

Freedom Conservation Commission
January 15, 2013

Members Present: Jim McElroy, Bill Elliott, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople, Rob Hatch
Others Present: Audra Klumb, President A&D Klumb Environmental, LLC
Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Sue to approve the minutes from December 18, 2012 as written. All were in favor.

Financial Update

BH Keith

Date: 12/31/12

Inv #: 01-2980

Amount: \$857.50

Billing Period: November 1, 2012 ó December 31, 2012

For Forest Administration & Management Services (hourly time sheet was attached)

BH Keith, Principal, 11.0hrs. @ \$50/hr. \$550.00

R. Gerard, Chief Forester, 7.5 hrs. @ \$40/hr. \$300.00

Materials, 3 rolls surveyor flagging @ \$2.50/roll \$7.50

Total \$857.50

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice to approve Invoice #01-2980 from BH Keith for \$857.50. All were in favor.

FAC – Rob Hatch

Scrub Oak Scrambler (SOS) sent a request for use of the Town Forest for their Winter Carnival on February 16, 2013, to the FAC Meeting in October. This request was approved but the scramblers have not received their event permit. There was some confusion as to the next step in the permit process. Rob & Jim both signed the approval and will forward to appropriate people.

Scrub Oak Scramblers also submitted a letter to DRED to amend a trail off of route 153. Dave Charrette created a new trail map showing the new trail. DRED denied the request stating that the request must come from the town Selectmen. Freedom Selectmen have given SOS a letter of approval. A new application letter must be sent to DRED along with an updated trail map, the selectmen letter of approval, and a written amendment to update the Stewardship Plan. This is ongoing between SOS, Rob Hatch and Barry Keith. Both the new trail map and the written amendment have been approved by the FAC & FCC.

A Gate Ahead sign will be installed in the town forest by SOS. Surveyors are still in the forest surveying all boundary lines and 2013 logging will start next week.

FAISC Report – Jim McElroy

A Grant Agreement has been submitted to NHDES for 2013 state funding. Funding will be for Herbicide Treatments & Diver Assisted Harvesting.

Intent to Cut Applications

All intent to cut applications were reviewed with no comment.

ZBA Case# 35-09-13 Linda Salafia Warner ó Applicant seeks special exception under Article 3 Section 304.6.5.2: Cut and cleared trees within 75ø of the reference line in the Shoreland District.

The Board went over all maps and applications and recommended leaving stumps in place per the requirements of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Copies of the Easement Monitoring Inspection Report were given to all members.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice to approve the 2013 Service Agreement for BH Keith. All were in favor.

Cell Tower Wetlands

Audra Klumb, from A&D Environmental, LLC was present to go over the wetland management for the cell tower site. North Atlantic Tower (NAT) is asking for an -after-the-factø wetlands permit. Audra explained what previously happened on the site and what her future recommendations are for correction of water problems. Instead of installing the road around the wetlands it was installed through them. Her recommendation is to leave everything as is because more damage would be created moving the road. All board members discussed their feelings of project. Jim will discuss with Oram to see if the FCC wants to make a statement on the application. The FCC has 75 days for submitting comments to the state. Audra asked to be ccød on all correspondence with the State on this subject.

Round Table

Alice informed the board that the Green Mountain Conservation Group Newsletter deadline is March 10, 2013.

Dianne stated that Wendy Scribner, from UNH Cooperative, attended the last Freedom Community Club meeting and talked about Forest Management for personal property acres. Wendyø presentation was very well received and informative.

The Annual Report is due Friday and Rob will submit information from FAC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.