

**Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
March 6, 2019**

Members Present: Chairman Ron Newbury, Janet Meyers, David Straw, Ernie Day (s), Kevin Connerton(A), Dave Charrette

Members Absent Chuck Depew, John Roman(A), Jeffery Towle Planning Board Rep.

Others Present: Barry Keith

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 February 6, 2019 meeting were reviewed as the first order of business.

Minutes

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Ernie to accept the February 6, 2019 minutes as written. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

The Stewardship Plan was reviewed next. Ron commented he went through the plan and was impressed with the details of the plan. A couple of type- o's discussed:

(there are no page numbers yet and, the appendices are not attached yet).

Under TABLE 1 at the bottom of the page where it states *Forest Legacy Program, \$250,000 form the New Hampshire Land Conservation "LCHIP" program, ~~\$1,000,000~~ should be \$100,000.00 from the Town of Freedom and the remainder from a variety of foundations and private individual.*

No gate has been installed yet on the Madison side on the Shawtown trail.

Janet pointed out in the Wildlife Management Supplement portion under **Wood Duck Boxes**

In the italicized portion reads *for local the school* should read for the local school.

Barry Keith entered the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Barry entered the meeting and was able to answer questions that the committee has.

Ron related to Barry that he was very impressed with the detail of the document and it was clear he put a lot of work into it. Barry responded that he went through the comments that he received and some of them were conflicting and that the plan is at the printers and a couple of copies should be available soon. It was decided if the FAC and FCC have any suggested changes or updates a list will be compiled and forwarded to Barry. Barry explained the reason for no page numbers on the document is because they will change when suggested changes are made. Paul Elie also commented that the plan is a great document and is pleased with it. Discussion ensued around future sustainability and forest management.

Janet made a motion to approve the Stewardship Plan with updates that are in it currently and any suggested edits from the FAC and FCC, motion seconded by Ron; Motion passed unanimously.

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David Straw made a motion, seconded by Ron to pay the agreed upon remainder of \$4,875.00 for the Stewardship Plan to Barry Keith; Motion passed unanimously.

Barry explained the overage of \$2,728.00 was due to what was supposed to be just an update turned out to be more involved due to changes and comments from all sides taking more time to complete it. Ernie stated a recommendation is needed from FAC and FCC to pay the overage and he will abstain due to being on the board of selectmen.

Ron spoke in support to pay the cost overrun due to the explanation Barry gave and apricates the work involved to update the plan.

Ron made a motion to pay the cost overrun in light of the factors brought forward by Barry, motion seconded by Janet; Motion passed 4-0-2.

The invoice will now go to FCC.

Review Prescribed Burn Protocol

Ron handed out the prescribed burn protocol to review.

There is no update at this time on the proposed Madison logging project.

Joint Meeting with the FCC

There will be a joint meeting with the FCC 4/15/19.

Ron made a motion to forgo the April 3rd meeting and will instead meet April 16th with the FCC; Motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion that there are no warrant articles in the town report for the Forester services or the maintenance (mowing) of the town forest. Ernie commented he doesn't see anything for last year either.

There being no other business to come before the board **Janet made a motion, seconded by Ernie to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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