

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 20, 2018

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

FCC Members Present: Chairmen Paul Elie, Vice Chair Cheryl Harris, JP Mcvitty Frank Lalumiere, FCC Rep. to the FAC David Straw

FCC Members Absent: Alice Custard, Sue Hoople(A), Sarah Tabor,

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Haley Parent Green Mountain Conservation Group, Jill Emerson (GMCG), Victoria Green (GMCG), Walker Magrath

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 Frank to accept the October 16, 2018 meeting minutes with the following amendments: Sara should read Sarah on pg. 1, 2 and 4, pg. 3 first paragraph change *was to were*, so it reads “Two applications that are going before the zoning board were reviewed”. Pg. 1 add to be installed prior to the beginning of the operation to the last bullet regarding the stone apron. Pg. 1 line 25 hand out should be one word.

There were no invoices.

Expedited Dock application on Spindle Point.

Walker Magrath came before the board to present a wetland permit application 5 Spindle point Rd for a proposed seasonal dock with a concrete anchoring pad. The application was reviewed with the aid of the Environmental Fact Sheet. Cheryl expressed her concern about the concrete pad being put in because it is at the water line. After a brief discussion around what the state allows and who the contractor is the expedited dock application was signed by Chairman Elie.

Walker Magrath left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Green Mountain Conservation (GMCG)

Jill Emerson from Green Mountain Conservation came before the board to give a presentation on the water quality data collected from 5 rivers in town and to talk about the programs that GMCG runs on behalf of the watershed.

Jill gave an overview of GMCG and how it is run and handed out handouts regarding the rivers program. The following rivers were tested:

- West Branch Ossipee Lake Rd
- Danforth Pond Outlet
- Cold Brook behind Lakeview Cemetery
- Cold Brook Alvino Rd. (off of Marina Rd.)
- Square Brook

Most of the sites in the town of Freedom fell well within the EPA and NH Department of Environmental Services standards. West Branch Ossipee Lake Rd tested low in dissolved oxygen. There is no apparent reason for the drop it could be because of the drought this past summer when it was retested In November it returned to normal. The site will be tested again in the future.

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

Jill noted that the 2018 data started in July, rather than the normal May start time; therefore, some data points are missing, which would skew the median averages listed in the table. Discussion ensued around the data for the rest of the test sites.

Jill stated that GMCG would be monitoring for cyanobacteria and E. coli in the lake Ossipee and the bays biweekly from May through September then on an as need basis if there is a report of a bloom.

GMCG is currently working on a grant for implementation of best management practices on the lake and would like to do public education regarding best management practices (BMP'S) that would help to keep nutrients from loading into the lake and hopefully prevent future cyanobacteria blooms. Jill went on to explain Danforth Bay is on board to be part of the BMP implementation this year and they want to be an example to the Danforth community. Discussion ensued around what other camps will be participating and dealing with cyanobacteria blooms and GMCG efforts for 2019.

GMCG left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Commission Reports

Forest Inspection- Forest inspection went well. Steve Walker from DES was here and met with Barry Keith, Ron Newbury and Cheryl and Paul Elie. They walked the forest, and the only thing that is a problem is a boundary line with the Ford property and Burnt Meadow they are mowing on land that belongs to Freedom which could be a potential liability. It was suggested to consult with legal.

A citizen wanted to donate material to build a footbridge in the forest and Steve gave the o.k. for that, and the Madison logging proposal was discussed. Cheryl compiled the recommendations the FAC came up with to present to the selectmen only to learn that there is a person in Division of Natural and Cultural Resources that will approve the proposed project. Steve took all the information to Susan Francher who will be making the final decision. Cheryl handed out what she compiled.

Signage was discussed. Barry is still working on the Stewardship Plan.

Mater Plan- Paul and Cheryl have four weeks to make changes to the Natural Resources Chapter. There is a Land Trust Seminar coming up In April sponsored by the Society for Protection of NH Forest.

NHACC Seminar- Paul, Cheryl, and Frank attended the NHACC Seminar. Paul sat in on the Solar presentation and had drafted a Solar ordinance around the three points that were discussed in the seminar for the Planning Board.

Danforth Gate – Madison purchased two gates and offered to put one in at the foot of Mary's Mountain. Ron Newbury did not think a gate was needed.

Proposed 2019 Budget

The proposed 2019 budget was discussed.

- The water quality testing line was increased from \$3,000 to \$3,500.00.
- Operating Supplies line increased to \$800.00 for stamps and brochures for education.
- Dues- \$500.00
- Meetings -\$400.00

Goals for 2019

- Watershed Management Plan – Education
- Updated Land Use Maps – Paul will check with Anne/ Planning Board.

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

- Larger Scale Groundwater extraction/ Sub committee
- Burnt Meadow/ Ford Boundary Line needs to be remarked. Town attorney or Selectmen may need to address the issue.

Sub Committee

- Ossipee Aquifer Advisory – Frank
- Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA) – Cheryl
- Large Scale Groundwater Extraction- Paul
- Natural Resource Inventory- Cheryl/ Paul
- GMCG Representative- Alice
- FCC Reference Manual- Paul
- Septic Update- Paul

Shoreline application and ZBA notice of decision approvals were reviewed.

There being no other business to come before the board, JP made a motion, seconded by David to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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