

Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
May 2, 2018

Members Present: Ron Newbury, Janet Meyers, Chuck Dephew, Kevin Connerton(A), John Roman(A), Jeffery Towle Planning Board Rep, Ernie Day Selectman Rep

Members Absent: Dave Charrette

Others Present: None

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Ron Newbury presiding. The minutes from the April 17th joint meeting with the FCC were reviewed as the first order of business.

Minutes

A motion was made by Jen, seconded by Ernie to accept the minutes as written for April 17,2018. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

None

Select date for spring cleanup and identify tasks and responsibilities

Ron handed out financial reports for board members to review.

Ron informed the board he has spoken to Barry (town forester) to see when he will do the spring walk through. Barry thought it was still too muddy to drive through, but Ron hopes to know when he will do the walk through before the spring cleanup date.

Saturday May 19th at 8:00 a.m. is the date agreed on to do the spring cleanup. Sunday will be a rain date. Items to be spruced up are listed below:

- Two yellow totem pole gates off Jackman Ridge Rd. need to be painted. Ron has left over yellow paint. Ron asked people to bring a wire brush's, rags and scrapers.
- The roof on the Kiosk need to be scraped and painted and a few shingles replaced. Ron has the plexiglass and strapping to hold it in place.

Jeffery Towle entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Ron welcomed Jeffery to the FAC and introduced him to everyone and discussion continued around the clean-up task.

- Ron has fine brushes and suggested that folks bring utility knife or cutters. There is the possibility of some college kids helping with the cleanup. They may be doing some trimming or picking up trash. Peter Park has expressed interest and Ron has tried to call him to ask him about providing bags.

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- Signage at Trout Pond, Ron will contact David Charette to see if he can be available to paint the sign. If the road is good some of the area needs to be filled in with gravel.

Ron asked for volunteers for the Kiosk. John said he will do what ever needs to be done. Jen volunteered for the Kiosk. Ron will dispose of the stuff that needs to be disposed.

Kevin asked about identifying the trees that are surviving that need to be marked or flagged for protection. Depending on what Barry identifies for cleaning if there are enough people, culverts may need to be cleaned out. Keven said some of the early trees didn't make it. Jen said she has a role of chicken wire she can donate for the trees that need to be protected. Kevin volunteered to identify the trees and put chicken wire around them if it's needed. Jen volunteered to paint the signs, Ron will do the plexiglass and kiosk and John will paint the totem poles.

Ernie reported that Josh Shackford came before the Board of Selectman on behalf of the Madison Board of Selectman to discuss using a road in the Town Forrest to get to an area where they want to do some cutting (located in the upper part of the forest by the pond). Ernie said they may be on the FAC agenda for the next meeting and suggested having Barry present for the meeting. Ron will inform Barry of the request from Madison BOS to use the Town Forrest Rd. when they do the spring walk through. Ernie will inform Josh that he needs to get on the agenda with the FAC.

John asked Ron for his Skehan invoices.

Meeting ended with wildlife sightings and Ron asked if anyone would like to serve as Vice Chair. No one currently wants to serve as Vice Chair. Ernie reported they have a new member on the FCC. The procedure for alternates and if there should be something in place for rotating them was briefly discussed.

A motion was made by Jen, seconded by Ernie to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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