

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 17, 2018

7:00 p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall

FCC Members Present: Cheryl Harris, JP Mcvitty, Frank Lalumiere, Alice Custard

FCC Members Absent: Paul Elie, Sue Hoople(A), Sarah Tabor, David Straw

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Kevin Connerton

Quorum: A quorum was met

With a quorum having been declared the meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with Vice Chairmen Cheryl Harris presiding. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed next.

Minutes

Frank made a motion, seconded by JP to accept the June 19, 2018 minutes with the following amendment:

In the Members Present remove the (a) for alternate after Frank Lalumiere. Motion passed.

Sign Corrected FCC Rules of Procedure

Tabled till next month.

Invoices

There were no invoices.

Discuss 2018 FCC Goals

Cheryl opened up the discussion with a question if everyone has had a chance to read Chapter 3 of the Master Plan.

Cheryl asked board members if everyone agreed if Water Quality should be a goal. All agreed. Cheryl then asked if Land Acquisition should be a goal.

Discussion: Alice asked where the goal for land acquisition came from, Cheryl explained part of it came from some folks on Cushing Corner Road who are considering putting some of their land into conservation to be used as a scenic vista. Alice asked if they are pursuing any other organizations. Cheryl didn't know for sure but thought they were looking to see how the FCC could help. It was Cheryl's understanding that the help FCC's help would not include money, rather letters of support.

Cheryl posed the question again to the board if they thought land acquisition should be a goal or if the goal should be assisting community members to put property into conservation. Alice commented if it was worded that FCC is not doing the buying of the land, in addition she stated it's one thing to support people in having land acquired by conservation, it's another to be a manager of the land.

JP supports if people want to donate the land but does not support buying it and questioned if FCC is the right group to donate it to. Discussion ensued.

Cheryl summarized the goal could have two parts, first part would be to support citizens in putting their land into conservation but without providing any money and the second part would be assuring proper maintenance of land that is currently in conservation.

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JP expressed his concern regarding the maintenance part of the goal, how the FCC would manage that. Cheryl suggested sending out a letter if the maintenance is not being done, outlining what was agreed on when the land was put into conservation.

If the Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Ossipee Lake Management plan with the following two parts was discussed next:

- Public education about what Ossipee Lake Management Plan is.
- Doing an outreach with other conservation commissions from Ossipee and Effingham to discuss what is being done to protect the water.

Cheryl asked the board if it should be a goal or should it be modified?

Frank supported making Phase 1 and Phase 2 a goal.

Collaboration working with local communities was discussed next.

Cheryl clarified this would go beyond the Ossipee Lake Management Plan, FCC could reach out to places like Effingham, Madison and Eaton regarding any conservation activities. She went on to explain they all border Freedom differently, for Effingham their borders are primarily water, the borders with Eaton and Madison is primarily land.

Cheryl summarized what these goals mean is that each member will have to take on some responsibility outside of meetings to do some research and keep the committee apprized of what is going on and inform the committee if they think the committee should attend any meetings. Example would be if everyone should show up for an Ossipee Lake Management meeting to have a positive showing.

Tonight's meeting was to set the goals, the next meeting Cheryl hopes that people will be appointed or volunteer for a goal.

Alice made a motion, seconded by Frank that the four goals discussed will be the goals for FCC for 2018. Motion passed.

Soliciting volunteers for each goal will be on the agenda next month. The goals have not been prioritized.

Cheryl stated if board members are interested in anything specific to let her or Paul know, and they can get any back-ground information that they have to them.

There was a brief discussion around Jim McElroy needing Lake Hosts.

Public

Kevin Connerton was in the public and asked if FCC has discussed the proposed timber cut that Madison wants to do. Paul Eli was a part of the walk through in the Town Forest. Cheryl didn't have anything on it. Kevin updated FCC on Madison's proposed timber harvest project and the details of the proposed improvements Madison would pay for on the Jackman Ridge Road if Madison gets an approval to use the road that runs through the Town Forest.

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Kevin went on to explain the Road Agent was on the walk through as well and was not concerned about the logging trucks using the road, so the question being considered is, is it worth it to allow Madison to use the road if the proposed repairs would only cost the town \$2,500-\$3,000.

Cheryl stated she would like the Madison Timber Harvest update on the agenda next month she will get in touch with Paul and David Straw the FAC Representative to see if they can provide an update. A brief discussion ensued around a spot in Jackman Ridge Road that has a 3-4 ft grade that is not ideal for big heavy trucks.

Blue Heron House opens Saturday. The new conservation center for Green Mountain.

Decision of approvals for variance were reviewed for information only.

Intents to cut were reviewed.

Complete Forestry Notifications for from NHDES were available for review for information only as well.

Cheryl referred to the NHSEA Model Solar Zoning Ordinance and stated it is likely the Planning Board will be using this model for any proposals that they will make for March town meeting. She went on to state it would be helpful if board members get familiar with the information because they may have an opportunity to comment on some of the proposed ordinances.

There being no other business to come before the board, **JP made a motion, seconded by Alice to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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