

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**November 19, 2019****7:00p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall**

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

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Robert Oram

Quorum: A quorum was met

With a quorum having been declared, the meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. with Paul Elie as Chairmen presiding.

Chairmen Elie opened the meeting with the sad news that Chuck DePew passed away on November 4, 2019. Chuck was instrumental along with Jennifer Molin in spearheading the preservation of Trout Pond, now part of the Freedom Town Forest. It has been suggested to name a couple of trails or a kiosk in the Town Forest after Chuck and Jennifer.

Minutes

A motion was made by Justin, seconded by Alice to accept the September 17, 2019 meeting minutes with the following amendments:

Chairmen Eli questioned why Sue Hoople was not listed in the attendance. The recording secretary responded that there was a discussion in the Planning Board meeting not listing alternates absent, only when they are present. To stay consistent, Sue was not recorded as absent.

On page 2, under Danforth Bay Residents Meeting September 21, 2019, milfoil & cyanobacteria, first sentence third word from the end, modify representatives to Representatives.

On page 2, the second line replace Freedom Aquatics with Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee and delete Ossipee Lake Alliance.

Sue Hoople entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Hazardous Material 2019 Briefing

Robert Oram was present to brief the board about the Hazardous Waste Day that took place at the Freedom transfer station on Saturday, August 3, 2019. With the aid of a handout, he explained the guidelines for hazardous waste disposal.

Though the guidelines are written as to how many gallons people can dispose of, there have been incidents where people bring more than the 10-gallon minimum. However, they do not turn away the waste because they don't want it to end up someplace where it should not be, i.e., on the side of the road or in the lake. Latex paint is not accepted either, but if it shows up, they will take it. Advertising is done at the transfer station two weeks before the event, and flyers are handed out at the transfer station prior. Another challenge is people who may have summer homes or camps show up without a dump sticker with trailers with waste that exceeds the limit, again they take the waste to prevent it from ending up in the wrong place.

The program has 12 volunteers and six or seven of the contractors (Clean Harbors) to breakdown the waste, manage the traffic and do the surveys. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. though they did open early because of the traffic that was lined up to get into the transfer station, and they went until 12:15 p.m. because of the demand.

Justin shared that he had two drums of motor oil mixed with antifreeze shipped out that cost almost \$800.00.

Other concerns discussed:

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- The cost to recycle is getting more expensive due the market for plastic has dropped due to China and India not taking what they use to.
- There is a market for cardboard.
- There is no market for glass
- Justin commented currently, it cost \$20.00 a ton to have the recyclables trucked off; next year, it will cost \$125.00. A decision will have to be made at the town meeting if the town wants to continue to recycle.

Justin stated that the town is committed to doing the hazardous waste day again next year. Discussion ensued around how the town is billed to participate in the hazardous wasted day and the questioner that gets handed out the day of the event. Paul was curious about what the cost breaks out for each car. Neither Oram or Justin knew but thought it would be good information to have and will try to get it. Oram closed the presentation, with they are always looking for volunteers, and he would like to see it done more than once a year. Spring would be beneficial because people are here cleaning out their camps and doing spring cleaning.

Calumet Site visit & Application Reconsideration

Paul reported on the site visit that was done at Calumet to save the trees along the beach. They are proposing to build a 500 ft. Long 2 ft. High wall to prevent the ice and water from getting to the vegetation and trees all along the edge. He went on to explain the board signed off on the application, and it was expedited. DES has sent the application back, looking for further information.

They want to know the following:

1. Pursuant to Rule Env-wt 404.01, Least intrusive method, and Env-wt 404.05, walls, (a), (1), shoreline stabilization shall be by the least intrusive but practical method, and walls shall be permitted only where lack of space or other limitations of the site make alternative stabilization methods impractical. Submit evidence that the use of rip-rap is not a practical solution for the stabilization of the bank along this shoreline or submit revised plans that meet the requirements of Rule Env-Wt 40404, Rip-rap.

Scott Lees is the engineer, and he is working on getting the additional information and explain what they have thought about and considered and what they are trying to do.

Though the board voted at the last meeting to approve the application, it was brought to Paul's attention when Alice recused herself; there was not a quorum to vote, she should have abstained. Paul asked for the board to vote on the application again tonight to make the vote official.

A motion was made by Paul to approve the Wetlands application NHDES File Number:2019-02988 subject property 1099 Ossipee Lake Rd, Freedom NH, Tax Map #5 lot #5 submitted by Calumet, motion seconded by Matt; Motion passed 5-0-1. Alice Custard abstained.

FCC 2020 Budget

Paul handed out the budget to review and explained he is proposing a flat budget of \$5,100.00. The operating budget line was raised from \$700.00 to \$1,000 and the part- time line was decreased \$300.00. Paul explained printing town forest maps is planned for 2020.

Board members supported the proposed budget, and the following motion was made:

Justin made a motion to accept the budget as written for \$5,100.00, seconded by David; Motion passed unanimously.

Paul has a meeting with the Town Administrator on Dec 9th to present the budget.

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Goals for 2020

The following goals were discussed for 2020:

- Continue with water quality education
- Scenic views were discussed (Cushing Corner) Anne Quentin. would like to put 2-3 acres in an easement. Burnham Rd was mentioned but more research would be needed.

Correspondence/Information

- PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) workshop will be held on November 21, 2019, at Runnells Hall, Chocorua, NH at 6:00 p.m.
- Pinetree Power pulled back their water discharge application.
- Paul ordered NH Planning and Land Use books for everyone.
- Berry Bay hosted a workshop on milfoil on October 12th. Amy Smagula from DES was one of the presenters. The FAISC is proposing an increase in its budget to fight milfoil.
- Joh Roman, Ron Newbury and Paul Elie did the annual forest inspection last week with Steve Walker (Office of Strategic Planning) and Barry Keith (Town Forester). Due to the cold, they did not walk through the forest, but they went to three of the gates, and they were impressed with the kiosks. Remarking the boundaries is a goal next year and making sure Burnt Meadow and Dr. Foord are not cutting grass in the Town Forest. It could be a liability to the town if someone gets hurt.
- The Stewardship Plan was submitted to the State more than 90 days ago. The State requested a signature page in the front of the document signed by the selectmen. Barry is working on it.
- The meeting dates for 2021 are in tonight's packet.
- The Pine Barren burn off the Lake Rd in the western part of the forest (around 20 acres) is scheduled for 2021. There will be a joint meeting with FAC and, The Nature Conservancy and Barry Keith in early 2020. No money will have to come out of a warrant article this year. A grant has been obtained, and the Nature Conservancy will pay for the two documents that have to be written before the burn can happen.
- Totem Pole is requesting four more mooring's. They have to fill out a three-page application and they have a public hearing in early December. No action is required by the board. They should have a decision by mid-January.
- Wetlands application was reviewed for two docks to be built at the former town beach at East Danforth on the end. It was approved subject to seven stipulations.

There being nothing else to come before the board, **David made a motion seconded by Alice to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc,
Recording Secretary

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