

**Freedom Conservation Commission
Forest Advisory Committee
April 19, 2016**

FCC Members Present: Paul Elie, John Roman, Alice Custard, Rob Hatch, Sue Hoople
(alternate)

Quorum: An FCC quorum was met with 5 members present

FAC Members Present: Neal Boyle, Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Dave Charrette, Janet Johnson,
Peter Park, Chuck Depew

Quorum: An FAC quorum was met with 7 members present

Others Present: Dianne Park, Kevin Connerton, Susan Marks

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Paul, to have Rob chair the meeting. All were in favor.

Minutes

A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Dave, to accept the FAC minutes from March 2, 2016 as written. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Rob, to accept the FCC minutes from March 15, 2016 as written. All were in favor.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Peter, without a second, to nominate Rob chairman of the FAC and Ron Vice-Chairman. Ron did not accept the nomination so the motion was withdrawn. A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Janet, nominating Rob chairman of the FAC. All FAC members were in favor and Rob accepted the nomination. There was discussion on who would be FAC Vice-Chairman. This office is still open and will be on the agenda for the next FAC Meeting.

A motion was made by Paul, without a second, nominating John Chairman of the FCC. John declined and Rob withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Alice, nominating Paul Chairman of the FCC. All were in favor and Paul accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Paul, nominating John Vice-Chairman. All were in favor and John accepted the nomination.

FAC Report – Barry Keith

Survey Results

Two (2) eastern boundary markers are missing. The State (NHDRED) has requested these be re-established with markers and documentation. Barry met with HEB and they submitted a quote which included deed research of the property. A discussion followed whether to accept HEB

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proposal or send out a new Request for Proposal to local contractors. Barry deferred to Selectman Neal Boyle. The options were discussed and Neal told both boards to make a decision and submit it to the Board of Selectmen. There is a question on the quote from HEB in regards to their quote including the placement of four (4) boundary markers and only two (2) are needed. A motion was made by Rob, seconded by Dave, to have Barry contact HEB and have them revise their quote to include only the two (2) markers. A final decision will be made at that point. The timeframe for this project to be completed is the fall of 2016.

Kevin Connerton asked why the town was picking up the tab for new markers when a private company did the damage. Rob responded by saying nobody saw a private company do the damage therefore the town has to replace the markers.

Stewardship Update

Barry said he was behind on this project and will have a draft by June, 2016. A public meeting will be held in July. The update for the Habitat Plan will be done in conjunction with this update.

2016 Town Forest Cut

Thirty (30) acres abutting the Nature Conservancy land will be harvested for successional growth between September and November of this year.

BH Keith Spring Inspection Report

Barry's Spring Inspection Report was discussed. A Town Forest Clean-up Day will be scheduled for some time in June.

Town Logger

The board asked Barry's opinion on keeping the present town logger. Barry said this logger has been very good to the town is a good logger and if the town needs a bond then ask for a bond but keep the logger. This will be on the FAC Agenda for May.

BHK Annual Agreement

Barry submitted his annual agreement for signature. A motion was made by FAC Member Peter, seconded by Ron, to accept Barry's agreement. All were in favor. A motion was made by FCC member Rob, seconded by John, to accept Barry's agreement. All were in favor.

Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure were discussed with no changes.

Goals/Objectives

Findings from Barry's Spring Inspection will be goals for FAC this year along with mow, fertilize and lime certain areas in the forest. Creation of a Town Forest Website will also be listed as a goal.

Paul asked all FCC Members to send their suggestions for 2016 Goals and Objective to him. He listed his own suggestions.

Intent to Cut Applications

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All Intent to Cut Applications were reviewed.

New Business

Dave said the Scrub Oak Scramblers did not need the RTP Grant this year and he is willing to use it for 4 new gates, Two (2) nice ones to replace current telephone poles and two (2) adequate gates. A motion was made by FAC member Rob, seconded by Janet, to accept the offer from the Scrub Oak Scramblers for four (4) new gates. All were in favor. A motion was made by FCC member Rob, seconded by John, to accept the offer from Scrub Oak Scramblers for four (4) new gates. All were in favor.

Dave said it's time for new locks and keys on all town forest gates. Rob will check into pricing for twelve (12) locks and this will be on the FAC Agenda for May.

A thank-you letter from Bill Elliot for his time on the FCC Board was received.

Land Use Proposal/Application on behalf of the Laura Foundation Trail Ride

The Land Use Proposal/Application from Sandra Brown on behalf of the Laura Foundation Trail Ride was discussed. Missing on her application is a firm date, rain date and a copy of the insurance certificate. Missing on the form were spaces for Date of Event, Rain Date of Event and Please Provide Proof of Insurance. Rob will be in touch with Sandra and have her update her application. Dave showed Rob a copy of what the Scrub Oak Scramblers receive back from NHDRED and will get a copy for Rob. There were no objections to this Application from FAC or FCC Members.

Septic Review Committee – Paul

The Septic Review Committee information will be completed by June, 2016. Paul will gather all information.

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Peter, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

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