

Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
August 1, 2018

Members Present: Ron Newbury, Janet Meyers, Chuck Dephew, Kevin Connerton(A), John Roman(A), Dave Charrette, David Straw

Members Absent: Jeffrey Towle Planning Board Rep, Ernie Day (s)

Others Present:

Quorum: A quorum was met

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Ron Newbury presiding. The minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed as the first order of business.

Minutes

A motion was made by David, seconded by Ron to accept the minutes with the following amendment: page 2 first sentence under the fifth paragraph add, *the proposed project if approved would take place next year.* Remove ~~will now~~; **All were in favor.**

Janet Meyers entered the meeting at 7:01.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

B.H Keith

Invoice # 01-3478

Dated 7/17/18

Amount- \$200.00

Regarding Madison logging access issues.

John commented that the last bill for Barry Keith has not made it to him to be paid yet. The minutes stated that Ernie was going to get the bill to the Town Office to be paid. The process for getting invoices was reviewed and Ron will email Janet that the folder is on the table with an invoice to be paid. John will see Ernie and follow-up with him on the last B.H. Keith bill.

There was a brief discussion on the Stewardship Plan not being done yet.

Review Town Forest Map costs/options

Ron has contacted the Assistant Manager at Danforth Bay and asked if they would be interested in helping with the maps. She responded they already put out paper copies of the map.

The cost of the color maps is .26 per color map through Vista Print.

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John stated the Town has an account with Minute Man Press. Ron will get a quote for the maps at Minute Man Press. Dave suggested looking at a less expensive paper to save some money on the maps.

Janet made a motion, seconded by John to allow Ron to get a quote from Minute Man Press for what their pricing would be for the maps using same quality paper or less, and as long as the cost is reasonably close to Vista Print to go ahead and use Minute Man Press for the maps. Motion passed.

Madison Timber Harvest

Ron opened up discussion up on the Madison Timber Harvest, to ask if anyone came up with any other concerns.

There was an engaging discussion on Risk vs. the benefits of allowing Madison access through the Town Forest for their proposed timber harvest project.

Concerns:

- Fixing damage done to the road.
- If the project cost Freedom any money, recouping the money from Madison.
- Having a big enough bond to cover any repairs that need to be done to the road and the wildlife opening.
- The number of logging trucks needed to do the project and the inconvenience to people who live in the area and who have to use the road.
- How the Town of Madison is going to react to invoices from Freedom's Town Forester. (There is currently an invoice for \$200.00 to consult Barry). It was suggested that Barry's invoice would still come to Freedom and then Freedom would let Madison know how much the invoices are.

Benefits

- The road would be brushed back with a brontosaurus.
- The road would be put back the same or better.
- Water bars would be replaced.

Discussion ensued around the pros and cons of the proposed project.

No decision was made tonight regarding the proposed project, but it was agreed that before the FAC would consider moving forward discussing the project, there would need to be more discussion on bond size to cover any damages done by the project to both the road and wildlife opening.

Identify priorities for a fall work day

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The iron gate on Black Brook Rd needs to be painted but is hard to access by car. A time line for mowing was briefly discussed and the difference between the brush hog and the proposed use of the brontosaurus was discussed and mowing and liming the wildlife openings was also discussed.

Dave reported he called Fish and Game to report a dirt bike and a mini bike in the forest, but by the time they got there they were gone.

There being no other business to come before the board **David made a motion, seconded by Janet to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary