

Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
July 11, 2018

Members Present: Ron Newbury, Janet Meyers, Chuck Dephew, Kevin Connerton(A), Ernie Day
 Selectman Rep, Dave Charrette

Members Absent: John Roman (A), Jeffery Towle Planning Board Rep,

Others Present: Tim Nolan Madison Forester

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Ron Newbury presiding. The minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed as the first order of business.

Minutes

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Ron to accept the minutes with the following amendments: page 1 under Josh Shackford on behalf of Madison Select board change Forrester to Forester. Change *And* to *an*, under the same heading first paragraph 4th sentence change *and* to *an*. Second page top of the page Shaw Town should be one word. In the same paragraph last sentence before the bullets remove the word *the* before Freedoms interest. Motion passed.

Discuss gate next to Mary's Mountain kiosk

Ron reported Josh Shackford stated that the Town of Madison would like to put a gate up on their end to help control traffic that is coming out onto Goe Hill Road and the extension of our Shawtown Rd. and they have offered to pay for a high-end gate to be installed by Mary Mountains Kiosk, they are willing to pay for the install as well. Estimated cost is \$3,000.

Discussion ensued around the pro and cons of putting in the gate. Dave expressed his concern for the hunters that want to use the road and feels it may upset a lot of people. Tim Nolan was in the public and commented that the way he understood it the gate would be put up by the last house on Goe Hill Rd. coming in from the North.

Discussion ensued around there not having been a problem on Freedoms end and not having any reason to put up a gate.

It was decided after a brief discussion to not decide at this time to put up a gate due to wanting to maximize the traditional access as much as possible until it is deemed to be a problem.

Janet made a motion, seconded by Ron to not put a gate in at this time on Shawtown Road going past Mary's Mountain. Motion passed.

Madison Timber Harvest

Ron handed out a hand out on what Barry Keith's thoughts are regarding Madison wanting to use a road through the Town Forest to access their property to harvest some timber. Tim Nolan

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also handed out his formal proposal for doing the project. There was also a proposal from Net Zero.

Ron commented most of the water bars are not functioning to proper capacity, Dave responded most of them are not in the right spot. Tim noted a spot where one would need to be added.

Scott Brooks was consulted, and he stated as long as the road was dry, he thought the road could handle the logging operation.

Part of the proposal that is a benefit to Freedom is the proposed mowing that will be done prior to the logging operation using an excavator mounted brontosaurus mower to mow the entire length of Trout Pond Road. (see attached proposal). The difference between using a mower deck vs a brontosaurus was discussed.

Ernie commented that Freedom's own road crew can do the road repairs and asked if it is worth going through the logging operation to get the road fixed. He suggested consulting with Barry Keith about the proposal. The brontosaurus has to be factored in as well.

Ernie clarified this is not a hardship for Madison if they don't go through Freedom, it makes it less expensive for them, but it is not a hardship, they can go another way. Tim confirmed they can.

The project will now take place next year so no decision needs to be made tonight.

Tim will email Ron a copy of the proposal letter and the map.

Tim left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Culvert Cleaning & brush clearing

Cleaning the culverts and brush was briefly discussed.

Town Forest maps

Ron informed the board the cost for the Town Forest maps would be 1000 maps for \$260.00. Dave suggested, because Danforth does so much printing to find out who they use. Ron agreed and will contact them to inquire who they use for printing.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

Invoice for B.H. Keith Associates- \$687.50

Invoice # 01-3469 Dated 6/25/2018

Period January 1-June 25, 2018

Spring Inspection, review Hurd Road, review and meeting regarding Madison logging access and project coordination.

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**Janet made a motion, seconded by Ron to pay B.H. Keith Associates invoice for \$687.50.
Motion passed.**

Ernie will take the invoice to the Town Office to be paid.

Dave updated the board regarding some trash left in the forest by some kids using fireworks.

There being no other business to come before the board **Janet made a motion, seconded by Ernie to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary