

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 19, 2019

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

FCC Members Present: Chairmen Paul Elie, Vice Chair Cheryl Harris, FCC Rep. to the FAC David Straw, Alice Custard, Sarah Tabor

FCC Members Absent: Sue Hoople(A), Frank Lalumiere

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Allen Fall

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. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed next.

Minutes

The second page of the February meeting was missing from the packet.

A motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by Sarah to review the February meeting minutes when they can be reviewed in their entirety; Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Invoices

Barry Keith's invoices were discussed. Paul reported to the board he attended the FAC meeting at the beginning of the month and the FAC voted to approve both of Barry's invoices for payment. One was for the actual work done on the Stewardship Plan, and the other invoice is for the additional work to supplement the Stewardship Plan. Cheryl asked if anyone has seen the Stewardship Plan. Paul had copies on hand. Paul asked the board if they were ready to vote to approve the invoices or did, they need more time to read it.

Sarah made a motion to pay both invoices for the work Barry had done on the Stewardship Plan; Motion was not seconded.

Cheryl made an amendment to Sarah's motion adding that payment would be made upon receipt of the final edited version of the reports.

Sarah withdrew her motion.

Discussion ensued around whether or not to pay the invoices before having a final edited version. Paul asked Cheryl if she wanted to make another motion.

Cheryl made a motion that FCC pay Barry upon submission of a completely edited version of the Stewardship Plan and the Wildlife Management Supplement; seconded by Alice Discussion: David voiced his concern that the direction has changed from the FAC approving to pay Barry, now to FCC voting not to pay until everything is finished. Paul reiterated the plan is done and the work that is left will not take much time. Cheryl supports all of the work being completed before being paid. **Motion passed: 4-1-0.**

Minutes

The recording secretary had a complete copy of the minutes. Minutes were passed around to be voted on later in the meeting.

Allen Fall

Allen came before the FCC board to get a signature on the wetlands application for Danforth Bay. The funding is in place till June 1, 2020, which would pay 80% of the cost and the bidding process will start this fall. Allen reviewed the plan

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with the board with the aid of a map and explained the process. Cheryl expressed concern around the intersection needing lights and people coming out of East Danforth not being able to see when pulling out. Allen explained by signing the wetlands application it will expedite the application.

Paul made a motion seconded by Alice to sign the NH DES Wetlands Permit Application for Ossipee Lake Rd. Bridge #1151074 over Danforth Bay outlet prepared by HB Engineers as described; Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Elie signed all copies of the wetland application.

Allen left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Paul stated that if anyone while reading the Stewardship Plan has any corrections to let him know he will compile notes and get them to Barry. The joint meeting with the FAC will be next month.

Nothing has changed with the Pine Barren burn that the Nature Conservancy is proposing. Rob Cunio and Cubby Brooks support the burn, and the Nature Conservancy has picked up the cost for the two documents. Barry and the Selectmen both support the burn as well.

Selectmen have not gotten any feedback on the Proposed Madison logging project yet.

Paul updated the board on the GMCG "Get Wet" Drinking Water Testing program. Students in Effingham have brought water from home to be tested. They test for the six parameters. Paul has reached out to Nancy Griffin she is the Chair for Old Home Week committee, and she said they still have to vote if they want to offer "Get Wet" drinking water testing program during old home week.

The Watershed News regarding PFAS (perfluoroalkyl substances) detected in monitoring wells in Effingham and Tamworth was briefly discussed. Paul suggested combining PFAS testing with water testing when it is offered to the town. Discussion ensued.

Paul approached the selectmen about town wide solar. They suggested waiting till after town meeting to see if the Solar Ordinance passed. The ordinance passed so he will approach them again.

DES shoreland Impact Permit was discussed for Charlotte McKinnon and Herbert Whittemore, Cheryl commented that it was approved with no more than 17.4% of the area be covered with impervious surfaces. Freedom just passed an ordinance that stated no more than 15 %. Paul responded if it's greater than 15% then other emergency storm water management systems kick in. Cheryl commented tonight's minutes should reflect in every case reviewed the State approved the application with greater than 15% impervious surfaces.

A parcel of land (67 acres) that will be put into conservation on Rt. 153 was reviewed and discussed. The conservation list will need to be updated.

Cheryl commented that Barry's 2019 contract should reflect whatever he has laid out in the Stewardship Plan and make sure that we get detailed invoices reflecting the work done.

Cheryl announced this would be her last meeting and that her neighbor may be interested in joining the board.

Joint meeting with the FCC and FAC will be next April 16th.

Cheryl will attend the Green Mountain for Aquifer Advisory Committee next Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Sarah made a motion, seconded by Cheryl to accept February 19, 2019, with the following amendment: Change Ford to Foord. Motion passed.

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There being no other business to come before the board **Sarah made a motion, seconded by Cheryl to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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