

Forest Advisory Committee
November 5, 2014

Members Present: Janet Johnson, Neal Boyle, Ron Newbury, Dave Charrette, Rob Hatch

Members Absent: Chuck Depew, Janet Meyers

Others Present: Dianne Park, Justin Brooks, Paul Elie, Dave Connerton

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Ron started the meeting while Rob returned home to get paperwork.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dave, seconded by Janet, to approve the minutes from October 1, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

The Plan is still circulating through the Conservation Committee.

Other Business

Dave gave background on an event for the Laura Foundation that was held in the town forest without a permit. The problems with this are the key to unlock the gates has not been returned and signs for the event are still up in the forest. The FCC addressed this issue at last month's meeting and Dave will bring a blank permit application and draft instructions to be followed in obtaining a permit. The group decided that the trigger for needing a permit is if the event is to be advertised.

Fishing Derby

Neal had questions with holding the derby in the forest.

- How would the children get to the pond?
- Electric power is needed to compute results.
- Ticks

Neal also stated that some issues with the land owner in town have been resolved.

Mary's mountain trail has been better marked.

2015 Budget Review

Rob passed out copies of the -Freedom Town forest: 2015 Proposed Budget Request from Barry. The board discussed all issues.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Ron, to approve \$6,000 for Forester Administration/Management. All were in favor. This amount is the same as 2014.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

The prescribed burn of \$10,000 was discussed. Points discussed were:

- Money from the 2014 timber cut has been set aside for this project.
- The Freedom Fire Department is donating their time by using the project as a training exercise.
- How much will Dred Protocol cost?
- Does the town forest burn need to follow DRED Protocol?
- Information needed from new ranger.

There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Janet, to table this subject for a future meeting.

The board discussed the Stewardship Plan Rewrite of \$12,000 and decided to table the rest of the discussion on the budget for a future meeting with BH Keith. More information is required.

Jackman Ridge Road Work

Rob has been trying to contact Ambrose Brothers with no success. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Rob, to send a certified letter to Ambrose asking if they are going to complete the project. If nothing is heard from them within 72 hours the board will assume they are not interested and present the bid to the second bidder. All were in favor.

Invoices

Company - BH Keith

Date of November 5, 2014

Invoice Number of 01-3146

Re: Activity Period August 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014

Forest Administration

BH Keith, Principal, 8.5 hrs. @ \$50/hr. \$425.00

RGerard, Forester, 4.0 hrs. @ \$40/hr. \$160.00

Total: \$585.00

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Janet, to approve invoice number 01-3146 from BH Keith for \$585.00. All were in favor.

Dave asked permission, for the Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS), to go to DRED, for access of 300 yds. of town forest land to extend an existing snowmobile trail to Traditions Restaurant. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Janet, granting SOS permission to go to DRED asking permission to extend an existing snowmobile trail to Traditions Restaurant. All were in favor.

Dave gave background information on damage to the airstrip. On October 11, 2014, ATV's accessed the town forest and created a lot of damage on the airstrip. Fish and Game sited all parties involved. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Dave, to pursue all parties involved for restitution. All were in favor.

Bronto Work has been completed but according to Dave and Janet a lot of damage was caused and not cleared. Rob will be in touch with the bronto company asking them to come back and clean up all damage.

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Dave asked permission for SOS to add a gate on Old Stagecoach Rd. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Janet, granting SOS permission to add a gate on Old Stagecoach Rd. All were in favor.

The annual meeting with DRED will be on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 9:00am in Barry's office. Janet and Ron will try and attend.

There was a motion by Ron, seconded by Janet, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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