance is also posted. The trail is also cleaned up. Mr. Howland is hoping to rake the trail before the winter. Open Space is now focusing on Salmon Ridge being ready for the Fall Foliage Hike. All the sign posts are out on the trail waiting to be placed in the ground and for the signs to be hung on them. Everything is moving along. Mr. Knee has created some generic signage and is going to put QR codes in the kiosk that will link to your phone, he is hoping to have it ready for the cookout. Ms. Miner mentioned a collaborative project with the Garden Club that may involve making an area on the old Bolduc property into a garden area with signage for information like swamps etc.
2. Collaborative Projects
 - a. Aya Mahoney Fund – In the next couple of months, Ms. Miner would like to get back to the Interpretive Trail project. They are looking for ideas to continue this project and will take a hike in November to brainstorm. Ms. Miner will email members of the Commission with some possible dates for this hike.
 - b. Outlook Spruce Swamp and Placard – Ms. Miner also mentioned working with Open Space or the Garden Club to make a sitting area on the Bolduc property with some educational display or a plaque on fiberglass.

F. UNFINISHED (ONGOING) BUSINESS

1. CONSERVATION
 - a. Brett - SELT anticipates grant decisions Nov-Dec. No updates.
 - b. Mullen – Applications in for NRCS Wetlands Reserve Easement and the NHDES Aquatic Resources Mitigation Program (ARM). No updates.
 - c. Boylan - Spruce Swamp/South of Oak Ridge South. No updates.
 - d. Ladd (Former) No updates.
 - e. Update to rules of submittal for Planning and Zoning applications. Ms Wolfe is currently working on this update.

2. FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN
 - a. Update (if any) from Forester Charline Moreno. No update.
3. NHDES PERMITTING
 - a. NHDES Wetlands Application to widen Shirkin Road. Pending response to NHDES request for additional information. No additional information currently.
 - b. LAND USE COMMENT SHEETS – Updates on applications of interest
 - a. Barthelemy waiver request at 154 Martin Road (Map 6 Lot 21). The waiver has been approved. The Commission members commented on driveway (not specified in waiver request) which is in the 100 foot wetland buffer. Ms. Wolfe mentioned that the driveway was pre-existing so no action was taken on the driveway.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. LAND USE COMMENT SHEETS
 - a. Incoming: Fall Bulky Day is October 20, 2018. Correspondence from DES for the complete Forestry Notification for Wet Land Minimum Impact for Map 1 Lot 12 (Brown property) authorization is valid thru September 11, 2020.
 - b. The Southeast Land Trust (SELT) will host a few hikes in November. One hike for geology and one for archology at the Stonehouse Pond. They offer several good hikes.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miner make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Mr. Knee seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Clement
Selectmen's Clerk