

Freedom Conservation Commission
January 21, 2014

Members Present: Jim McElroy, RA Oram, Alice Custard, Bill Elliott, John Roman (alternate)

Members Absent: RA Hatch, Mike Gaudette, Greg Bossart, Sue Hoople (alternate)

Others Present: Dave Charrette

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

There was a motion by Oram, seconded by Alice, to move John up to a full member for this meeting. All were in favor.

Dave Charrette, of Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS), was present asking for approval to use the town forest for their winter carnival. There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Oram, to approve the use of the town forest by the SOS for their winter carnival. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Alice, to approve the minutes from December 17, 2013 as written. All were in favor.

Financial Update ó None

FAC Report ó None

FAISC Report – Jim McElroy

Jim told the board that Freedom has received a grant for Herbicide Treatment up to \$7,812.00. The Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting Grant is still outstanding. All board members thanked Jim for doing a great job on grants. There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice, to accept the FAISC Report. All were in favor.

Intent to Cut Application ó None

ZBA Case #29-30-14 – John F. Femino ó *Applicant seeks a special exception under Article 3 Section 304.6.3.1 of the zoning ordinance: To replace foundation of existing boathouse, in kind and in place, requiring erosion control at 405 Huckins Rd.*

After discussion there was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice, stating the FCC found no concerns with the newest application by John Femino. All were in favor.

Other Business

Jim passed out information from the Ossipee Watershed Planning Committee on a proposed warrant article “To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$5,000 to conduct a planning (build-out) analysis to determine the total number of houses that can be built around Danforth ponds, Berry Bay, Leavitt Bay and Broad Bay.” Jim explained the Build-Out Analysis and Bill informed that board that at the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting on January 20, 2014 they approved this request and this will be on the town warrant for this year.

Oram read from the BOS Minutes about formally forming an FAISC Committee and Jim informed everyone that he will be meeting with Selectmen Babb on Thursday, January 24, 2014 on this subject.

Oram raised the issue that in the November 25, 2014 BOS Minutes there appears to be an omission of R. Hatch questioning as to why the FCC had the final say on the FAC Budget. The Trout Pond Stewardship Plan has the procedure for the FAC budget process.

Oram also read from the November 25, 2014 BOS Minutes where R. Hatch questioned the recent FCC budget vote saying it was unlawful because 9 people voted and the board only has 7 full members. R. Hatch asked that the vote be re-taken. Oram informed the FCC that a selectman was present at that meeting and did not voice a concern. The point being made was that the issue should have been stated at the original budget meeting.

Term limits for board members will be put on the agenda for the next FCC meeting.

There was a motion by Oram, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.