

**Freedom Conservation Commission
Forest Advisory Committee
June 20, 2017**

FCC Members Present: Paul Elie, John Roman, Alice Custard, Sarah Tabor, Sue Hoople(A)

FCC Members Absent: Cheryl Harris, Greg Bossart (A)

FAC Members Present: Ron Newbury, Peter Park, Janet Johnson, Chuck Depew

FAC Members Absent: Neal Boyle, Dave Charrette, Janet Meyers(A)

Others Present: Dianne Park, Justin Brooks, Susan Marks, Mark McConkey

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Paul welcomed everyone to the joint meeting between the Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) and the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC).

Minutes

Both boards discussed whether the chairman of the FAC is the representative to the FCC or is Rob Hatch the FAC representative on the FCC. Paul said this will be decided later in the meeting.

A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to approve the minutes from May 16, 2017 as amended. All were in favor.

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Elections

The FCC Elected Paul Elie Chairman and John Roman Vice-Chairman and the FAC elected Janet Johnson Chairman and Ron Newbury Vice-Chairman.

Goals and Objectives

A list of FCC Goals and Objectives was passed out and discussed. Approaching completion are goals for Monitoring Westward Shores litigation, Continuation of fundraising efforts for Ossipee Lake Protection Fund and Update of the Natural Resources Inventory in the Freedom Master Plan. Just beginning is the exploration of renewable energy options (municipal and residential). Future goals are to Enact Watershed Management Plan, Phase I & II (storm water run-off), Review Large-Scale Water Extraction legislation, Review NH Groundwater Protection Ordinance, Coordinate Residential Well Water Testing at DES Laboratory, Explore potential town land acquisitions and Training.

FAC Goals are to mow and lime wildlife openings. A gift campaign is in the works to fund this goal. Other goals are to continue brush hog work in coordination with the town, clean woodcock boxes, pick up trash and trail camera set-up.

The FCC has a list of memberø phone numbers and email addresses and Paul asked the FAC to do the same. Paul brought up the issue of email correspondence for all board members in

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relation to using a private email for board/committee business. He recommended all members set up a special email account strictly for board/committee business. Janet asked if all emails could come from the town offices. Paul will check into this option.

Permit Applications

Justin Brooks had an application for a permit to bait wildlife in the Town Forest. The FAC approved this permit. The Stewardship Plan allows for baiting and trapping in the Town Forest. A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to approve the permit from Justin Brooks for baiting wildlife in the Town Forest. All were in favor.

Rob Hatch had a permit for trapping beaver and other wildlife in the town forest. The permit runs from October 31, 2017 through April 10, 2018. The FAC approve this permit. A discussion followed about public safety during trapping season and the posting of signage. Topics discussed were Town Forest Easement, where traps can be placed, and the walking of domestic dog off leash. Paul wanted to continue this permit application until next month in order to get clarification on issues. Rob said if that happened his attorney would be contacted. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by John, to approve the permit from Rob Hatch for trapping beaver and other wildlife in the town forest. Four members were for the motion and two members were against the motion. The motion carried.

At 7:45pm Sarah left the meeting.

Invoices

Company: Keach, Nordstrom Assoc. Inc.

Amount: \$2,103.73

Re: Professional services between May 1, 2017 and May 29, 2017 for Westward Shores.

A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to approve the invoice from Keach, Nordstrom & Assoc. for the amount of \$2,103.73. All were in favor.

Company: Donahue, Tucker, & Ciandella

Amount: \$1,942.50

Re: Westward Shores

A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to approve the Invoice from attorneyø Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella for \$1,942.50. All were in favor.

Company: BH Keith

Amount: \$375.00

Re: Town Forest Site Inspection

A motion was made by John, second4ed by Alice, to approve the invoice from BH Keith for the amount of \$375.00. All were in favor.

Such Business as Properly Presented to the Commission

A permit for a horseback ride in the Town Forest to benefit the Laura Foundation. A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to approve the permit for a horseback ride in the Town Forest

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to benefit the Laura Foundation with the condition a certificate of insurance is received. All were in favor.

Greg Bossart submitted a letter of resignation as an alternate member of the FCC. A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to accept the resignation letter from Greg Bossart. All were in favor.

Rules of Procedure were passed out. All members were asked to review and comment back to Paul by July 5, 2017.

The Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan was passed out and all members were asked to comment back to Paul by July 5, 2017.

Septic Review Subcommittee Update

The committee is receiving updated records and these are being added.

Public Comment

Mark McConkey came before the board with a request for a perched beach. He gave background information on the project stating it was originally submitted as plantings on a slope and perched beach request. He was told the perched beach request was a separate issue and was given a list of plantings to be planted on the slope. The plantings have since died but the slope is stable. The original application has been closed. He is requesting to stake out the perched beach area and invite all FCC members to come and take a site visit thereby asking the board to move forward with the perched beach permit. This will be on the agenda for next month.

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by John, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.