

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
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A meeting of the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 and following the declaration of an emergency by the Chair of the FAISC, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting. The FAISC is using the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. To join the meeting via Zoom, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8498152356> and enter the [meeting id: 849 815 2356](#) (if prompted) at the appointed time. If you don't have internet access, please use this phone number: (929)205-6099. In addition, instructions for joining this meeting will be provided on the home page of the town of Freedom's website: www.townoffreedom.net.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Quorum Check:

Chairman Ned Kucera called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Members present: Ned Kucera
 Bill Elliott
 Bruce Howlett
 Gerard Costantino

Annual report review. Congratulations to Bill Elliott, recipient of the Town Report dedication.

Minutes of December 10, 2020 FAISC Meeting:

Bruce noted a correction on the first page toward the bottom; the holiday discussed should have been noted as Veteran's Day not Valentine's Day. Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Bill seconded. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts:

Account balances: Berry Bay and Broad Bay gifts received as well as a donation from Howlett in 2020. Current balance in gift account is \$7,559.98.

Monies leftover from 2020 treatment total \$6,894.90; this amount is left over from the town's portion of monies raised in last year's warrant article. Herbicide treatment was very effective last year.

Ned also noted \$750 in administrative expenses raised in 2020 were not fully expended.

2021 Town Meeting Roundup:

Budget request for milfoil treatment estimated originally with 25% grant reimbursement, but came in at 40%. Cost for treating 30-acres is \$25,992, 10-days diving \$12,600, for a total of \$38,592.

State grant at 40% to reimburse \$15,436.80, town cost to be \$23,155.20. \$750.00 additional raised toward administration costs. Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 13. Gift account remains, non-capital account balance is \$6,420.60. Warrant Articles to be voted on are \$2,500 for Lake Host Program as No. 17, and No. 19 is to raise the \$38,592 for milfoil treatment with \$15,437 from the State Grant and \$23,155 to be raised by taxation.

Bruce reported an active beaver causing a high dam pileup. Bruce also stated a snowmobile magazine reported increase in boat and snowmobile registrations in 2020 which will help with future state-funding. Gerard thought the amount of increase was in the neighborhood of 30%. Ned noted Alan Fall was not re-elected Selectmen but the committee's efforts have always been well supported by the Town.

Lake Host: Lake Host program reduced from \$3,500 last year to \$2,500 this year. Late hiring and pandemic were result of lower expenditures last year so leftover funds will be utilized. Discussion on hiring assistance. Brianna Barrett has expressed interest already. Gerard stated his son is also interested. Mid-April grants amounts will be published so hiring can commence in late April.

Ossipee Lake Alliance and Green Mountain Conservation Group are both willing to publish articles on hiring for volunteers. Vote to move forward with Lake Host Program in 2021. Bruce made a motion to proceed with Lake Host Program pending approval of funding by Ossipee and Freedom. Gerard seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Discussion on rate of pay to be continued.

Herbicide Treatment: Budget reviewed. Solitude contract has been received. Task No. 1 is for state permitting to start in March. Ned made a motion to proceed with binding the contract pending funding approval at Town Meeting and to approve the permitting invoice in the amount of \$1,530 to be payable once the contract has been signed. Bill seconded. All in favor, the motion passed, unanimously.

Aqualogic contract has also been received. Down payment is required as part of the contract at \$1,250. Ned made a motion to approve the Aqualogic contract for 2021 and down payment of \$1,250, pending Town Meeting approval. Gerard seconded. All in favor, the motion passed, unanimously.

State grant application has been sent in and approved as submitted.

Ned seeks a Lake Host co-coordinator to assist with driving around and answering any questions. Anyone with interest, please contact Ned. Bill volunteered.

Board Member Renewals:

Bruce's term is due to expire in 2021. Bruce seeks reappointment. All were in favor of reappointment for another term.

Discussion on boat traffic accessibility under the new bridge on Danforth Bay. Bruce notes that it appears to be 1-foot shallower.

New Business/Other Business/Public Comment:

Comments on the new dam.

Ned announced that Janice is no longer working at the Town Office.

Adjournment:

Ned made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. All in favor, the motion passed, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White, Recording Secretary (transcribed from recording)