



**Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of
September 9, 2013**

Present: Chairman Bill Knee, Members Janice O'Brien and Pat deBeer, and Alt/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Also present - Mark Beaulieu of 75 Andreski Drive.

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

On March 15, 2010 Chrm. Karcz designated Alternate Leanne Miner to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission until such time as the Selectmen have appointed someone to fill that vacancy (allowed by NH RSA 673:12, III). That appointment remains in effect.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was reported that notices have been posted in the Newsletter, Town Hall, Post Office and other various places in Town relative to closure of the area of the timber cutting operation of the Glen Oakes portion of the Town Forest. Signs will also be placed in the kiosk at the end of Andreski Drive and within the cut area. Chrm. Knee said some of the trail signs will need to be moved for the logging operation.

There is no word as to when the work will actually begin.

TOWN FOREST

The Members received 2 e-mail messages from Dennis Howland relative to damage at the Town Forest.

1. August 27, 2013: Reporting that the Kiosk in the Oak Ridge South parking lot on Meetinghouse Drive has been vandalized with the Plexiglas window smashed in two places. One spot is just fractured while the other has been broken out. Mr. Howland said he will take a sample of the 1/4" thick material to Fremont Glass to find out what it was, and to revisit the costs with them. He filed a police report. (Chrm. Knee agreed they need to find out replacement cost for the Plexiglas.)

He also found lots of trash and other rubbish.

2. September 1, 2013: Reporting an encounter in Oak Ridge North with two young men who were heading south on Tavern Road in a pickup truck to go service a deer stand which

he believes to be on Phillip Exeter property. The message included photos of damage to posts #1 & #6, a water crossing near post #8 as well as a pile of cut and split firewood in that area, and a couple of downed trees. Chrm. Knee said Mary Kaltenbach was going to file a police report for this damage.

The Members voiced hope that the Police will check on the area of the Town Forest when they are in the area. Mbr. deBeer suggested to ask the Police Department to monitor the area.

OAK RIDGE EASEMENT

Chrm. Knee reported that at the September 5, 2013 public hearing it was agreed to amend the existing Conservation Easement on the Glen Oakes Land to include the Oak Ridge Town Forest Lands of Map 4 Lots 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16. Mike Speltz will be notified and the deed will be executed.

SEACOAST UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Map 6 Lot 020-001

The Commission received copies of the following:

- An August 30, 2013 e-mail correspondence relative to condition 14 (plantings report) of the Restoration Plan Approval issued by DES:
 1. From Chris Albert of SUSC to Eben Lewis of DES requesting a 1-week extension from the September 1, 2013 deadline for the annual report on the plantings that took place in the spring.
 2. From Eben Lewis approving the request and expecting the report on or before September 8, 2013.
 3. September 5, 2013 required monitoring report with photos submitted to DES by Christopher Albert on behalf of SUSC.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT MONITORING

The easements include:

3615/702	Conservation Easement Cornerstone Estates/Dakota Realty Trust
	1-35-8, 1-35-9 and p/o 1-35 D-28735
3972/1691	Conservation Easement Tuck Woods
	6-64-21, 6-64-22 and 6-64-23 D-30397
4247/1418	Conservation Easement Tuck Woods
	OS, OS2, OS3 D-31333
4342/1206	Conservation Restriction Deed Not to Further Subdivide Spruce Hill
	Map 6 Lot 50 D-31622
4408/1234	Conservation Restriction Deed Seacoast United Soccer Club
	p/o 20-1 D-31731
4435/1986	Conservation Easement Fremont Pizzeria
	p/o Tax Map 3 Lot 120 D-31624
4890/1139	Conservation Easement Scribner Estates
	Easement 13 D-31121

Note: The Members have previously agreed that they would need to gather additional information for each easement for monitoring purposes and when that is completed they would approach the Open Space members again to see if they would be willing to do some monitoring of some of the easements at that time.

Chrm. Knee asked Mrs. Bolduc to gather the physical easements together for review at the next meeting. He said the next item would be to create a spreadsheet to use as a checklist of things to look for. The next step would be to figure out who is going to go out to the properties and do the physical monitoring of the easements.

WORKING PLAN

The working plan was discussed with some results in italics.

- Set up a monitoring scheduled for the Town owned Conservation Easements.

Mbr. O'Brien said that as the holder of an easement, the Town is obligated to monitor each easement once per year. There was a conversation relative to monitoring some of the Conservation Easements.

- Compile a list of land with conservation easements. *This is done.*
- Get copies of each easement.
- Generate a checklist for each easement.
- Prospective Oak Ridge Easement: *This is done.*
There was a conversation relative to construction of structures relative to the easement. Mbr. deBeer said she contacted someone at the Land & Water Conservation to find out about the disability requirement relative to the agreement, but never received a response.
- Review the obligations for grants already awarded including.
 1. Land & Water Conservation Fund (set up for the acquisition of Oak Ridge)
 2. Moose Plate, Recreational Trails Program, PREP Transaction Grant
 3. Smith property: Davis, Fields Pond, Cricket and Wharton, Moose Plate and LCHIP.
- Glen Oakes Forest & Wildlife Management Plan - Review for updates.
- Oak Ridge Management Plan - Review for updates.
Mbr. de Beer said this is in the NRI of the Master Plan.
- Natural Resource Inventory – Review for recommendations for updates of information and maps.
- Earth Day event (s) for the current year.
- Biothon – discuss a possible event for the current year.
- Reorganization of the Conservation Commission.
- Budget for the following year.
- 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.

Chrm. Knee worked on the following timeline list for each of the previous items.

January – Review obligations for grants already awarded.

February – Review Forest Management & Wildlife Plans: Oak Ridge & Glen Oakes.

March – Commission reorganization; events to be sponsored through the next year.

April –

May –

June-

July –

August – Budget review and approval for upcoming year

September – October: monitoring Town owned Conservation easements & reporting on same.

November – Review the NRI

December -

Mbr. O'Brien noted that it seems like every year there is a discussion about doing something for Earth Day, but it is too late to organize an event. Chrm. Knee asked that a discussion for the Earth Day event for 2014 be added to the October, 2013 agenda.

EVENTS

Previous event suggestions included:

- Birds & bats
- Edible plants
- Wildlife cover
- Sustainable agriculture
- A butterfly garden
- School program that would involve growing plants.
- A presentation on sustainable agriculture.
- Community garden

FALL FOLIAGE HIKE

The 2013 Fall Foliage Hike is scheduled for 9:00 am on October 19, 2013. Notice is in the September and October issues of the Fremont Newsletter.

Chrm. Knee said he will be talking with Dennis Howland about the format for the hike.

LAND ACCESS

As directed at the last meeting, Mrs. Bolduc contacted the Legal Team at the LGC for interpretation relation to land access for timber removal from a landlocked parcel. Attorney Sanderson's response was that a timber removal right of way is a temporary form of access controlled by RSA 231:40-42. The Selectmen are never required to grant a specific access. By RSA they may lay out a right-of-way through the land of any person and they may fix the length of time and conditions under which such right-of-way may be used and may order the same

closed or discontinued. There are also specific procedures outlined. This led to a conversation relative to the benefits of a private landowner or the Town to grant access.

Mbr. O'Brien said there are 2 types of access; legal access and physical access. She explained the difference between the two.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Commission received and reviewed the CC Expenditure Report for January 1 – August 31, 2013.

MINUTES

Chrm. Knee made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 5 and August 8, 2013 meetings as written.

Mbr. deBeer seconded the motion with favorable vote except for Mbr. O'Brien who abstained from the vote relative to the August 5 meeting as she was not present at that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no incoming correspondence.

At 8:50 pm Chrm. Knee made the motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Next scheduled meeting: October 7, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Land Use AA/Recording Secretary