

**Fremont Conservation Commission
10-19-09 Minutes**



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Minutes of October 19, 2009
Approved November 2, 2009**

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Pat deBeer, Bill Knee and Alternate/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. Knee made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2009 as written.
Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

MEMBER

The Commission received an October 16, 2009 correspondence from Member Tina Sturdivant stating that she would like to step down from a full Member of the Conservation Commission to that of an Alternate. According to the Town Report her appointment is up in 2009.

After some conversation Mbr. Knee made the motion to recommend to the Selectmen that Tina Sturdivant be appointed as an Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission upon the expiration of her appointment as a full Conservation Commission Member contingent upon her agreement to do so.

Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

TRAILS – Glen Oakes

Mbr. deBeer distributed a GPS/GIS map of the trails which the Members used to discuss modifying some of the trail names. There was a conversation about purchasing and installing signs and posts.

Mbr. Knee said that in all places where the trail leaves Town property there should be a sign indicating the “end of the Town Property”. The Members discussions were relative to:

- the area of the Island Trail where it crosses the Smith property.
- the general requirements of current use for any property
- current use requirements as they pertain specifically to the Smith property.

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- trails ending where they leave Town property unless the parcels which they cross permit public access.
- limitations to the Lawrence property easement. Mbr. O'Brien said that she needs to research that deed.

NATURAL RESOURCE PUBLICATION

Mbr. deBeer said that she and David Kellam are trying to finish the publication. Mrs. Bolduc will find out if the Selectmen have had a chance to review it.

ERLAC

There was a brief conversation relative to stream gauges that measured river flow and depth that were placed in the Exeter River at Haigh and W. Rowell Roads in Brentwood.

VERNAL POOL STUDY AND MAPPING

Chrm. Karcz reported that correspondences have been sent to Wetland Scientists Patrick Seekamp of Seekamp Environmental Consulting and Leonard Lord, District Manager of the Rockingham County Conservation District, requesting the submission of a detailed proposal for scope of services, mapping and cost estimate to perform a vernal pool study and report for Fremont. Aerial photos were not requested because the Town already has those.

Mr. Lord responded with an October 19, 2009 e-mail to the Land Use Office explaining that typically that type of work would be handled by a private consultant, but RCCD could offer review support for the Town, assist with the bid selection process, review the proposed methodology, spot check problem areas in the field, and review the final results and products once the bids are in, otherwise, the District could also simply make itself available on an as-needed basis at \$80/hr based on any perceived need by the Town that may arise.

Mbr. deBeer said that she will provide Mrs. Bolduc with the name of the consulting firm that Mr. Lord worked with prior to his position with RCCD so that they can be contacted for a Vernal Pool study proposal also.

TREASURERS REPORT/ ACCOUNT BALANCES

The Commission received and reviewed the account balance sheets for the dates ending September 30, 2009. The balances in all accounts reflected interest earned for that time period.

MAP HOLDER

Chrm. Karcz reported that the Land Use Office is working on ordering a vertical file map holder for the NRI maps.

TOWN FOREST ORDINANCE

Mbr. O'Brien asked about the status of the public hearing to be held by the Selectmen for the Town Forest Ordinance amendment. Mrs. Bolduc said that as far as she knows the public hearing for the Town Forest will be held soon.

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OAK RIDGE

Mbr. O'Brien said she spoke with Surveyor Tom Brouillette who said the Oak Ridge survey should be done shortly. Chrm. Karcz said that he has been to the Oak Ridge property and has seen where the trees were blazed for the survey. Mbr. O'Brien said that she will let Mr. Brouillette know that the Commissions intention is to install granite bounds and she will ask him to recommend installation locations.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.** Received: Notice of the November 18, 19, and 20 LGC Annual Conference to be held at the Radisson in Manchester, NH.
- 2.** Received: Notice of the NHACC November 7, 2009 Annual Meeting to be held at the Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH.

Next meeting is November 2, 2009.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm.
Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary