

Freedom Conservation Commission
November 15, 2016

Members Present: Cheryl Harris, Paul Elie, Rob Hatch, Alice Custard, John Roman, Sarah Tabor

Members Absent: Kyle Johnson, Sue Hoople (A), Greg Bossart (A)

Others Present: Dianne Park, Joanne Burns

Quorum: A quorum was present with 6 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Chairman, Paul Elie introduced new member, Cheryl Harris, to the board.

Minutes

The minutes from October 18, 2016 will be on the agenda for next month because they were not reviewed by all members.

Correspondence

- Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) newsletter
- FYI-NHDES Minimum Impact Forestry Notifications
- FYI-Wetlands Permit for dredge and fill culvert work on Old Portland Rd.
- LRPC sent a Model Ground Water Protection Ordinance and is looking for volunteer towns to model the ordinance after.
- Paul passed out copies of the Natural Resource Chapter of the Master Plan. He asked all board members to read and get back to him with any changes.
- A meeting was held last week at the Ossipee Lake Natural Area (Long Sands Beach). GMCG does Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) testing there and the state charges them \$300/mo. to analyze the date. State Representative, Mark McConkey was present and is going to look into this charge.

Intent to Cut Applications

All Intent to Cut Applications were reviewed.

FAC Report – Rob Hatch

- The date for the annual monitoring meeting with NHDRED is still outstanding. They will keep BH Keith informed of the date. A future meeting between the FAC, BH Keith and NHDRED will be at a later date in Concord, NH. At that time they want to know the status of the Stewardship Plan and Town Forest Boundary Marker. The boundary marker has been settled but the Stewardship Plan is still outstanding. Paul will be in touch with Barry on this subject.

FAC Budget

Encumbered from 2016 will be \$7,051.4 which is the balance due to finish the Stewardship Plan along with \$1,690.50 which is for any outstanding bills to the forester. The FAC is asking for

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\$2,500.00 for their 2017 budget which is for the town forester. There is money left in the Forest Maintenance Fund, the Wildlife Habitat Fund, Gifts Accounts and the Land Use Tax Account. The FAC plans on using the Gift Account to mow, lime and fertilize log landings in the forest. If brush hog work is needed on forest roads they plan on using the Gift Account and the Wildlife Habitat Account.

Septic Review Committee

There were 3 new updates received this month.

Westward Shores Update

At the last Board of Selectmen Meeting the subject of Westward Shores was discussed. Options left:

- Appeal to Ossipee Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Freedom Town Attorney is working with Ossipee Town Attorney to come to an agreement
- Superior Court (donations are being solicited if this avenue needs to be followed. GMCG has donated \$4,000 and others have made donations also.)

A motion was made by John, seconded by Alice, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.