

Fremont Conservation Commission
06-01-09 Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of June 1, 2009
Approved June 15, 2009

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Tina Sturdivant, and Pat deBeer and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

TRAILS

Mbr. deBeer brought in a small arrow sign that Mr. Howland made using florescent lime green paint. In a May 31, 2009 e-mail to her Mr. Howland said that he was not yet able to get the metal sign sample. He has completed most of the new trail cleanup and wants to start work on some blazing and maybe put a couple of the signs on stakes to see how they look. The Members agreed to Mr. Howland's request. Mr. Howland walked in Oak Ridge and could not get through because of standing water in several places.

In his message Mr. Howland reported that he found a large tent set up in the southwest corner of the eastern part of Glen Oakes a short distance off the old legacy road that runs from behind the houses on Andreski and heads in a southeast direction out to the power lines. It was noted that camping and fires are not permitted in the Town Forest and Chrm. Karcz suggested putting an article in the Newsletter to that effect.

ERLAC

Mbr. deBeer reported on the following from the last ERLAC meeting:

1. Hardcopies of the Fluvial Geomorphology Study of the Exeter River were distributed. The one in Fremont will start at the end of August.
2. Judith Spang from Durham related that she went door to door to get signatures for a petition to get the Lamprey River designated as a Wild and Scenic River. It took six years and was a lot of hard work, but it got done.

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Mbr. deBeer said that there is a movement on to get the Exeter River designated as a Wild and Scenic River and there are grants available that could be applied for. Mbr. deBeer related that Ms. Spang said it would be important to put it on the ballot for Town Meeting. Each Town along the river corridor would have to support it or it would not be approved.

The Members were generally concerned that because Fremont is now an SB2 Town articles will not pass without public outreach to educate voters about the articles they are asked to vote on.

NATURAL RESOURCE PUBLICATION

The Members discussed the Natural Resource Publication. Mbr. deBeer said she put an article on the WIKI on “drinking water” and another on “how to find your septic and well information”. There was a discussion about water testing. Mbr. de Beer encouraged the Members to finish their topics for the publication so there will be time for page layout. Mbr. O’Brien said that she has done research for her topic, but no writing. Mbr. Sturdivant said that she has not yet started on her topic.

MARK LAGASSE/PENTUCKET CONSTRUCTION

Map 2 Lot 141
740 Rt 107

Chrm. Karcz reported that the Commission has received a copy of the NH DES Standard Dredge & Fill Application Form, and the associated plan, submitted on May 27, 2009 by Mark Lagasse of Pentucket Construction for the above referenced property. The applicant is requesting to be allowed to fill portions of two wetlands in Fremont and construct a new commercial building, grading, stormwater BMP’s paved parking and access driveway; and mitigate these impacts with wetland creation.

It was noted that at the February 2, 2009 Conservation Commission meeting there was a discussion relative to wetland mitigation and relocation of existing vernal pools. It was noticed that the box on item #5 on the application “are there any vernal pools located on the subject property?” was left blank.

The project overview (need for the project) stated that the applicant proposed to fill a portion of two isolated wetlands that were created when historic gravel operations were not adequately reclaimed and construct a new commercial building with associated clearing and grading, stormwater BMP’s paved parking and access driveway. They propose to mitigate these impacts with wetland creation as shown on the Proposed Site Plan submitted as shown within the 100 foot Buffer Zone to a Prime Wetland associated with Red Brook.

The Members agreed that it seems the application is incomplete in that items are not checked including, but not limited to, #5 “are there any vernal pools located on the subject property?” the Conservation Commission was led to believe there are vernal pools involved, #8 - “vernal pool”, “perennial stream or river” and “the municipal prime wetland”, #18; what is “alteration of terrain” permit allow- need clarification.

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It was noted that the property is in the Fremont Aquifer Protection District and in the Fremont Flood Zone. Fremont Zoning Article IX says that there be no dredging and filling or drainage within the 100 foot watershed protection area of a wetland and within the 150 foot watershed protection area of permanent flowage including Red Brook.

The Members agreed to send a letter to NH DES requesting them to suspend action on the notice for forty-five days and stating their concerns as discussed at tonight's meeting. The Members also agreed to request to be notified and included if the NH DES is going to schedule a site visit.

WILLIAM & MELLISA COPP

Map 2 Lot 164-2

The Commission received a comment sheet from the Planning Board relative to an amendment to an existing Site Plan Review for William and Mellisa Copp who have requested to be allowed to change the use of their commercial building to an ice cream and gift shop. The Members agreed to submit the comment sheet suggesting 1) that the parking area not be expanded to the area where the take-out window is located nor encroach any closer to the stream and 2) that the parking area not be paved unless it was with a pervious concrete or pervious asphalt.

OPEN SPACE PLAN

The next Open Space meeting is June 2, 2009.

BUDGET

The Members received the general ledger expenditure report for the date ending May 28, 2009.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

There was no incoming correspondence.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Motion seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc

Land Use AA/Recording Secretary