

**Freedom Conservation Commission**  
**November 18, 2014**

**Members Present:** Rob Hatch, Paul Elie, Bill Elliott, John Roman, Mike Gaudette, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople (alternate)

**Members Absent:** Greg Bossart

**Others Present:** Dianne Park, Arlene Knight

**Quorum:** A quorum was met with 7 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Sue Hoople was a board member in place of Greg Bossart.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Paul, to approve the minutes from October 21, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

**FCC 2015 Budget**

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Alice, to raise the dues from \$200 to \$280. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Paul, to drop the meeting money of \$300 from the budget. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Alice, seconded by Bill, to approve the 2015 FCC Budget amount of \$2,500. All were in favor. The FCC Budget Meeting with the Selectmen will be held on December 1, 2014 at 7:30pm. Mike will send out a reminder.

**FAC 2015 Budget**

Rob explained the 2015 FAC Budget explaining why the control burn is being put off until 2016 and the possibility of getting grant money to offset the cost.

Forester Administration	\$ 6,000
Stewardship Plan Rewrite	\$12,000
Maintain Existing Wildlife Openings	\$ 2,500
Install New Beaver Pipe	\$ 500
Kiosk/Trail Maintenance	\$ 1,000
Total	\$22,000

**Invoices**

Company - John Brown & Sons Inc.

Date - November 6, 2014

Invoice Number 6 22855

Re: 3 days of bronto mowing

Amount - \$7,600 (with \$400 discount if paid early)

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to approve invoice #22855 from John Brown & Sons. All were in favor. This invoice will be reimbursed through grant money.

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

### **FAC Report – Rob Hatch**

Scrub Oak Scramblers (SOS) ó SOS asked for permission to connect 300ø of town forest land to a snow mobile trail behind Traditions Restaurant. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Mike, giving SOS permission to connect 300ø of town forest land to their snow mobile trail behind Traditions Restaurant. All were in favor.

There have been instances of people trying get around gates into the forest thereby causing damage to the gates and airstrip.

- The NH Fish and Game caught 7 four wheeled vehicles in the forest. All received citations.
- A pick-up truck got stuck trying to go around gates but lost their cell phone in process. Dave Charrette gave the phone to the State Police.
- Another pick-up has been going around gates but has not been caught as of yet.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice, to give the Board of Selectmen permission to seek compensation for damages from the people listed above and advertise such in the newspaper. All were in favor.

Bronto Work has been completed

Jackman Ridge Rd. ó A certified letter was sent to Ambrose Brothers asking if they were going to complete the Jackman Ridge Rd. Project. If they do not contact anyone within 72 hours the board will assume they are not interested and present the project to the next bidder.

Laura Foundation has been horseback riding in the forest without a permit. Problems with this are:

- They were seen opening the gates the day before and leaving them open
- They did not return the key to the town office in a prompt manner
- They put up trail signs and did not take them down

The FAC decided that if a function is advertised then a permit is required.

Next year is the 10 year anniversary of the town forest. An email went out asking for help putting together a power point presentation. Three (3) people volunteered.

Annual Monitoring Meeting with NHDRED originally scheduled for November 14, 2014 has been postponed until November 19, 2014, 9am in Barry's Office. The FAC is not happy about the fact that this was postponed without notice. Michael will try and make the meeting.

### **Other Business**

There was a discussion about teaming up with the town Health Code Officer about illegal septic systems. All information is at the town hall but needs to be compiled. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Alice, to appropriate \$2,800 (6 weeks at \$6/hr.) for a clerk to compile the needed septic information. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Paul, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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