

Freedom Conservation Commission

21 July 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Gaudette ó Chair, John Roman-Vice Chair, Rob Hatch, Bill Elliott, Alice Custard, and Paul Elie

PUBLIC PRESENT: Kevin Connerton

MINUTES RECORDER: Paul Elie

MEETING:

Chairman Gaudette determined a quorum was met and convened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

MINUTES:

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed by the Commission members and unanimously approved without change.

FINANCIAL INVOICES:

Two invoices were received from Town Forester Barry Keith. The first covered a site inspection and preparation work for the timber sale. It also included forest administrative work. The second invoice was for work on the town forest Stewardship Plan. It also included meetings with the Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee members to review and update the goals and objectives contained in the Stewardship Plan.

Chairman Gaudette requested that all future invoices be broken out by hours spent on each task.

Motion made by Alice Custard to accept both invoices was seconded and unanimously approved.

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Rob Hatch informed the Commission about the following FAC initiatives:

- *Work continues on the PowerPoint presentation. To date, approximately 100 plus pictures have been selected and sequenced for the program, another dozen may be included, and the project is progressing according to schedule.*
- *Work has begun on Jackman Ridge in the forest and heavy equipment including backhoes and graders are onsite. Signs indicating "Work in Progress" will be posted appropriately as work continues. Culverts, water bars, and road grading will be the major actions addressed by this project.*
- *Kevin Connerton donated two dozen plants to the town forest. Rob mentioned that all have been planted in various sections of the forest. The plants were obtained from the New Hampshire Nurseries and "Look Happy!"*

INTENT TO CUT APPLICATION:

One Intent to Cut Application was received from George Martin to cut approximately 130,000 MBF on 86 acres of land. Bill Elliott made the motion to approve, it was seconded, and unanimously approved.

SEPTIC REVIEW:

Paul Elie informed the Commission that all category additions/ changes were made to the Septic Review spreadsheet for Round Pond. After much discussion, the Commission decided to change the category "Dist to Water" to "Dist to Wetland." It was also decided to add the Ossipee River to the list of water bodies. The list now includes: Round Pond, Loon Lake, Danforth Bay, Berry Bay, Leavitt Bay, Broad Bay, Ossipee Lake, Mill Pond, Cold Brook, the channel between Ossipee Lake and Broad Bay, and the channel between Broad Bay and Leavitt Bay. This Review will be limited in scope to those lots adjacent to the noted bodies of water.

ZBA SHOREFRONT APPLICATION:

The Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) received a copy of the Camp Cody Application for a Variance. The Variance is required because one septic line is less than the town mandated 125' from any wetlands. The initial request has already received NHDES approval. Alice Custard made a motion to defer this matter to the ZBA, the motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

The FCC reviewed and discussed the Creig and Mary Wienki ZBA application, and submits the following stipulations:

- *Trees may be cut in GRID 1 providing at least 100 points remain, excluding ground cover*
- *Trees may be cut in GRID 2 providing at least 100 points remain, excluding ground cover*
- *All tree stumps in buffer zone remain undisturbed*
- *Safe erosion practices are implemented*
- *That the building permit be issued after the septic system is installed and approved for operation by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)*

WETLAND BUREAU PERMIT APPLICATION:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Old Home Week activities were discussed. Bill Elliott mentioned the horse and wagon have been reserved for Monday, 3 August. Rob Hatch will provide narration during the rides. FAC stocks the kiosks with forest maps regularly and will ensure maps are available during OHW. Mike Gaudette made a motion to pre-approve payment of \$350 to Josh Battles for the horse and wagon, motion seconded, and approved unanimously. Rob Hatch will sign for Mike.

Paul Elie mentioned that Rob Hatch was recently presented with a Community Service Award by the Lakes Region Planning Commission for his work over the past ten years on projects such as the Forest Advisory Committee, Stewardship Plan, water quality, septic, school projects, and steering committees. The town has many volunteers, but none more dedicated than Rob Hatch. Congratulations on this award from a grateful community and yours friends on the FCC!

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mike to adjourn, seconded by Bill, passed unanimously at 8:03.

Paul Elie