

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

December 17, 2019

7:00 p.m. at the Freedom Town Hall

FCC Members Present: Chairmen Paul Elie, Alice Custard, FCC Rep. to the FAC David Straw, Matthew Tyler

FCC Members Absent: Justin Brooks, Frank Lalumiere

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Susan Marks, Roberta McCarthy

Quorum: A quorum was met at 7:15 p.m. with Alice joining the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with Paul Elie as Chairmen presiding. A quorum was not declared until 7:15 p.m. Alice entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m. due to poor road conditions.

The minutes were reviewed. No vote could be taken until a quorum could be declared.

The following amendments were discussed to the November 19, 2019 meeting:

Page 1 under Minutes, the first sentence after the motion, correct the spelling of "Eli" to "Elie," page 2 the motion at the bottom of the page before the **FCC 2020 Budget** rephrase "A motion was made by Paul" to "A motion to reconsider was made by Paul." Page 3 under Correspondence/Information fifth bullet correct the spelling of "Joh" to "John," seventh bullet change "2021" to "2020" for meeting dates.

Invoices

NH Association of Conservation Commission

Invoice #746

Amount of \$250.00

For membership

After the minutes and invoices were reviewed, Paul updated the board while waiting for a quorum that Susan and Roberta were attending the meeting to learn more about the Sandwich Climate Coalition and their efforts regarding recycling. Discussion ensued around the challenges with recycling how it is a global problem because India and China are no longer taking recyclables.

There will be a meeting with Dave Babson, Carroll County Commissioner, to discuss regional solutions for waste management and recycling on January 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cook Memorial Library in Tamworth. (See attached agenda for more information). Paul plans on attending the meeting.

Paul met with the Selectman regarding the 2020 budget. The only comment they had was that the Maintenance and the Forester would come out of the \$44,398.01 Town Forest Maintenance line. A warrant article will be required. Paul will draft the warrant and send it to Town Hall, and then it will be reviewed by the town Lawyer. The FCC proposed budget is \$5,100.00, and the FAC proposed budget is \$3,500.00 for a total combined budget of \$8,600.00.

Registry of Deeds Update

Paul reported he is going to add documentation on how to access the registry of deeds and get land information to the Turnover Book.

Alice entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Paul brought Alice up to date on what the board was discussing, and with a quorum having been declared, the following motion was made:

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Paul made a motion, seconded by Alice, to pay invoice #746 for the NH Association of Conservation Commission for \$250.00; Motion passed unanimously.

Spindle Point Road Dock Application

Paul informed the board that the applicant has requested that the application be expedited. The application needs FCC approval because the shoreline is only 25 ft. wide, which would put them 20 ft. within an abutter. Paul said there are several docks at Spindle, and this is not unique. It will be a seasonal dock that will be taken out for the winter.

Concerns/Comments from the Board:

Paul recommended granting approval subject to receiving notarized abutter approval and the map with the abutter's location. A brief discussion ensued around the application lacked the dock size, and the dock being seasonal. It was agreed to approve the application with the following conditions:

- Provide a photo of the area
- Tax map with abutter name, mailing address, and location
- Abutter notification
- Need notarized abutter approval.
- Size of the dock

Paul made a motion, seconded by Matt to approve the Wetlands Permit Application for Spindle Point for the seasonal dock with the five conditions listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

FAC Updates

Paul updated the board that it has been suggested naming a couple of trails in the Town Forest after Chuck Depew and Jennifer Molan in acknowledgment for their work obtaining the Town Forest. No decision has been made yet; No recommendation has been made by the FAC yet, they are still considering the suggestion.

FCC 2020 Goals

There was a meeting with the representative from the State, John Roman, Barry Keith, and Ron Newbury at Barry's office, where Barry explained what he accomplished this year and what he is proposing for next year.

Paul handed out the Town Foresters Summary of Activities 2019 report and the Proposed Activity Schedule for 2020. Both documents have been approved by the FAC. Though they did not walk through the entire forest, the state inspector was very impressed with what he saw regarding maintenance with the kiosk and the gates. The two issues that are outstanding are:

- Burnt Meadow and Foord property cutting grass that is infringing on the Town Forest land. It could be a liability to the Town. The inspector recommended talking with each party and walk the boundary line with them and remark the boundary line.

Paul explained that Barry's Summary of Activities for 2019 and his Proposed Activity Schedule for 2020 needs to be approved by the board so Barry can finalize the inspection with the State. FAC already approved them.

A list of the land in conservation was handed out for board members to review. The map is a work in progress.

David made a motion, seconded by Alice, to accept the Summary of Activities and Proposed Activity for 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

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The goals for 2020 were discussed next.

The following goals were discussed for 2020.

Scenic views were discussed, and the challenges making the scenic view on Cushing Corner a scenic vista.

Paul suggested education as a goal. There was a good response to the water well testing and the meeting on cyanobacteria. Recycling could be an educational topic.

The Pine Barron burn has been put off until 2021. A grant has been obtained for the documentation. The town will have to fund the actual burn. Next year the board will look at where the money will come from and be ready for 2021.

Paul made a motion, seconded by Matt to make the following three goals for 2020:

- Looking into Scenic Views
- Education
- Pine Barron Burn

Motion passed unanimously.

Recycling Webinar Info

There is a recycling webinar on January 29th, 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

NHMA Books

Paul looked into the books that Robert Oram suggested, and they are mostly books to do with land-use. FCC is not a land- use board. Water Quality was the only book that might be useful.

How to list Alternates in the minutes was discussed. Paul spoke with Don Johnson, and he said you could list them either way (present or not list them at all when they are not present), but he suggested to list them as being absent if they are not attending the meeting because if a vote was taken and contested by anyone, they could go back in the minutes and research that an alternate has not attended meetings and therefore may not know enough about the back ground or subject matter to be able to vote.

Paul supports listing alternates, whether they are at a meeting or not.

Paul made a motion, seconded David to list alternates whether they are present or not; Motion passed unanimously.

Susan asked if anything can be publicized regarding what is recyclable and what is not. Paul will check with Justin and see what more can be done for postings.

There being no other business to come before the board, Matt made a motion, seconded by David, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc,
Recording Secretary

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