

Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH

August 10, 2015
7:00 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

II. HEAR THE OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATION ON LOT 5 – 61

Open Space recommendation read into the minutes:

To: Fremont Conservation Commission
From: Fremont Open Space Advisory Group
Subj: Recommendation for Parcel 5-61
Date: August 5, 2015

The quarterly Open Space Advisory Group meeting was held on August 4th. The major topic of the evening was a review of parcel 5-61, a 112 acre lot owned by Dan Horsburgh. The procedures established by the Town for evaluating properties include an initial review by the Open Space Group. Any property up for consideration is "rated" on 19 different dimensions organized in 6 different major categories. There are a maximum of 102 points, though it is unlikely any parcel would receive a perfect score. If a parcel scores over 50 points, it passes the Open Space criteria for recommendation to the Conservation Commission.

This property was originally rated a number of years ago. At that time, the then sitting Open Space group gave it a score of 71. This rating was reviewed on August 4th by the current Open Space Advisory. This was done after reviewing the specifics of the property, including size, location, wetlands, and the two site walks made over the last week. The Open Space Group believed the original rating is still valid, and if anything, it would likely rate higher today, and in any case it would be well above the 50 point cutoff.

We also looked at the results from the CTAP study done in 2009. This was a joint project between the RPC and the Open Space Advisory group. The criteria of this rating system was driven largely by RPC data bases, adjusted for inclusion and priority by the Open Space Group. This rating system produced a list of the top 100 properties in Fremont that could, or should, be considered for conservation. Parcel 5-61 came in at # 23 on this list.

Therefore, the Open Space Advisory Group was unanimous in recommending that the Fremont Conservation Commission move forward with the evaluation of the opportunities concerning parcel 5-61.

Conservation Commission resolution: The Conservation Commission unanimously resolved to investigate further the feasibility of the Town purchasing and conserving lot 5 – 61

III. HEAR LEANNNE MINER's REQUEST TO BE COME A FULL MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Conservation Commission considered Ms. Leanne Miner's request to be a full member of the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission unanimously supports Ms. Miner's appointment to the Conservation Commission as a full member and recommend the Selectmen appoint her at their next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Chair Bill Knee.