

**Freedom Conservation Commission**  
**January 20, 2015**

**Members Present:** Mike Gaudette, Bill Elliott, Paul Elie, Rob Hatch, Alice Custard

**Members Absent:** John Roman, Greg Bossart, Sue Hoople (alternate)

**Others Present:** Dianne Park

**Quorum:** A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm on the second floor of the Town Hall.

**Minutes**

There was a motion by Alice, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes from December 16, 2015 as written. All were in favor.

**Financial Update**

Nothing to report

**Goals & Objectives**

Michael completed and passed this into town hall.

**FAC Report**

- Working on a PowerPoint Presentation for completion date by fall, 2015. Work session scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 7:00pm to organize pictures of the town forest.
- Making wood duck boxes in conjunction with the Freedom Elementary School.
- Discussion of possible paw print identification walk with children during Old Home Week
- FAC needs the Wildlife Habitat Plan returned so they can finalize all changes. FCC recommended changes were the addition of a glossary.

**Intent to Cut Applications**

All Intent to Cut Applications were reviewed

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

A letter was received from Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) stating how the donation from Freedom was spent.

An agreement was received from BH Keith for Forest Management Services to the town from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. No bids have been solicited for this service as yet. Rob will bring this up at the next FAC Meeting.

A Special Permit letter of approval was received from DRED for the Scrub Oak Scramblers Winter Carnival. There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice, to approve and accept the permit application. All were in favor.

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

There was a motion by Michael, seconded by Alice, to add wording stating a Special Use Permit is necessary for any advertised event held in the town forest to the Wildlife Habitat Plan. All were in favor.

A Thank-you letter for membership was received from the Society for the Protection of Forests.

**Other Business**

Paul asked about the Septic Project and was told this was not on the agenda so it could only be discussed briefly. Michael has received future initiatives from the Freedom Planning Board and the Lake Wentworth Survey and is waiting for the GMCG Waterfront Study.

Alice asked for an article for the GMCG newsletter.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Alice, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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