

Freedom Conservation Commission

21 January 2020

Minutes

FCC Members Present:

Chairman Paul Elie, Vice Chair Alice Custard, FCC Rep to FAC David Straw, Matthew Tyler, Justin Brooks, Sue Hoople

Members Absent:

Frank Lalumiere

Quorum Check & Call to Order:

A quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes:

The 17 December 2019 minute were reviewed and unanimously approved (6 yes – 0 no) with the following changes:

- ✓ Pg. 1 Line 19 – change “Sandwich Climate Coalition” to “Sandwich Climate Crisis Coalition”
- ✓ Pg. 1 Line 26 – change “Maintenance line” to “Maintenance account”
- ✓ Pg. 2 Line 4 from bottom – change “board” to “Commission”

Invoices:

None

Applications:

None

FAC Updates:

The two draft 2020 warrant articles approved by FAC for 1) the forester (\$3,000.00) and 2) town forest maintenance (\$3,000.00) were reviewed, discussed, and unanimously approved by FCC on vote of 6 yes / 0 no. Warrant articles will be forwarded to Town Administrator for legal review and Selectmen approval.

FCC 2019 Annual Report:

The draft report was reviewed, discussed, and unanimously approved as written by FCC on vote of 6 yes / 0 no. Report will be forwarded to Town Administrator for review and appropriate action.

FCC 2020 Goals:

- ✓ Conduct informational environmental presentations
- ✓ Work with GMCG implementing identified Best Management Practice locations
- ✓ Prepare for 2021 Ossipee Pine Barren burn

Sandwich Climate Crisis Coalition:

Paul attended a meeting of the Sandwich Climate Crisis Coalition on 15 Jan 2020. The Coalition briefly talked about their recycling efforts. This group is just getting started, developing a website, and reaching out to neighboring towns to address climate change issues, including recycling. The FCC is reviewing a plethora of information provided by Coalition sub-committees / members. FCC members and community residents plan to attend the discussion titled “Regional Collaboration to Manage Solid Waste” scheduled for 6 February 2020, 9:00 - 11:30 am at the Meredith Community Center and hosted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. This discussion is open to the public. A reservation can be made by calling Paige Wilson at (603) 279-5342 or paige.wilson@lakesrpc.org.

Correspondence & Information:

- ✓ GMCG staff will attend the 18 Feb FCC meeting to introduce the new Director Matt Howe, discuss water quality issues, talk about educational initiatives, and the status of the identified Best Management Practices (BMP's) work sites.
- ✓ FCC / FAC / Town Forester / TNC will schedule Ossipee Pine Barren meeting within next three months
- ✓ It was decided to compile a list of approved water testing companies for inclusion in the FCC Turnover Book.
- ✓ NHMA Recycling Webinar is scheduled for 29 Jan 2020 12:00-1:00 pm. Instructions to log into the webinar can be found on the NHDES website.
- ✓ Beginning next month, Melissa Donaldson will be the new FCC recording secretary.
- ✓ Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 29 January 2020, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, at the Heron House, Green Mountain Conservation Group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Elie
Chair, FCC