

Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
July 2, 2019

Members Present: Chairman John Roman, Ron Newbury (A), Dave Charrette

Members Absent: Jeffery Towle Planning Board Rep, Ernie Day (s) Kevin Connerton(A), Janet Meyers, Chuck Depew, David Straw

Others Present: Anne Cunningham, Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary

Quorum: A quorum was not met. The meeting continued as an informal meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman John Roman presiding. The minutes from the June 5, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Minutes

The motion was postponed till the next meeting due to not having a quorum. It was agreed the meeting would continue as an informal meeting. Ron asked that the minutes be updated to show him as an alternate.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

The invoice for Barry Keith for site reconnaissance and spring inspection for the town forest was reviewed, the motion was postponed till the next meeting to approve it due to not having a quorum.

BH Keith

Invoice # 01-3560

Date 6/12/19

Amount \$375.00

The inspection report was not available for the meeting.

Anne Cunningham came before the committee on behalf of a small group to discuss a granite bench in memory of Jenifer Molin who was instrumental in leading the effort to procure the Freedom town forest. They would like to put the bench in the town forest near Trout Pond. An email from Paul Elie and Susan Francher, the administrator for Planning & Community Forestry and NH Forest Legacy Program Coordinator and Steve Walker was handed out for the committee to read. Susan Francher explained that the bench could be allowed under the easement as a recreational feature, and it would be part of the stewardship plan. The stewardship plan would have to be amended to allow the bench; she also recommended if the committee agrees to move forward with the bench, then they should develop a policy regarding memorials in the town forest. There was a brief discussion around the concern that the bench could be vandalized.

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

In conclusion, it was agreed that nobody is opposed to the bench, but because there is not a quorum, it was decided it needs to be discussed further. John will let Paul know they did discuss the bench but did not have a quorum to be able to vote on it and the committee is open to the bench and hearing more about it.

Ron asked about a quote from JP Mcvitty to do some mowing in the town forest (Black Brook Rd. and the connector) because if Madison is not going to do their lumber harvest, then JP would do the all three of the roads in September. Dave C. said it gets mowed when the snowmobile club does the wildlife openings and they don't charge anything to do it.

Dave C. reported that he called the Freedom police to report garbage left from someone letting off fireworks in the airstrip. To David's knowledge, nobody from the police department came to look at the mess.

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary