

**Fremont Conservation Commission
Fremont Town Hall
Fremont, NH**

**December 7, 2015
7:00 PM
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill Knee called the meeting of the Fremont Conservation Commission to order at 7:02 PM at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont, NH 03044. Present were: Commission members Bill Knee, Pat deBeer, and Janice O'Brien. Dennis Howland (Open Space Committee Chair) was also present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2, 2015

Pat deBeer made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2015 as amended. Janice O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.

III. DAN HORSBURGH

The landowners have agreed to apply for the NRCS grant (due January 15, 2016). Fish and Game intend to write a letter of support. The family is working on a "development plan" for the property (possibly to subdivide it). There will be a site visit on December 17th by NRCS Representatives, Fish and Game and Trustees. Ms. deBeer was concerned because NRCS decided within the past few years to fund only easements. Mr. Knee said that about \$1million is available (to apply for) for the state of NH and there was a good feeling of getting the NRCS grant.

IV. WILDLIFE & FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN: STATUS UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL)

Charlie Moreno will attend the January 4, 2016 meeting. He has completed most of the field work and has proposed trail feedback, stating that the area of the trail is not the best. He will go into detail at the January 4th meeting about how to alter the trail to be better suited.

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFORMATION

A. TREASURER'S CC ACCOUNT REPORT

There was a question about the \$200 that was spent in September 2015 that came out of residual funds. Mr. Knee would inquire about this. The Current Use balance is now \$8,720.

B. ONGOING LIST OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FY15 (NO BUDGET): N/A

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

VII. OTHER : The Members will also hear any other business to come before the Commission

A. OPEN SPACE UPDATES

Mr. Howland reviewed Open Space updates with the Commission members. This included:

1. Status of Cooperidge Property

The Cooperidge Property is Town-owned. There was discussion about putting up ordinance signs restricting activities since there appears to be repeated dirt bike use that is causing ruts/erosion on the path that hits logging roads. Ms. O'Brien found in the files the conservation easement, which states that the conservation deed restriction protects the property from wheeled/motorized vehicles. Therefore, a sign could be made to state this (not the statute). There was discussion about adding a warrant article.

2. Snowshoe/winter hike

There was discussion about publicizing for a snowshoe/winter hike, to be publicized in January 2016.

B. PLANNING COMMENT SHEET: 28 MAIN STREET

The Commission reviewed a planning comment sheet and maps for the property located at 28 Main Street. The house is within the setback of Rte. 107 and involves a closet on the side of the building and deck over a new septic system to the pool in the back of the property. The request is for a special exception and an equitable waiver. The Commission found no wetland, aquifer or conservation concerns.

C. GALLOWAY PROPERTY

There was review of the Planning Board meetings and site visits that have occurred for the Galloway property. The issue is whether a new site plan had to be done for the change of use. Ms. deBeer noted that there was confusion as to the materials being low- or moderate- hazard. The Town Engineer was going to be enlisted for a second opinion/environmental study. A concern was the wetland near the aquifer. The Wetlands Board will look at everything. Mr. Knee noted that there were no wetland issues at the Kingston operation. There was a question on where the snow melt and runoff water goes. Mr. Galloway acknowledged at a meeting that he would agree to a major update to the site plan but this was vague. There was additional confusion as to the number of trucks covered by the permit (16 or 20). The Conservation Commission realized that it has advised as best as possible as an advisory board and they could only monitor the situation now. The next meeting is on January 6, 2016.

VIII. WORKING PLAN

The following is a working plan with some results in italics.

TASK	STATUS
Set up a monitoring scheduled for the Town owned Conservation Easements. (As the holder of an easement, the Town is obligated to monitor each easement once per year.) Compile a list of land with conservation easements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get copies of each easement - Generate a checklist for each easement 	Ongoing
Prospective Oak Ridge Easement: Roy Foundation	Done
Review the obligations for grants already awarded including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land & Water Conservation Fund (Set up for the acquisition of Oak Ridge) - Moose Plate, Recreational Trails Program, PREP Transaction Grant (Glen Oakes) - Smith Property: Davis, Fields Pond, Cricket and Wharton, Moose Plate and LCHIP, PREP (Smith property, now part of Glen Oakes) 	Est. due June 2015
Glen Oakes Forest & Wildlife Management Plan – Review for updates	Ongoing

Oak Ridge Forestry Management Plan – Review for updates	Ongoing
Natural Resource Inventory – Review for recommendations for updates of information and maps. (Charlie Moreno is reviewing for Glen Oakes area)	Ongoing
Earth Day event(s) for the current year	No action planned for 2015
Biothon – discuss a possible event for the current year	No funding available for 2015
Reorganization of the Conservation Commission	Done
Budget for 2015	
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.	Ongoing

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: JANUARY 4, 2016

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 PM, Janice O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Pat deBeer seconded the motion. Motion passed 3:0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Perry, Recording Secretary