

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 17, 2019
7:00p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall

FCC Members Present: Chairmen Paul Elie, Frank Lalumiere, Alice Custard, Justin Brooks

FCC Members Absent: FCC Rep. to the FAC David Straw, Matthew Tyler

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Scott Lees, Karl Ogren

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 Alice, seconded by Justin to accept the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes with the following amendments: Add Justin Brooks to the Members Present. The second page under Public Meeting 13th sentence modify the sentence to add the word planting after tried so the sentence should read: *Paul asked if Calumet has tried planting any vegetation.* On the third-page second sentence, add *is scheduled in the spring of 2020 after bridge construction.*

Motion Carried.

Camp Calumet Site Visit

Paul opened the discussion with a recap of the site visit that the board did yesterday at Camp Calumet. Paul, Matt, Frank, and Karl, along with three Calumet employees, took part in the site visit. Paul explained the camp had it staked out from left to right and approximate heights were marked with ribbons for where the wall is being proposed. Paul has not seen an application like this and is not sure how the state will respond to the application. Paul is comfortable with what is being proposed and asked the board for their feedback.

There were no objections to the proposed wall. Alice recused herself from giving any feedback and voting on the application.

Frank made a motion, seconded by Justin to approve the Camp Calumet Application. Motion passed.

Scott gave the application, documentation, and check to Paul, who will take it to Libby in the morning.

There was a brief discussion around camp Calumet having to do an archeological dig called Phase I B; they did Phase I A ten years ago when the dining hall was done.

Scott Lees and Karl Ogren left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Letter to The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Paul read the letter that he wrote to The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in support of Green Mountain Conservation Group grant application regarding Microplastic contamination. (See attached).

Webinar Feedback "Workings of Planning Board"

Paul attended his first webinar and appreciates how easy it is to use and feels the webinars will be helpful. He will get the webinar information to board members.

Stewardship & Wildlife Management Plans

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

There is not an electronic version of the Stewardship Plan yet. Once Barry Keith gets formal approval from the State, an electronic version will be distributed.

Danforth Bay Residents Meeting September 21,2019, milfoil & cyanobacteria town hall

There will be a meeting for residents at Town Hall September 21,2019, at 10:00 a.m. representatives from Freedom Conservation, Freedom Aquatics, Ossipee Lake Alliance and Green Mountain Conservation Group will be in attendance to update homeowners on milfoil and Danforth Bay water quality. A brief discussion ensued around Best Management Practices.

Subcommittee Updates- Monitoring Well Booklet

Justin got the Monitoring Well booklet to Paul, and he will add it to the turnover book.

There being no other business to come before the board, **Frank made a motion seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. without objection. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc,
Recording Secretary



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To Whom It May Concern,

Pristine water is Freedom's most valuable asset. The 2016 Freedom Community Survey conducted by the Planning Board clearly indicated that maintaining clean drinking and recreational water was the most important issue of concern to town residents.

Microplastic contamination of the food chain is becoming a much larger problem each year. Microplastic contamination is harmful to marine and freshwater organisms and continues to cause environmental and safety concerns. Further research of the Ossipee Lake System is required.

Green Mountain Conservation Group has actively monitored our lakes and bays and advocated to protect our waterways for many years through outreach programs in local schools and community organizations. Based on GMCG's past performance, and the reasons noted above, the Freedom Conservation Commission unequivocally and wholeheartedly supports their grant application to help fund the microplastic survey of the Ossipee Lake System. Grant funding would better enable GMCG, community commissions and local volunteers to continue updated fact-based education efforts addressing pollutant loading of our lakes and bays.

Submitted by unanimous vote of the Freedom Conservation Commission for your consideration. Respectfully,

Paul Elie
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