

**Fremont Conservation Commission
09-21-09 Minutes**



**Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of September 21, 2009
Approved October 5, 2009**

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

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

MINUTES

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting.

Discussion: Mbr. deBeer said that she thinks the minutes should be amended to include that Mark West recommended that if golf courses are included in the amendment of Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance, that Best Management Practices should be included in the article.

Mbr. O'Brien amended her motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting to include, on page 1, at the end of the first sentence in the first bullet under Wetlands and Watershed Protection Ordinance *Mark West recommended that if golf courses are included in the amendment of Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance, that Best Management Practices should be included in the article.*

Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote except for Mr. Knee who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

WETLAND AND WATERSHED PROTECTION ZONING ORDINANCE

There was a conversation relative to the amendment to the Wetland and Watershed Protection Zoning Ordinance. Buffers were discussed and Mbr. deBeer noted that the book put out by Audubon and Office of State Planning says there should be a buffer of a minimum of 100 feet to protect water quality. It was noted that there is a joint meeting scheduled for September 23, 2009 for the Members Planning Board, Conservation Commission and ZBA to discuss and make recommendations for the amendment.

SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE (SWA)

The Commission received and discussed an August 28, 2009 correspondence from NH DES Commissioner Thomas Burack, relating that the Legislature has created the Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA) to help increase inter-municipal coordination to deal with water quality issues within the watershed. The SWA will be formed within the next few months and, given its location within the

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Seacoast/Piscataqua River watershed, Fremont is eligible to become a member of the SWA. The correspondence informed the Commission of a September 29, 2009 informational meeting in Nottingham Town Hall.

TOWN FOREST ORDINANCE

Mbr. O'Brien said that she has reviewed the Easement and the sign that is posted at the Town Forest, as well as the Town Forest Ordinance. She said that she also looked at the rules some other towns have for their Town Forest. It was noted that at the September 14, 2009 meeting the motion was made to amend the verbiage of the Town Forest Ordinance to include prohibition of campfires and camping. Mbr. O'Brien suggested that as a result of her research, the amendment include the following as prohibited activities:

- Littering – add = *this includes paint ball and other activity that leaves materials on the property when the activity is completed.*
- *New: Defacing, destroying or remaining any sign, stone wall, monument or other structure(s).*
- *New: Modifying the trails without permission in writing from the Conservation Commission.*
- *New: Contaminating water.*
- *New: the possession, consumption or use of controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.*
- *New: Kindling of any fire.*
- *New: Camping.*

The Members agreed with the Town Forest Ordinance amendment suggestions above and that they be forwarded to the Selectmen for inclusion in the verbiage for a Public Hearing.

TRAILS

Chrm. Karcz said that now that Mr. Howland has finished the trail extension, there are 2 more loops that were not there before. Trail names were discussed and it was agreed that some of the trails may need to be renamed and this needs to be done before signs can be purchased. The Members agreed to think about this and further discuss it at the next meeting.

NATURAL RESOURCE PUBLICATION

Mbr. deBeer said that she has finished with all the citations. She related that the publication is close to being finished and Mr. Kellam will notify the Commission when he has it ready to be read and edited.

ERLAC

Mbr. deBeer said there is an ERLAC meeting tomorrow evening. There is nothing really new to report at this time. Mbr. deBeer said that there will be a salmon fly- fishing event for kids at the Pickpocket Dam in Exeter in October.

EASEMENT MONITORING

Chrm. Karcz reported that he and Dennis Howland walked the Tuck Woods Conservation Easement and he has completed and submitted a monitoring report as requested by Karla McManus of NH DES Wetlands Bureau.

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CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

There was a conversation relative to the possibility of Conservation Easements for lots that abut the Exeter River in the proposed Jacob Donigian development at Jacobs Cove off Sandown Road. This would be similar to the easements of the lots in the Thunder Road development.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Received: A copy of a September 3, 2009 Letter of Compliance from NH DES to Barbara Burleigh for 79 Main Street (Map 3 Lot 160) stating that deficiencies found during an August 22, 2007 inspection by NH DES have been addresses and the file has been closed.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary