

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

33 Old Portland Road – PO Box 227

Freedom, NH 03836

18 August 2020

7:00 pm

- NH State Proclamation was read.

- Quorum Check, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes –
Cubby Brooks – present
David Straw – present
Jeff Nicoll – present
Paul Elie – present
Alice Custard – present
Melissa Donaldson – present
Matt Tyler (7:24 pm)
Also present are Jean Marshall, Roberta MacCarthy, and Susan Marks

Minutes from July 21, 2020 meeting – Add Robert Oram to paragraph on page 3 regarding Paul helping - motion to approve as amended by Alice, seconded by Cubby

Cubby Brooks – yes

David Straw – yes

Jeff Nicoll – yes

Paul Elie – yes

Alice Custard – yes

- Business Properly Presented to the Commission
 1. Approve Invoices
 - 1- FAC Ron Newbury \$40.73 Skehan-Materials, stain – motion to approve by Cubby, seconded by David
Cubby Brooks – yes
David Straw – yes
Jeff Nicoll – yes
Paul Elie – yes
Alice Custard – yes

 - 2- Barry Keith (2) for work in the forest - \$375.00 administration and management services – draft work summary, site inspections. Alice made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded.
Cubby Brooks – yes
David Straw – yes
Jeff Nicoll – yes
Paul Elie – yes
Alice Custard – yes

\$300 Annual easement monitoring inspection, prepare and attend. David made a motion to approve, Alice seconded.

Cubby Brooks – yes

David Straw – yes

Jeff Nicoll – yes

Paul Elie – yes

Alice Custard – yes

2. Review Intents to Cut – there are two. First is 20-165-07. Forward to Selectman. The other is 20-165-03. Forward to Selectmen. Paul met with the Selectmen regarding the ongoing problem with the intents. There is an issue with timing. Ellen will forward them to the Chair, who will look at them for any obvious concerns and bring them to the attention of the Selectmen. This procedure will need to be reviewed.
3. Applications – Healthy tree removal on Ligouri Drive – no objections

Matt Tyler arrived to the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Cristoferi – retaining wall. Specify no pesticides/fertilizer to be used. Blocks need to be tied together in some capacity (Durawall?). Rain garden or infiltration ditch on the walkway side is suggested

Parece – forward to ZBA for action

- Recycling Update – Several people have spoken to Paul and feel that perhaps we are going down the wrong road. The manager at the Transfer Station should be working on this, coordinating with the Conservation Commission as needed, especially in the area of education. David spoke about the monetary issue of making this all work. COVID is slowing everything down right now. Cubby feels that education is what needs to be done. Jeff Nicoll reviewed a lot of the data and would be happy to share that with Cubby to put together a plan, education model. Frank Lalumiere did a presentation on milfoil and cyanobacteria. He is here for the summer and we may be able to have him participate with this.
- Correspondence / Information
 - Spindle Point had a porta-potty on it. The health inspector got involved, and it was removed.
 - Selectman's Meeting – camping in the forest was raised as an issue. It is permitted, but is not being emphasized. Fires are not permitted. The FCC will need to meet with the Forester to clarify the document.
 - Testing Loon Lake and/or Round Pond? – The testing program has been paused due to COVID. Paul feels that at a minimum, Loon Lake should be tested. FCC members are supportive of this. Paul will take this as an action item.
 - HazMat program ran last month. Effingham has not released the numbers yet. There was a good turnout.
 - Cyanobacteria has been found at Middle Danforth. An alert has been issued. Citizens are asked to observe the waters and notify authorities if they seen any signs of the bacteria. This has now been changed from an alert to an advisory.

1. Signage in Town Forest – Steven Brown was called, he said he would remove the sign, but has not done so. The issue was taken to Eric Whitehouse, Zoning Officer. The sign is not down yet.
 2. State Monitoring Easement Site Visit – done on July 22. No major findings were noted. A milfoil sign at Trout Pond is missing. Paul will attempt to get another sign.
- Master Plan BMP's & Zoning Ordinance
 - Public Comment – none

The schools are re-opening face to face in Freedom. Schools in MA are remote learning until November. Cubby and David would like to meet face to face. Jeff is fine with that, as long as masks are worn. Alice and Matt agree.

- Adjournment – Cubby made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm, Alice seconded.
 - Cubby Brooks – yes
 - David Straw – yes
 - Jeff Nicoll – yes
 - Paul Elie – yes
 - Alice Custard – yes
 - Matt Tyler - yes

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary