

Freedom Conservation Commission January 17, 2017

Members Present: Paul Elie, John Roman, Sue Hoople (alternate), Cheryl Harris, Alice Custard, Rob Hatch

Members Absent: Sarah Tabor, Kyle Johnson, Greg Bossart

Others Present: Dianne Park

Quorum: A quorum was met with 6 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Sue Hoople was a voting member in place of Sarah Tabor.

Minutes

A motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by John, to approve minutes from December 20, 2016 as written. All were in favor.

Invoices

A motion was made by Alice, seconded by Cheryl, to approve Invoice #123367 JJR, from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, for litigation on Freedom vs. Ossipee, Westward Shores, in the amount of \$939.09. All were in favor.

FAC Report

Rob has heard from NHDES about their meeting with the town. Originally this meeting was to be held in Concord, NH, but now NHDES said it will be held in Freedom on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 or any day of the week of February 27, 2017. Rob is going to try and get Wednesday, February 22, 2017 off from work so he can attend. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Committee Reports

Natural Resource Inventory

The Planning Board has asked the Conservation Commission to update the Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan. Cheryl and Paul met with Anne Cunningham, Chairman-Freedom Planning Board, to discuss this subject. The biggest change is the change in stated acreage. A discussion followed on whether to include other conservation agencies in this count. It was decided to break the figure down as follows:

Freedom Owned Conservation Land
+ Other Conservation Agencies
Total acres in Conservation

Ossipee Lake Protection Fund

The protection fund had an original goal of around \$17,000.00. It now has \$15,000.00, so it's \$2,000.00 short of making its goal. The first court date was held. All attorneys spoke and the judge needs more background information. Another court date will be held in the future.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

Intent to Cut Applications

All Intent to Cut Applications were reviewed. There was a question on an intent to cut application on route 153. Paul will look into this.

Miscellaneous Correspondence / Administrative Actions

Scrub Oak Scramblers application for their Winter Carnival has come back approved from NHDES.

FCC Membership Roster

A new member list was passed out to all members.

2017 FCC Goals

A copy of the FCC Annual Report was passed out. Discussion followed on 2017 Goals & Objectives. Goals listed were:

1. *Continue monitoring Westward Shores litigation.*
2. *Continue Ossipee Lake Protection Fund fundraising efforts.*
3. *Update the Natural Resources Inventory for the Master Plan*
4. *Coordinate Residential Well-Water Testing*
5. *Review Large-Scale Water Extraction Legislation*
6. *Review Groundwater Protection Ordinance*
7. *Explore Renewable Energy Options*

Cheryl suggested adding Community Education and Land Donation Instructions. It was decided to change goal #7 to Community Education with sub-titles of Explore Renewable Energy and Land Donation Instructions. Goals 4, 5, and 6 will be moved to the top of the list.

Sue Hoople will research water in Lake Ossipee Village. (What company runs it? How does it get there? Etc.) Paul will research if it's possible to ask the people at town meeting if they would be interested in getting their well water tested. Paul will also research the possibility of having someone come to a Community Club Meeting to discuss Solar Energy.

Business Properly Presented to the Commission

Rob told the board about the possibility of land on Colebrook Rd. being taken by the town. This land would be perfect for Town Conservation Land. Many parcels of land around it are already Conservation Land. If the board is interested he will get statistics and research information. He cannot present this to the town as he is an abutter. Sue said she would do some research. The board made no decision on this.

A motion was made by John, seconded by Cheryl, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.