

**Fremont Conservation Commission  
Fremont Town Hall  
Fremont, NH**

**July 13, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Knee called the meeting of the Fremont Conservation Commission to order at 7:15 PM at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont, NH 03044.

Present were: Commission members Bill Knee, Pat deBeer, and Leanne Miner.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 1, 2015

It was noted that the Conservation Commission Google page was still being worked on. When it is complete, a link would be put on the Fremont Town Website.

*Pat deBeer made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2015 as amended. Leanne Miner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

III. CONSERVATION EASEMENT MONITORING

Ms. Miner clarified that Tuck Woods was the only property that required and had been monitored with the easement monitoring form, per DES letter. She did not find any new monitoring forms online. She felt it was fine to continue using the existing form. She will clarify in an email that can be added to minutes: for Tuck Woods - Phase I or Phase II, frequency of monitoring, blank form, and previous monitoring.

IV. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION

A. TREASURER'S CC ACCOUNT REPORT (AS OF MAY 31, 2015)

Ms. deBeer had looked at prior minutes and reported that she did not see that the Selectmen had recommended that the Conservation Commission budget be increased by \$600. She suggested asking Gene Cordes if he had indeed suggested that at the Deliberative Session.

B. CC 2015 BUDGET

Nothing remarkable was noted.

C. ONGOING LIST OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FY15 (NO BUDGET)

- Drinking Water Conference
- Watershed Conference (storm water controls, permeable pavement, initiatives)
- Forest Society Workshop
- NH Conservation Commission Association Workshop
- Rockingham Planning Commission Annual Meeting at Zorvino Vineyards, Sandown, 6/10/15
- Coastal NH Climate Summit: Science to Support Action: 6/19/15
- Great Bay Paddle Challenge 2015: August 15, 2015

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. ZBA COMMENT SHEET FOR AN EQUITABLE WAIVER OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A. WILLIAM PAPPALARDO OF 12 PIGEON LANE (INFORMATIONAL)

The ZBA comment sheet for an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements for A. William Pappalardo of 12 Pigeon Lane is to allow an existing dwelling to remain at its current location closer than 30 feet to the street line property. Mr. Knee would send a reply that the Fremont Conservation Commission has no comments regarding the equitable waiver.

B. MAY 27<sup>th</sup> GREAT BAY COORDINATOR DEA BRICKNER-WOOD RE. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE BY GBBRPP TO WITHDRAW GRANT AWARD FOR SPRUCE SWAMP ADDITION PROJECT

The GBBRPP formally accepted the Town of Fremont's request to withdraw the \$2,500 grant and terminate the grant award for the Spruce Swamp Addition Project. This refers to the purchase of the Garrison Property by the Southeast Land Trust.

C. MAY 14<sup>th</sup>: FROM THE SELECTMEN TO DR. ROBERT ROSEN RE. 2<sup>nd</sup> PHASE OF WATER INTEGRATION FOR WISE PROJECT (INFORMATIONAL)

Mr. Knee read the letter that was signed by the Selectmen:

*This correspondence advised of the Town's commitment to participate in the second phase of the water integration for the Swampscott Exeter WISE Project titled Planning Across Boundaries Watershed Collaboration for Nutrient Reduction. The Town strongly supports the project as it will provide critical information to municipal staff, board, and commission members and residents about pollution entering Great Bay from rivers and streams and our community and how the town can work with land owners, developers, and neighboring towns to reduce nutrients and sediment flow into water bodies. This paragraph attempts to bridge the legal and technical gaps through a collaborative process working with the environmental agencies, scientists, and engineers, planners and other municipalities in the watershed to develop tools we can use to protect water quality. We are encouraged by the opportunity to work with the project team to identify sources of pollution, strategies to reduce pollution, and the potential for significant cost avoidance from proactively addressing the reduction of nutrients. We are looking forward with the project team on the development of tools needed to protect water quality, including educational materials, planning, and land use regulations and cost assessments for infrastructure and cost avoidance.*

D. MASON, NH CC REQUEST THAT THE FREMONT CC SIGN LETTER OPPOSING NE ENERGY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Mason, NH Conservation Commission was requesting that the Fremont Conservation Commission sign a letter opposing the Northeast Energy Natural Gas Pipeline project. A packet of information was sent to the Fremont CC. Where the Commission members were seeing this packet for the first time tonight, it was suggested that they get a digital copy to review before deciding to sign or not. Ms. deBeer had concern that it was a blanket request for signatures rather than including opportunities for addressing individual concerns, etc. Included in the packet was an oppositional letter from Bob Dilberger of the Mason CC to Gov. Maggie Hassan listing his concerns and Website links for more information. He is looking to see if he can form a coalition of Conservation Commissions.

The Fremont Conservation Commission decided to table this topic.

E. UPCOMING MEETINGS OF LAMPREY WMPAAC AND SOUHEGAN WMPAAC (INFORMATIONAL)

There is a meeting in Lee, NH on July 29<sup>th</sup> addressing the instream flow program from watersheds as a first step in satisfying the statutory requirements to evaluate the WMPAAC (Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committees) program. Instream flow is the water flowing into rivers from farmlands, factories, etc.

VI. OTHER

Mr. Knee reviewed information regarding Plot 561/ Horsburgh property/NH Wildlife Action Plan. The members looked at maps, including a wildlife habitat land cover map from 2010. They looked at 107 Beede Road. The property in the Wildlife Action Plan is shaded purple (identified as highest valued habitat in NH). The area seems to be in the aquifer protection. Another map from the land conservation plan from the coastal watershed shows the property as well.

Mr. Knee suggested that before they go further, they:

1. start a folder of maps/documents related to the property/documentation for prime wetland

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2. schedule a joint open space/conservation commission site visit
3. have information to formally accept/reject the open space evaluation/recommendation

They discussed possible times to have a site visit and it was suggested to meet the morning/afternoon of August 3, 2015. Invitations would be made to people who might be interested in going on the site visit.

Mr. Knee mentioned that the loose plate grant is now available. Ms. deBeer said they can't apply now – the appraiser hasn't looked at it and there's no way to know the cost.

VII. WORKING PLAN

The following is a working plan with some results in italics.

TASK	STATUS
Set up a monitoring scheduled for the Town owned Conservation Easements. (As the holder of an easement, the Town is obligated to monitor each easement once per year.) Compile a list of land with conservation easements. - Get copies of each easement - Generate a checklist for each easement	Ongoing
Prospective Oak Ridge Easement - Roy Foundation	Done
Review the obligations for grants already awarded including: - Land & Water Conservation Fund (Set up for the acquisition of Oak Ridge) - Moose Plate, Recreational Trails Program, PREP Transaction Grant (Glen Oakes) - Smith Property: Davis, Fields Pond, Cricket and Wharton, Moose Plate and LCHIP, PREP (Smith property, now part of Glen Oakes)	Est. due June 2015
Glen Oakes Forest & Wildlife Management Plan – Review for updates	Ongoing
Oak Ridge Forestry Management Plan – Review for updates	Ongoing
Natural Resource Inventory – Review for recommendations for updates of information and maps. (Charlie Moreno is reviewing for Glen Oakes area)	Ongoing
Earth Day event(s) for the current year	No action planned for 2015
Biothon – discuss a possible event for the current year	No funding available for 2015
Reorganization of the Conservation Commission	Done
Budget for 2015	
Compiled of all of the grants that have been awarded to the Town and create a checklist of the requirements of each grant that can be reviewed annually. Any future grant can be added to the compilation.	Ongoing

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: AUGUST 3, 2015

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*At 8:30PM, Leeane Miner made a motion to adjourn. Pat deBeer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.*

Respectfully submitted by,  
Susan Perry,  
Recording Secretary