

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
Freedom Town Hall
January 11, 2018

Members Present: Jim McElroy, Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Bill Elliott, Gerard Constantino

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Roberta McCarthy, Susan Marks Ossipee Lake Alliance

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The November 9, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed as the first order of business.

Bruce made a motion, seconded by Bill to accept the minutes with the following amendment: *Where it discusses requesting money from the Trust Fund add a vote needs to be taken by the Trustee of the Trust Funds to access any funds in the Trust Fund Account. All were in Favor.*

Jim reported that the NH Lakes Association has agreed, resources can be shared between the three towns (Effingham, Freedom and Ossipee) for coverage of ramps regarding the Lake Host. Ned asked if it has been done anywhere else. This is a unique situation, Jim responded he didn't think so. Jim has talked to someone in Ossipee regarding coverage for the ramp on Rt. 25, and they said they will come up with a resource for next year to get it covered.

Review and Approve Invoices for FAISC Accounts

There were no invoices.

Jim announced FAISC received a \$500.00 donation from the Freedom Community Club toward the milfoil account. A letter will be sent thanking them for the donation.

Bill questioned the concern the committee had about the Solitude invoice being vague, Jim responded he sent them a note requesting more detail in the future. He will follow up on an email from them regarding more detail on a previous bill.

Review Financial Reports for FAISC Accounts

Due to little activity Jim did not ask for financial reports from Karen. Accounts will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Lake Host Training Update

Jim reiterated that FAISC does have an agreement to be able to pull resources for the Lake Host program with Effingham and Ossipee. Bruce questioned procedure, Jim responded they will have to come up with a procedure because it's normally with individual towns. Ned confirmed

the Lakes Association has agreed to it. Jim responded yes, but he didn't think the other towns had agreed yet. He has sent emails, but no one has responded yet.

New Business

Bruce commented about setting some action items to reach out to Green Mountain regarding help for the Lake Host Program. Ned suggested having a letter ready by April meeting due to schools getting out. Ned will call around to some university's that have marine programs to get a contact to mail to. Jim suggested St. Josephs because they have an environmental program.

Jim set forth a letter from Mike Mazore regarding the weeds in Round Pond. Ned explained he has gone there once a year and has sent pictures and samples to Amy, there is nothing invasive but there are a lot of weeds in the long narrow silty corner of the pond.

Public Comment

Susan Marks Co Executive Director of the Ossipee Lake Alliance communicated to the committee, that the Ossipee Lake Alliance would like FAISC to use their web site as a platform for many things such as milfoil, the announcement that they are looking for a lake host. She went on to explain that they have 500 subscribers in their email news. All agreed it was a good idea. Susan went on to explain the website is great way to get support and build awareness for the FAISC and to inform people of the tri town lake host program. Ned asked if it was quarterly, Susan responded they send out email news and whatever is put on the website stays on the website it just gets archived. Jim supported the idea. Bill suggested to Jim the add he has for the lake host position and what ever add is going to the schools could be on the website.

Jim said he will review financial reports next month. Jim will proceed with asking for funds from the Trust Fund.

Ned congratulated Jim being elected to the Board for NH Lakes Association.

Bill questioned the Mazore letter regarding a response to his letter. After a brief discussion it was decided to respond to his letter that the weeds are not milfoil. Ned will try to find any emails from Amy regarding the Round Pond area before a letter is sent.

There being no other business to come before the committee, **Bill made a motion, seconded by Gerard to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary