

**FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
33 Old Portland Road – PO Box 227
Freedom, NH 03836**

**16 June 2020
7:00 pm**

FCC & FAC Annual Joint Meeting

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Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

NH State Proclamation

Quorum Check, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes – Six members of the FCC are present: Paul Elie, Sue Hoople, Justin Brooks, Alice Custard, Robert Oram and Jeff Nicoll . Four members of the FAC are present – John Roman, Ron Newbury, David Straw and Ernie Day. Quorums of both Boards are present. The proclamation was read.

Jeff Nicoll is welcomed as Vice Chair of the FCC, as well as Robert Oram as an alternate.

Election of Officers – FCC elections were held two months ago.

John Roman will be continuing as Chairman of the FAC. Ernie made a motion to this effect, Ron seconded. Roll call:

Ernie Day – yes

John Roman – yes

David Straw – yes

Ron Newbury - yes

Ernie Day made a motion to elect Janet Meyers as Vice Chairman, Ron seconded. Roll call:

Ernie Day – yes

John Roman – yes

David Straw – yes

Ron Newbury - yes

Business Properly Presented to the Commission – minutes from the FCC 4-21-20. Alice made a motion to approve, David seconded.

Roll Call:

Paul Elie – yes

Sue Hoople – yes

Jeff Nicoll – yes
Robert Oram – yes
Justin Brooks – yes
Alice Custard - yes

Five members were sworn in as members of the FCC.

Approve Invoices – three this month, from Barry, Town Forester.

2/26 \$175.00
2/27 – 3/23 \$275
Spring inspection - \$872.50
Total \$1232.50

Alice made a motion to approve, Sue seconded.

Roll call:

Paul Elie – yes
Sue Hoople – yes
Jeff Nicoll – yes
Robert Oram – yes
Justin Brooks – yes
Alice Custard - yes

Ossipee Pine Barren Burn 2021 – we were supposed to meet with the forester and Nature Conservancy last month. We will meet with them over the summer.

Dredging Suggestion – a citizen suggested dredging the small stream that goes from the Marina into Danforth Bay, and tie it into the bridge project. Paul spoke with DES and GMCC about this. It will be very expensive and is not likely to get approved by DES. Reasons for that are milfoil and bacteria blooms. Jeff asked what the reason for wanting to have it dredged was. Supposedly there are trees, branches and stumps that make navigation very difficult. It is also very shallow. This discussion should be brought to the owner of the marina, and should wait until after the construction is done.

Review Rules of Procedure – These were updated in 2018. No changes are suggested at this time.

Recycling Update – Cubby (Justin) reports that there is nothing new at this time. Totem Pole has shut down their recycling. NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) presented a lot of information last year. Webinars are still being offered. They are being offered tomorrow and Friday. There will be additional webinars throughout the summer. The Town of Freedom is a member of this group. There is a \$25 per person fee for the webinars. The Rules of Procedure indicate that we should be attending some sort of training each year. There is money in the budget for training. Jeff Nicoll is interested. He has been doing research into this issue. He feels that there are a lot of options available, and that looking at some of the current numbers should be reviewed. Recycling is 16% of our haul offs. A cost reduction would be in solid waste/construction. Cubby feels that the trends will continue to show that we are up. He feels that stopping recycling at this time would be premature. Pay as you throw models are mentioned. Justin indicated that other towns have discontinued their recycling programs. Ossipee is recycling paper, plastic, cardboard and tin cans. 30% of total waste as recycled is the ideal number. We are at 16%. Contamination was the largest driver in costs. Our contamination numbers are good. 2024 will mark a significant shortage of landfill space in our state. Rising costs are expected at that time. There will be legislation to curb the amount of food waste as well. 14-18% by weight is food waste.

\$105,000 was spent in 2019 to haul waste. Paul spoke about attending the webinars. He would like to make a motion for the FCC to spend up to \$300 to spend on educational pursuits. Alice seconded the motion.

Robert spoke about the campground and their recycling program – he feels that we should walk gingerly on that topic. Paul is a member of the campground and knows that they are not recycling. Everything is going into the trash. Waste Management is their hauler. The trash is dumped on a conveyor and sorted out. They are practicing single stream. He also mentioned that the staff at Waste Management are not police. Conway has 7 or 8 full time workers. Ossipee has three people. Concerning salaries, if you can't educate then you have to police.

Roll call:

Paul Elie – yes

Sue Hoople – yes

Jeff Nicoll – yes

Robert Oram – yes

Justin Brooks – yes

Alice Custard - yes

Paul suggests that Jeff and Cubby get together and run some ballpark numbers.

Hazmat – Ossipee backed out as being the host. They are trying to get it in place to do it at Wolfeboro.

No date is available at this time. TBD

Casella's visit was delayed due to Covid. Keep this in mind for a later date.

Education and buy in will determine the success of the recycling program.

Matt Tyler joined at 7:55 pm. Ron departed.

Correspondence / Information – there is one application that was submitted to the ZBA. This is in regards to a deck that would be 47' from the shoreline. The grade from the porch to the water is brought to the Chair's attention. Also look at the size of the roof. The impervious roof runoff will go right into the lake. It is suggested that they should consider water bars and infiltration trenches. Jeff spoke about the surface area of the deck increasing as well.

Werner on 151 Haverhill Street received an approval from DES subject to 15 conditions.

There was an application to establish a light garage on Old Portland Road. This was denied.

May 27 the Ossipee Aquifer Committee had a Zoom conference regarding Pine Tree Power and their proposed retaining ponds that were denied.

Green Mountain Conservation Group held a meeting regarding BMPs. They will be seeking information from the Towns about drywalls, plantings, rock walls etc. They will be looking for volunteers.

There was a webinar on June 10 about the Saco River stream crossing project. They are looking at all the culverts and bridges in the State. Freedom area is not done yet.

Robert Oram - for Alice: there was a power point presentation a while back from the Green Mountain Board. Is it possible to find out what is coming into and going out of Loon Lake? Jillian is trying to get Loon Lake into the VLAP program.

The Planning Board is going back to face to face meetings. There is widespread support for returning to in person meetings from this meeting's participants.

Public Comment

Adjournment: Sue made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm, Alice seconded.

Roll call:

Paul Elie – yes

Sue Hoople – yes

Jeff Nicoll – yes

Robert Oram – yes

Justin Brooks – yes

Alice Custard – yes

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary