

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 21, 2018

7:00p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall

FCC Members Present: Cheryl Harris, JP Mcvitty, Paul Elie, Sue Hoople(A), Sarah Tabor, Frank Lalumiere (A), David Straw

FCC Members Absent: Alice Custard

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Ernie Day, Bob Reynolds

Quorum: A quorum was met

With a quorum having been declared the meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with Paul Elie as Chairmen presiding. Paul welcomed David Straw the newest member of the board. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed next.

Minutes

A motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by Frank to accept the April 17,2018 and May 1,2018 meeting minutes with the following amendment to the May 1, 2018 Special Meeting:

Attach the memorandum that Cheryl sent to DES with the concerns raised at the May 1, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

Paul commented that the perch beach application is on the ZBA agenda for June 26th meeting. Cheryl suggested providing a copy of the memorandum that went to DES with the boards concerns and the minutes of the May 1, 2018 special meeting to the ZBA. All agreed.

The recording secretary was asked to forward the minutes and the memorandum to Chairmen Scott Lees.

Elect FCC Officers

Ernie Day addressed the Board briefly, asking them to elect a Chairman, Vice Chair and a Representative to the FAC.

A motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by JP Mcvitty to elect Paul Elie as Chairman. Discussion: Paul expressed his concern in accepting the position and asked if anyone would be interested in chairing the Commission till March or April. There being no one interested in taking the position, Paul accepted the Chair position. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Sara to elect Cheryl Harris as Vice Chairman. Motion passed.

David Straw made a motion seconded by Sara to make David Straw FCC representative to the FAC. Motion passed.

Sign Updated FCC Rules of Procedure

Paul handed out the updated Conservation Commission By-Laws and Rules of Procedure and asked if there was any discussion. Frank asked if the Commission has readily available chapter 36-A. Paul responded it is an RSA and explained the powers of the Commission are very limited. The Commission can advise the selectman and other commission or boards. Frank asked if the Commission participated in writing the Ossipee Lake Water Shed Management Plan. Paul explained it was done by a contractor

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and explained Phase 1 and Phase 2 and what came out of the study and how the Commission monitors the water quality of the lake.

There was a brief discussion on if the Commission sees an opportunity to make recommendations to the ZBA or Planning Board, they can do that.

Cheryl commented that Ron Newbury would like a copy of the By-laws and Rules of Procedure once they are signed.

Cheryl made a motion, seconded by JP to accept and sign the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure as presented tonight. Motion passed.

Frank suggested that on page 3 under Article V- Duties. Section 2 the word researches should be singular and under section 3 the word subdivisions be singular as well.

Cheryl amended her motion to make the changes.

The signature page was signed by all Conservation Commission members.

Public Comment

To address Bob Reynolds application **A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Cheryl to do Public Comment next. Motion passed.**

Bob Reynolds came before the board to have his application for a permit reviewed and signed to replace his dock that was damaged by ice this past winter. After a brief discussion around when the original dock was put in and what needs to be done to replace the concrete base, **Paul made a motion, seconded by David to sign the copies and to have the applications expedited to DES. Motion passed.**

Bob said he has to take the applications to Libby to have her sign them, he said he will then overnight them to Concord.

Discuss 2018 FCC Goals and Objectives

Paul opened up the discussion on goals and objectives, he stated he had water quality management as his first priority and it is still in the top two, but the acquisition of land is also a priority. He went on to explain the Town has an opportunity to purchase a vista at the top of Cushing Corner Hill. The owners have brought it to his attention that they would be willing to put the land into conservation. There are grant funds and different types of funds available based on scenic vistas. The Conservation Commission has money available as well to fund such a purpose. Paul also explained there are organizations as well that will handle the paper work. Cheryl responded that when Chapter 3 of the Master Plan was revised there was a recommendation to conserve our natural vistas in Freedom because it is considered a natural resource.

JP commented he was not in favor of buying land, the town has land now in conservation easement and it not being maintained the way it should be. Discussion ensued current land that is in conservation not being maintained and around putting land into conservation vs building on it. Cheryl suggested maybe one of the goals should be to come up with criteria if someone decides to put their land in conservation. It was also suggested to look at all the land in conservation to see if it is being maintained the way it should be. Discussion ensued.

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The following was discussed as being goals for 2018:

- Water Quality
- Land Acquisition
- Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Ossipee Lake Management Plan
 - Public education about what the Ossipee Lake Management Plan is.
 - Doing an outreach with other conservation commissions from Ossipee and Effingham to discuss what is being done to protect the water.
- Collaboration with local communities.

Cheryl suggested that board members have a copy of Chapter 3 of the Master Plan.

Review Sub Committee Categories

Paul explained to Dave the board members each took a topic and researched it and the information is compiled in a book Paul refers to as a reference manual. The book contains information on regulations around various topics such as Timber Harvesting, Ground Water, Perch Beach and Intent to Cuts. The book also contains phone numbers for DES and New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Misc.

Intent to cuts for Katherine Watts were reviewed next.

A letter from DES stating they will start working on the new dam some time this summer was passed around and reviewed.

Permit by notification for 57 Packard Drive was handed out for information only.

Jim McElroy is still looking for a lake host.

Paul informed the board DES suggested that application for dredging or fill on or near the wetlands have a 40-day automatic hold on them, so nothing falls through the cracks.

Green Mountain has come up with a Committee called the Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Council and they are looking for people who sit on planning boards in the seven towns that sit on the aquifer to exchange information of what they are doing to protect the aquifer.

Invoices

There were no invoices.

There being no other business to come before the board, **Sue made a motion, seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc,
Recording Secretary

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