

Fremont Conservation Commission  
Fremont Town Hall  
Fremont, NH

In Attendance: Chair Leanne Miner; Vice-Chair Bill Knee, Members Cindy Crane, Pat deBeer, Rich Cooper and Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Miner called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The committee reviewed the minutes of May 20, 2019. Ms. Miner moved to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Knee seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 5-0.
- C. REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES – Member Business
  - a. Administration – Ms. Miner informed the committee that she has taken the Land Use Administration Assistant position, but will remain Chair of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Miner relayed that this arrangement was discussed and supported by the Board of Selectmen. The committee also voiced their concurrence and support for this arrangement.
  - b. Calendar of Events and Announcements
    - i. June 7 Forest Management Training – UNH Cooperative Extension will hold their training in our forest this Friday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, they are expecting approximately 20 people to attend. This will be a great place to have their training with an older Forest Management cut to compare to one that is being done presently. Rich mentioned starting new forest cutting project and will speak to Charlie Moreno who will be at this training.
    - ii. June 13 – Epping Planning Board Meeting Ms. Miner stated that she did not find an agenda on the Epping website, the committee is not sure if Epping will be voting at that meeting. It was mentioned that a new group of Fremont residents are organizing and will be meeting at the Fremont Library Wednesday June 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm.
    - iii. June 27 – Public Hearing Fremont Selectmen – Amending Thru Trucking Ordinance
  - c. Event Feedback
    - i. Ms. deBeer attended the Right to Know workshop presented by the State of New Hampshire. She found the workshop very informative and she recommends that all board members should attend a workshop or do the webinar.
- D. CONSERVATION
  - 1. Brett
  - 2. Horsburgh
  - 3. Mullen
  - 4. Boylan

5. McRae – SELT is also working with the McRae's to conserve land, they will not be looking for money from the town (i.e., there will be no tax impact).
6. Trails on SELT property – Feedback from Phil Auger (SELT Emeritus) – The feedback was that there were a few projects that they need to complete and are hoping to start work on these trails in the fall of 2019.
7. Cooperage Forest – At the meeting in May Ms. deBeer asked Duane Hyde if SELT would be interested in holding an easement on a small property if that property tied in with the larger properties that they hold easement on. He said that they work with towns and would like to investigate this and talk about it.

#### E. REPORT FROM OPEN SPACE

1. Depot Trail – The committee discussed the options on repairing and improving the trail and bridge along the marsh. Mr. Howland sent the members a spreadsheet with materials and costs for this work. He has marked the trail with pink ribbons and this project will take place in the fall. They discussed lengthening the bridge, a boardwalk and using stone dust or some fill the same as used on the roadsides to discourage plant growth for ease of maintenance. There was also discussion that a boardwalk would require more maintenance.
2. Tavern Road
3. Trail map updates for kiosk – The maps are done and will be placed in the Kiosks soon. Trail Finder is starting to work with local businesses to promote them.

#### F. UNFINISHED (ONGOING) BUSINESS

1. Invasive Species – Ms. Crane met Rob Kennedy from the snowmobile club regarding removal of the Bittersweet that is on the rail trail which is on State-owned land. He did not think there would be any issues with the state to remove the bittersweet. Ms. Miner will follow up what is needed for permission. Mr. Kennedy wants the snowmobile club to be notified. If the State does not want this work done the committee will work to find another location to work. They will speak with Charlie Moreno to help find possibly in Glen Oaks, which also has some Bittersweet to be removed. The committee will also investigate other spots in Town like the Meeting House.
2. Town Forests –No updates at this time Mr. Cooper will be speaking to the Town Forester.
3. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)– Ms. Miner at the last meeting talked about the quote she received from Rockingham Planning Commission to update Natural Resources Inventory from 2008. There are two tasks working with Conservation Committee and Rockingham Planning Commission for mapping to update and descriptions, also Conservation Commission guidance. The committee would like someone to meet with UNH Cooperative Extension regarding the NRI. Ms. deBeer said UNH had attended Conservation meetings in the past and then everyone was involved. Questioned maps Ms. deBeer does not think we need to update all maps, for example has the water shed has it really changed, 2010 impervious surface has it changed? Mr. Knee thinks each member should carefully go over all the information and then decide as a group what needs to be updated, to save costs. The estimate includes all parts, but this is only for updating the master plans. The committee wants

- to internally decide what needs to be updated. The Granite View and new DES maps are impressive to see. There was discussion as to what to offer, paper or more digital information. Maybe repackage new digital information and make better maps. Ms. Miner will talk to the Planning Board about what the committee could do to help get them information. Maybe the Zoning Board also. There were questions about hazard litigation, this may be done through the Selectmen, emergency management planning. Ms. Miner will check on this.
6. Oak Ridge Forest Management Plan – Ms. Miner gave the committee members a copy of the Forest and Wildlife Management Plan table of contents to review as they are discussing updating the plan. The members will be focusing on Chapters similar to 5-6 of the Glen Oakes Forest Management Plan and not the beginning chapters with maps. The forester would need to go out for several days to do an inventory and would offer the best plan to move forward with. Mr. Cooper will speak to Charlie Moreno on Friday to ask for a quote.
  7. Interpretive trail - Mr. Knee is working on this and will be marking other features in addition to trees to help with spacing and interest. He is planning to start placing the posts in September.
  8. Marking town property – There was discussion about placing an RFP for Surveyors, the thought is to have one or two under an agreement/contract for a few years to work when needed. There are many large and small projects that require surveying, setting boundary markers on Town property as most residents do not know where the Town property lines are, and placing granite markers for Oak Ridge, to name a few.
- G. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS AND LAND USE COMMENT SHEETS –  
Shirking Road, Fremont NH, - Ms. Miner updated the committee that Galloway had received their AOT permit from DES, she also gave the members a packet to review. There was mentioned of a public hearing but not date yet. Ms. Miner will follow up on how DES notifies for public meetings.
- H. NEW BUSINESS
1. Raginar is moving forward with the permit process, they must finish their final approval with the Planning Board before they can begin construction. There is no action required from the Conservation Committee.
  2. Ms. deBeer mentioned the Zoning Board process, and would like to learn what the rules are, including for special exceptions. She does not want to appeal a decision that was made but would like to understand the processes that are in place. Ms. Miner will research the timelines for site walks and comment times. Ms. deBeer will draft an email to sent to the Planning Board and Zoning Board.
- I. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE
1. LRAC Funding – Ms. Miner mention that there is funding available for protection of natural resources, if anyone has the desire to research and apply.
  2. NHDES Restores CC Wetland Permit Review

Ms. Crane left at 8:05 pm.

J. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular monthly meeting will be on July 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

- K. ADJOURNMENT Ms. Miner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Mr. Knee seconded, and the vote was unanimous 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Clement