

**Forest Advisory Committee
Freedom Town Hall
December 5, 2019**

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

Members Absent: Jeffery Towle Planning Board Rep, David Straw, Janet Meyers

Others Present:

Quorum: A quorum was met.

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

Minutes

Ron made the motion, seconded by Ernie, to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Meeting Dates

The meeting dates were briefly discussed. John suggested changing the January 1st meeting to January 8th. All agreed.

Summary of Activities and Proposals for next year

John updated the board on the walk through of the town forest that was done last week with Barry Keith and the state. It went very well. The gentleman there on behalf of the State was very impressed with the state of the forest. Copies of Barry Keith's summary of activities and proposed activities were reviewed and discussed. The proposed footbridge should be taken off the list of activities. Next spring, the water bars will have to be cleaned out thoroughly.

The following proposed work was discussed for next year:

- Barry is proposing a harvest next year, though John was not sure where in the forest.
- The gates on Jackman Ridge Road needs a little work.
- The proposed burn will happen in 2021 due to conflicting schedules and time constraints.

John's key does not work at the gates. There was a brief discussion around the key and the locks. Ron will see if his key works, and if it does, he will give it to John.

Expenses/Budget

The budget was reviewed next, and the following was proposed:

\$3,000 for Barry Keith

\$500.00 for springtime maintenance and misc.

Total of \$3,500.00

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Passing of Chuck Depew

The sad news of Chuck Depew passing away was discussed. John reported that the town had collected twenty-five donations totaling just under \$3,800.00 made in his memory. The money will go to the FAC Stewardship Gift Fund. It has been suggested that a couple of trails be named after Chuck and Jennifer Molan to honor their hard work and dedication in obtaining the Town Forest. It was also briefly discussed that Chuck's seat on the FAC will need to be filled.

Paul Elie is proposing a joint meeting between FCC, FAC, Barry Keith, and the Nature Conservancy in late February of 2021. With the grant pushed out, John is not sure if the meeting will take place.

Dave Charette announced he relinquished his position as Trail Master for the Scrub Oak Scramblers.

Ernie announced Stacy Bolduc resigned her position as Recording Secretary. Ernie asked if anyone knows of anybody who might be interested in doing the minutes, let the town office know.

Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

None.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ernie; Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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