

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

Present: Chair Leanne Miner; Members Pat deBeer, Rich Cooper, Cindy Crane and Selectmen's Clerk Kathy Clement.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Miner called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Miner will email the minutes of January 6, 2020 to the committee for review before the next meeting.
- C. REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES – Member Business
 - 1. Administration – Member expiration this year 2020 for Mr. Cooper and Ms. Crane. **Ms. Miner made a motion to accept the renewed membership from 2020 to 2023 for Ms. Crane. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion and the vote was 4-0. Ms. deBeer made a motion to accept the renewed membership for 2020 to 2023 for Mr. Cooper. Ms. Crane seconded the motion and the vote was 4-0. Ms. deBeer made a motion to have Ms. Miner continue as Committee Chair and Mr. Knee as Co-Chair for another year ending 2021. The vote was unanimous 4-0.**
 - 2. Spend to Date – There are no exact numbers tonight, but spending is in line with the budget.
 - 3. Calendar of Events and Announcements
 - a. NRI Meeting - Schedule – will be planned after the CC meets to review changes needed for maps.
 - b. Master Plan Survey – Closing March 13 – very good information and will have completed survey for everyone
 - c. NH Watershed Conference – March 13 – must register by noon March 5th
 - d. Salamander Crossing Brigade Trainings March 22 and 27 – cooper read flyer do you sign up to one and go.
 - e. Saving Special Places – April 4 – this is being held in Pembroke NH and Mr. Cooper will be attending.
- D. CONSERVATION
 - 1. 004-007 Gould Property – Ms. Miner has contacted the assessors listed below looking to get pricing for a property appraisal for map/lot 04-007. It was discussed that they would only need a summary appraisal and it must be done by a licensed appraiser. There was discussion regarding the best direction to move forward. The property is 2.3 acres, has been logged and a quarter to a third is wet. They could wave the appraisal and just offer a dollar amount per acre. It was agreed that they should speak to the landowner as to what he would like before the committee moves forward as this purchase might not be possible. At the next meeting there will be a discussion on whether to move forward with this parcel or investigate others.

2. Lowest bid for property assessment was from Paul Brown at \$800. Other responses were as follows:
 - a. Paul Brown - \$800
 - b. McMannis and Nault - \$1800
 - c. Freneau Appraisals – Called and recommended using residential appraisers
 - d. Jack Lavoie – No response
 - e. Brian Bouthiette – No response
 - f. Real Value Appraisal Services – Brian Frost - Declined

E. REPORT FROM OPEN SPACE –

1. Mr. Cooper reported that when Open Space last met they discussed plans for a cleanup from winter and replacing a bridge that will cost about \$100 in materials. They do not have a lot of expenditures currently. He and Sam will be going to the town of Sandown tomorrow to look at their interpretative trail and take pictures of what they have done to their trails. Mr. Cooper said they have heard good things about their interpretative trail and thought they may get some other ideas. Dennis Howland spoke to Ms. deBeer about contacting SELT and scheduling a meeting to meet the new people on their staff. Ms. Miner will take on setting up and meeting.
2. Ms. deBeer mentioned that the signs stating “no snowmobiles” on the Depot Trail (because of the bridge) were never put up. Ms. Miner said the signs are in her office. The committee did not decide on which trails to place the signs, but there was concern with Depot Trail. They need to check on the Town Forest Ordinance to see if it has specifics on snowmobile use. Mr. Cooper will speak to Mr. Howland and Open Space to discuss which trails they recommend placing the signs on.

F. NEW BUSINESS

G. ONGOING BUSINESS

1. NRI – Mapping – There was a lot of discussion about the maps. The committee has started to independently review and make comments. Ms. Miner will collect any comments from the committee members to prepare to present them to Theresa Walker of Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC). Comments were shared including a map from Mr. Knee that had brook names where they had been missing, repetitive wording, and other small errors. Ms. deBeer and Ms. Miner spoke about having more consistency with the maps from wording to consistent labeling (forest blocks vs. soil types), and all names of the sub-waters have changed. Because the committee has limited meetings with RPC, they will meet on Monday March 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm to review their comments and prepare to present them to RPC. Ms. deBeer has a link to Amanda Stone of NH Cooperative on writing NRI’s that may be helpful and will be distributed via email.
2. Oak Ridge Forest Management Plan –Logging proposal in Oak Ridge North winter of 2020 – The time has moved for this project; research will need to be

done for a summer cut. Mark West will be consulted for permitting in advance of logging (wetland disturbance) and for wetland crossings if necessary. They will meet with the Selectmen to keep them informed.

3. Marking Town Forest - Request for Proposal for surveyors. No update at this time.
4. Cooperage Forest property –SELT add easement monitoring to this property. No updates.
5. Bolduc/School District Property – Survey and Easement Addition – SPNF. No update at this time.
6. SELT sent an update on the Brett project stating that the survey is nearly complete, they also sent the plan showing the Wetlands Reserve Easement area which is 20.56 acres and the Agricultural Land Easement area as 28.89 acres. They will be closing the WRE before the ALE and Town funds will not be needed until the ALE is closing. They were successful receiving the grants from the Mooseplate Program for \$15,000 and the Great Bay Partnership for \$13,780. The next step, now there is precise acreage, is to have property appraised in accordance with ALE requirements then have it reviewed by a federal review appraiser. Also, they will be working on the ALE conservation easement terms this is where they will need to re-engage the Commission/Town. These are ALE easements and there is not a lot of flexibility to change terms.

H. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Comment Sheet – Pollinger Road ADU – ZBA Variance Request – The committee has no comment as this variance is based on existing dwellings.
2. Target Shooting Request – There was a brief discussion regarding this, and the committee unanimously agreed with Open Space and Board of Selectmen against this request.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regular monthly meeting will be on April 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. deBeer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 4-0.

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