

**Freedom Conservation Commission**  
**December 17, 2013**

**Members Present:** Jim McElroy, RA Oram, Mike Gaudette, Bill Elliott, Greg Bossart, Alice Custard, Rob Hatch, John Roman (alternate)

**Members Absent:** Sue Hoople (alternate)

**Others Present:** None

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

**Minutes**

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes from November 19, 2013 as written. All were in favor.

**Financial Update – Jim McElroy**

Jim passed out an updated financial report and explained all sections. Attached was a letter from Camp Huckins with a donation to the town of \$2,150.00. The letter explained how they wanted the money to be used:

\$500 ó Police Department

\$500 ó Fire Department

\$250 ó Highway Department

\$300 ó Recreation Department

\$500 ó Town Forest/Trout Pond (trail maintenance)

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Alice, to send a letter to the Selectmen suggesting they project our thanks to Camp Huckins for their donation. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to accept the Financial Report. All were in favor.

Jim asked the board if they know of any outstanding Invoices; they must be dated 12/31/13 or before and received by 1/13/14 in order to receive payment.

**Approval of Invoices**

B.H. Keith

Date - 12/2/13

Invoice # - 01-3075

Work Period ó 11/1/13 ó 11/30/13

Re: Pine Barrens Prescribed Burn Site Planning and Inspections

R. Gerard, Chief Forester, 7.0 hrs. at \$40/hr.

Total 280.00

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, to approve invoice # 01-3075 for \$280.00. All were in favor.

**FAC Report – Rob Hatch**

- FAC is working on scheduling a late winter work shop to schedule bird watch criteria.
- The 28 acre cut at Pequawket Gate has been completed.
- The Board of Selectmen asked the FAC to solicit bids for anything over \$1,000 as well as the town forester and get an endorsement from DES.
- Rob read a letter from DES stating they do not send endorsements but they are satisfied with work the present town forester is doing.
- New grant money is available to offset the work needed on the Jackman Trail. Rob will send information to Barry so he can pursue.
- Future projections for the Town Forest Maintenance Account make it viable through 2028. In 2014/2015 there will be cuts then go to a 5 year cut program which will reduce the budget by \$2,500 in the years with no cuts.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Alice, to accept the FAC Report. All were in favor.

**FAISC Report – Jim McElroy**

An updated FAISC Report was passed out and explained. Four (4) quotes have been received for 2014 DASH & Herbicide Treatments. Jim should find out by the next meeting if any grant money is awarded to Freedom.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to accept the FAISC Report. All were in favor.

**Ratify 2014 Budget Vote**

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Rob, to accept a figure of \$20,950.00 and present this to the BOS for 2014 Budget. With a show of hands all 7 members were in favor.

**Case#42-8-3-12 Linda Habif (35 Old West Ossipee Rd.)** ó Applicant seeks a special exception under Article 3 Section 304.6.3.1 and variance under Article 3 Section 304.5: To place rip rap along shoreline, install 48øretaining wall to develop a perched beach within the setback and erosion control. Original board concerns were:

- What are they using on the retaining wall?
- Will it provide drainage for high water?

An updated plan was submitted and after brief discussion all questions were answered.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, to accept case #42-8-3-12. All were in favor.

**Permit by Notification**

Map 29, Lot 30 ó John F. Femino

Replace foundation of boat house in-kind and in-place. The board found no concerns with this case. There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Alice, to accept this application as written. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.