

**FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION****June 18, 2019****7:00 p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall**

**FCC Members Present:** Chairmen Paul Elie, FCC Rep. to the FAC David Straw, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople(A), Sarah Tabor, Justin Brooks

**FCC Members Absent:** Matthew Tyler, Frank Lalumiere

**Others Present:** Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Robert Oran

**Quorum:** A quorum was met

With a quorum having been declared the meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. with Paul Elie as Chairmen presiding. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed next.

**Minutes**

**A motion was made by Sue, seconded by Alice to accept the May 1, 2018, FCC/FAC Joint meeting minutes as written.  
All were in favor:**

**Public Hearing for Request from Fish and Game to Release Three Orphaned Bear Cubs in the Freedom Town Forest**

Public hearing opened at 7:05

Paul opened the public hearing and explained he had a call from Kris Rines of Fish and Game stating they had three orphaned bear cubs and were looking for a home to place them. The bears are currently at Ben Kilhams rehabilitation center. Ben explained that they typically scatter the bears all over the state. Any farmers who have damage done by bears can apply for compensation through the Federal Agricultural Department. Paul also spoke with Andy Timmons, who is in charge of the bear program for Fish and Game statewide, he ran through different scenarios and confirmed everything Ben had said. He explained that they did a build out assessment and determined that the bear population needs to be reduced by 12% in central NH that includes Freedom in the next 15 years. Andy was not sure why Freedom would have been called on to take the bears and agrees that it does not make sense to relocate the bears to the Town Forest. The Town Forester has no problem with the bears being released into the Forest. Other factors considered were landowners that abut the Town Forest and Devin Bolduc's farm and his corn.

Paul took a vote for all those of not in favor of accepting the bear cubs. It unanimously voted not to accept the bear cubs. Paul will call Andy Timmons and the selectmen a call tomorrow to let them know.

**Public meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m.**

**Subcommittee Reports**

Paul reviewed subcommittees:

- Ossipee Aquifer Advisory Committee (OAAC) - Frank has been attending meetings.
- Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA)- Paul Meets twice a year at Calumet.
- Septic Record in Shoreline- Paul has been working on others on this project and what they found was 430 sites in the shoreline. Some of them have records, and some do not. There are 430 records of that complete and approved for operation by DES there are 185 records for 43%, 99 records partially complete for 23% and 146 records with no record at all for 34% for a total of 66% of the homes and camps in the shoreline with complete or partial. This information will be helpful when Green Mountain implements its management plan. Last year

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Green Mountain applied for a grant that was approved. The money will be used to address problem areas around the lake.

- Natural Resource Inventory- Paul. This is part of chapter three of the Master Plan, and the plan is almost complete.
- Green Mountain Conservation Group Representative- Alice has been the representative for years.
- FCC Reference Manual- Paul. This will contain information that has been collected by a sub-committee as things come up that need to be researched. This will also help when there is turn over on the board to use as a reference.
- Septic System Grants- Jeff-FAC. Jeff Towle will research what is available for septic system grants.
- Monitor Wells- Justin. There are eight or ten of them at the town dump. Justin said there is an engineering firm that monitors the wells. Justin will provide a copy of the last report and the number of wells for the reference manual.
- Hazardous Materials Disposal- Justin. Robert Oren gave an overview of how the annual Hazardous Wasted day works In Freedom and other areas.
- Conservation Easements- Paul
- Watershed Management Initiatives – Frank/ Paul. Green Mountain did get the grant from EPA and the State.

Paul gave an update on a workshop that he and Anne Cunningham attended sponsored by OSI (Office of Strategic Initiatives). New London Energy Planning did a presentation on what they have accomplished with solar energy, i.e. led street lights, they have written an energy chapter in the Master Plan, Solarization initiative, electric vehicle expo, an energy and environmental expo, 100 % solar tax exemption approved at town meeting and a \$30,000 energy efficiency capital reserve fund approved at town meeting. Paul suggested that these accomplishments may be food for thought for the commission to consider.

### **Intent to cuts**

There are six intent to cuts to be reviewed. Paul suggested that they should maybe they should be reviewed before the meeting in the future and recommendations if any be made at the meeting.

While the intent to cuts was being passed around for review, the following invoices were discussed:

Invoice:

Green Mountain Conservation Group

Date 5/22/19

2019 Estimated Water Quality Monitoring and Education in Freedom

Amount: \$3,000

**Paul made a motion, seconded by Alice to pay GMCG \$3,000 for 2019 Estimated Water Quality monitoring and education bill. Motion passed unanimously.**

Jody Skelton's intent to cut was sent back for clarification due to the wrong map and lot number.

Green Mountain is trying to put together a steering committee for best management practices if anyone is interested in being on the committee, they can contact Moselle Spiller at Green Mountain Conservation Group.

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During Freedom Old Home Week FCC will partner with Green Mountain and offer water testing August 7<sup>th</sup> that will test for the six parameters. People will need to RSVP to ensure there are enough test kits.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> Green Mountain will host a Keeping Our Lakes Healthy Symposium and septic social from 6 to 8 p.m.

Putting a granite bench in the Trout Pond area in memory of Jennifer Molin is being considered. A lot of details still need to be worked out and DES has been contacted.

A vote was taken to accept the B.H. Keith Associates contract. Vote passed unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the board, Justin made a motion, seconded by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacy Bolduc  
Recording Secretary

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