

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
March 14, 2019
Freedom Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Jim McElroy, Bill Elliott, Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Gerard Constantino

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Zenia Hernandez

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jim opened the meeting with the announcement that Gerard and Bill need to be reappointed because their term is up.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Bill made a motion, seconded by Bruce to accept the minutes for the January 10, 2019 meeting as written. All were in favor.

Jim asked if both Gerard and Bill were willing to serve again. Both are willing.

Gerard made a motion to accept the reappointment of Bill Elliott, seconded by Bruce; Motion passed.

Bill made the motion to nominate Gerard Constantino to continue his position on the FAISC for two years, seconded by Bruce; Motion passed.

Review Invoices

There were no invoices.

New Business

Bruce reported he spoke with Allen Fall and he told him they need to move quickly on the Danforth Bay Bridge, so they don't lose the funding. Bruce questioned if they should do some outreach education letting people know what to expect. Boats will not be allowed to go under the bridge while undergoing construction.

Ned made a motion, seconded by Gerard to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to send letters or put notices at either end of the river to inform lakefront and riverfront people about the construction when they do it, and to inform them of any potential problems such as an increase in boating could potentially affect weed spread or congestion in the river; Motion passed.

Lake Host

Posting the lake host position was discussed. Jim will send Ned the letter describing the position and Ned will try to send it out to collages by April.

Ms. Hernandez inquired about the position and may know someone who might be interested. There was discussion if the pay rate should be bumped up to make the position more attractive, Jim explained they

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would have to fund the increase if it was decided to do it. Discussion ensued around the training involved and, Ms. Hernandez took Jim's contact information.

Ms. Hernandez asked if chemicals are used to remove the milfoil. Jim explained it is an herbicide treatment that does not harm the fish. He went on to explain it dissipates quickly, and the water is tested again to make sure it is gone.

There being no other business to come before the board, **A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Recording Secretary**