

Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
October 3, 2018

Members Present: Chairman Ron Newbury, Janet Meyers, Chuck Depew, Ernie Day (s) David Straw

Members Absent: Jeffery Towle Planning Board Rep, Dave Charrette, John Roman(A)

Others Present: Kevin Connerton(A)

Quorum: A quorum was met

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Chairman Ron Newbury presiding. The minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting was reviewed as the first order of business.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ernie, seconded by David to accept the minutes with the following amendment: Under members present change *Depew to Depew*. First-page change under minutes change Jen to Janet. First-page Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices 5th paragraph change *broachers to brochure*. **Motion passed.**

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

There were no invoices.

Ron handed out a letter from Barry Keith. Barry stated in his letter he should hear anytime on the State Monitor's schedule for inspection and site meeting. He has also been contacted by Wendy Schribner, the UNH Extension Forester and she has informed Barry that on behalf of the USDA Forest- Legacy Program, she is doing follow up compliance on Forest- Legacy funded projects in the State. She has requested to meet with Barry to review the work that has been undertaken and do an inspection of the property. This is different from the State Easement Monitor inspection. Barry will follow-up with her accordingly. When Ron gets a date, he will pass the date along to anyone who is interested.

The letter also stated that there were some washouts on the Jackman Ridge Road on the hill from the first wildlife opening up to the flat section. He feels it will only get worse. The options are to do nothing now and deal with it next year (perhaps with the Madison logging operation) or do some "band-aid" work like direct runoff into the roadside drainage kickoffs, that are partially functioning or close the gate earlier than normal. Ron will go up there tomorrow and see what can be done manually. Nobody supports closing the gate early because the committee feels people enjoy getting up there this time of year.

The letter also stated while Barry was driving up to the pond, he found an abandoned (likely stolen) motorcycle left at the parking area/wildlife opening next to the gate. There was no

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license plate on it, and it was spray painted in a “wacky fashion” with orange paint. It’s a Honda with saddlebags. Ron has contacted the police, and they will go up and check it out.

NH Association Conservation Commission annual meeting is November 3rd in Pembroke N.H. committee members can sign up online.

List of Recommendations for Madison’s Proposed Timber Harvest

The following is a list of recommendations from the FAC to the FCC regarding the proposed Madison Logging project.

- \$50,000 line of credit instead of a bond
- Town forester or Road agent would do weekly inspections. (These are not limited to monitoring the cutting but also to the condition of the road and any other issue that may appear).
- The Freedom town forester would be at Madison’s expense.
- The timeframe for the proposed project would be between Aug. 15th – Oct. 15th, 2019 no weekends or holidays. Dates are approximate based on consultation between the foresters.
- Stone apron at the entrance of Shawtown.
- As stated by the Madison Town Forester, the road is left in the same or better condition than before they started. Areas would be identified by Freedoms Road Agent or Freedoms Town Forester and be communicated to Madison’s Town Forester.
 - Water bars be replaced after the project is done.
 - Turnouts are fixed before the harvest.
 - Brontosaurus machine will be done before the harvest.

Ernie made a motion, seconded by David S. to approve the Town of Madison to use the Town of Freedoms forest as an access route to do Madison’s proposed timber harvest under the FAC’s recommendations listed above. Motion passed 4-0-1. 4 approved 1 abstained.

Kevin Connerton asked if there would be a sperate meeting for the public to comment. Ernie stated it would be discussed at the FCC and Selectmen’s meeting, so there will be opportunity for the public to comment. The next step will be to get the recommendations to FCC. Ron will be attending the meeting on October 16th to inform them of the FAC’s recommendations.

There being no other business to come before the board **Janet made a motion, seconded by Ernie to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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