

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 19, 2019

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

FCC Members Present: Chairmen Paul Elie, JP Mcvitty, FCC Rep. to the FAC David Straw, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople(A),

FCC Members Absent: Vice Chair Cheryl Harris, Frank Lalumiere, Sarah Tabor

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary

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 David, seconded by Alice to accept the December 18, 2018 meeting minutes with the following amendments: On pg.3 under Madison Logging Proposal spell out DNR (Department of Natural & Cultural Resources) and change Susan F. to Susan Francher. Motion passed.

Invoices

There were no invoices.

Application for a shoreland permit for Broad Bay was reviewed.

David Straw gave a brief update on the FAC committee. He reported the Madison logging proposal was approved by the Selectmen with all of the recommendations that were put forward by the FAC and Barry Keith. The package has been forwarded to the Madison Selectmen.

Pine Barren Burn

The pine barren burn was discussed briefly. Paul reported that the Nature Conservancy picked up Freedom's share of the cost for the documentation and Freedom is included in the application submitted to the State.

The Stewardship Plan is still ongoing at the time of this meeting.

Easement Monitoring report was reviewed. There were two discrepancies found that FCC already knows about. The boundary lines on Rt. 153 for the Ford property and the farm next door have been knocked down, and both parties have mowed land that belongs to the Town Forest. The problem with the mowing is if somebody gets hurt mowing the grass in the town forest the town will be liable. The issue will be addressed in the spring when FCC can meet with the parties to discuss where the boundary lines are.

Paul has been working on updating the Conservation land and easement properties in town, and there are two properties in town that have deed restrictions on them, and he is working with the Preservation Society for NH Forest to clarify the deed restrictions.

"Get Wet" Drinking Water Testing

There was a class held at Green Mountain Conservation for well water testing. They tested six parameters in well water and suggested that well water be tested once a year. There was discussion on having an abbreviated class for Freedom residents. Paul supports the idea and asked board members if they wanted to pursue it. Paul will check with the Chair of old home week to see if the class can be done then.

Solar Ordinance

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

Paul briefed the board that the Planning Board has put together a solar Ordinance and it will be presented at Town Meeting.

Paul asked board members if they should suggest town wide solar to selectmen for town buildings. After a brief discussion, it was decided to approach the subject with Selectmen.

Barry Keith's 2019 Forest Service Management contract for the Town Forest was briefly discussed. Because the contract references, the various tasks shall be instituted by the town in accordance with the Stewardship Plan. It was decided to table the contract until the Stewardship Plan is done to see if anything changes. The FAC signed off on the contract.

Paul made a motion, seconded by Alice to table Barry Keith's contract till all the related documents are received. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the board, meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary**

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