

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

October 16, 2018

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

FCC Members Present: Chairmen Paul Elie, Vice Chair Cheryl Harris, JP Mcvitty, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople(A), Sarah Tabor

FCC Members Absent: Frank Lalumiere, FAC Rep. 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 Paul Elie as Chairmen presiding. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed next.

Minutes

A motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by Sara to accept the September 18, 2018 meeting minutes with the following amendments: on page 1 second paragraph from the bottom at the end of the third sentence down remove the word *opening* and replace it with *width*, after every six years insert *the total beach area cannot exceed 900 sq. ft. to a depth of 6 inches*, pg. 2 under other details discussed second bullet third sentence remove *has to be done in the dry to it is recommended to be done in the dry*, in the sixth bullet add *6" is NHDES recommendation after how much sand you can have*, twelfth bullet last sentence *first word remove planting and replace with the perched beach*, pg3. First paragraph third sentence from the bottom replace *bandwidth* with *land width*, pg.4 under 2018 goals replace *shoreline survey* with *Watershed Management Plan*, under rules and procedure first sentence add *updated to rules and procedures*, Pg.5 first sentence after added to the insert *NHDES Water Advisory*, first page add a comma on the first page after JP's name.

Paul made a motion seconded by Cheryl to move the joint meeting with the FAC as the next order of business; Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Newbury Chairman for the FAC came before the board to share the FAC's recommendations for Madison's proposed timber harvest. With the aid of a hand out Ron reviewed FAC's recommendations.

Ron explained that they met with Barry Keith and he came up with recommendations as well (see attached).

The following recommendations were discussed:

- The last 0.5 miles (above the Trout Pond Gate) will need to be re-seeded as well as the log landing.
- Timeline for the project was discussed and the FCC felt that the project should be done between Aug. 15th - Oct 15th, 2019. The FAC committee was concerned if the project started after Labor Day they may have issues with wet weather.
- Barry recommended if the weather turns wet that the project is suspended.
- The gate above Trout Pond would have to be closed every day to keep traffic out.
- Both FAC and Barry recommend that the Road Agent and or the Freedom Town Forester do weekly inspections to monitor all aspects of the project. The Freedom Town Forester would be at Madison's expense.
- A minimum line of credit of \$50,000 to fix any damage to the road.
- The close-out process, including fixing any damage to the road, landing, and skid trail, needs to be coordinated. Question: Who does that and where does the monies come from.
- A stone apron at the entrance for Shawtown road.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

- 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 Freedom's Road Agent or Freedom's 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.

The brontosaurus machine is a benefit for Freedom because the road does need to be cut back. Discussion ensued around the recommendations.

Paul E. asked if there would be any cost to Freedom, Ron explained there has already been some cost, but ultimately any direct supervision of the project would be at Madison's expense.

Paul opened the meeting up for any questions the FCC may have for Ron.

Cheryl asked if these are the recommendations that the FAC is submitting to the Selectmen. Ron replied these are the recommendations that the FAC is submitting to the FCC. Cheryl suggested cleaning up the recommendations so that Madison gets one set of recommendations as opposed to two sets one from Barry and FAC.

Cheryl volunteered to review FAC minutes and try to rewrite the recommendations to make them a more cohesive document and then send it back to FAC to make sure she captured everything that they suggested. It was suggested adding taking pictures before and after the project as a recommendation. The pictures would be taken right before the project starts.

Ron explained that the FAC did not think the new gate that was suggested by Madison (to be installed up by the red kiosk beyond the campground where Mary Mountain Trail) is needed. FAC felt there was no overriding need for the gate.

A gentleman has offered to pay for and build a foot bridge on a small stream in the Town Forest where the beaver pipes were put in. No permit is needed according to Barry. The pros and cons were discussed. Ron will run it by FAC and Cheryl wants to confirm there no liability with legal. It was discussed not having any sides on the footbridge in case a snowmobile tries to go over it. Cheryl suggested putting a no snowmobile sign up.

The updated rules and procedure were signed by Alice, Sara and, Sue. Ron needs copies of the updated Rules and Procedures for FAC, Paul E. will make copies and put them in Ron's box. Cheryl asked if Danforth Bay was aware of the proposed logging project. Ron has let them know.

Invoices

Green Mountain Conservation Group

Dated Sept. 29, 2018

\$3,000.00

For water quality testing

NH Association of Conservation Commission

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

Invoice 459
Date 10/9/18
\$250.00 for membership dues.

Minuteman Press
Invoice 102159
Date 10/10/18
\$357.00 for trifold color brochures.

A motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by Alice to pay all invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

Two applications that are going before the zoning board was reviewed and an application for Judy Blake for a retaining wall was also reviewed.

The Hatch Family Holding Trust application was reviewed and discussed.

The following are questions for the ZBA:

On Hatch Family Holding Trust tax map 30- lot 21 the question is do they need to take out quite as many trees on grid 3 and does it say anywhere on the application that they are removing some of the trees to prevent them from falling on the house. Clarify if the trees are being removed because of damage that will occur during the construction process or potential damage to the home after construction.

The following are questions for the John Ostiguy application:

- Why are they cutting and clearing tress from the grids where the driveway is not going to be, (grids 1,2,3) the driveway is in grid 4.
- Culvert size, State states minimum of 15- inch culvert for driveways and he is putting in 12- inch. Did he get a variance?
- Is there a storm water management plan for the driveway due to the steepness of the driveway?

Letters from the Department of environmental services were reviewed.

Paul informed the board that he got a copy of the approval letter for the Farmer Lane perch beach application and he stated the conditions that the board requested are in the letter.

The planning board is working on updating the towns Master Plan and they are making progress.

The last order of business Paul informed the board he had drafted a letter to DES supporting the Green Mountain Conservation Group grant application efforts regarding the watershed management plan.

The new land use books are being ordered. Paul took members request as to what version they wanted a book or an electronic book.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

There being no other business to come before the board, Cheryl made a motion, seconded by Sara to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.