

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
3-16-2021

Quorum Check - a quorum is present. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Roll Call - Present are: Jeff Nicoll, David Straw, Matt Tyler, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople and Robert Oram.

Approval of 19 January 2021 Minutes –No corrections. Question about watermarking draft minutes was asked by Jeff. Jeff made a motion to approve, Matt seconded. Motion carried.

Business Properly Presented to the Commission –

Approve Invoices - Barry Keith 2021 forester agreement - appears to be the standard agreement. A motion to accept the agreement was made by Sue, seconded by Alice. Motion carried

Review Applications

Galloway / Therrien NHDES # 2021-00031, Spindle Pt Rd

Feb 22 NHDES – admin incomplete. Information was missing as of January 13. On January 25 additional communication was received with information that the application was denied. A motion to table until further information is received was made by Alice, seconded by Robert. Motion carried

Berlind, B / Bella13 LLC – Dredge and fill (perched beach) 02/17/2021

Feb 22 NHDES – Jeff received this after the 14 day window had expired. He called DES and learned that this package is under technical review at this time. They are interested in feedback from the Commission. A lot of the requirements are met. There are a few things that could be done better: erosion control, tree cutting. Oram has issue with the plan not meeting the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act. Jeff voiced concern about the path down to the beach. Switchbacks and water bars were discussed. Sue spoke about the incline going down to the beach - it appears flat from the pictures. Is there enough drop to require a perched beach? Oram would like a document that identifies all of the trees and includes the elevations. Is there a way to do this project with less impact? Jeff read through the details of the retaining wall and the stone curtain drain. Oram would like them to send in a working copy of the plan. There are clear cuts noted on the plan. A letter with these concerns should be sent to DES. The property owners/LandTech should be notified that they do not meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act before DES is contacted. Runoff needs to be addressed also. Pervious and impervious areas on the lot are a concern. What is the pervious patio made from? Water runoff from steps is a concern also. Oram recommends water bars or porous material to absorb the runoff. House construction details are not available. A letter to LandTech will be drafted by Jeff. Jeff made a motion that he will summarize these concerns based on this discussion and forward it to LandTech. Alice seconded.

Dave - yes

Matt - yes

Alice -yes
Sue - yes
Robert - yes

Other applications- three were included in the package. These arrived after the agenda was created. They were shared for informational purposes with the exception of Daniel Mullane and Juliann Samaro application, which is coming in to the ZBA. The property is located at Map 36 Lot 7 Sherwood Forest Way. This has not been through the ZBA yet. Discussion was held regarding septic, etc. There is nothing to do from this Board's standpoint.

Correspondence / Information - Jeff is waiting for additional information from Jillian.

- Rivers Water Quality Presentation by Jillian Emerson of GMCG

Masonic Lodge application to FCC and FPB - we will receive information at some point but there is nothing to review at this stage.

2021 Forest Management Services Agreement – BH Keith - see above

Public Comment -

Other Business - FCC members and positions held. Paul Elie and Justin (Cubby) Brooks have resigned. There are 3 open positions currently. The Board needs to be restructured. How to fill vacancies?
- Lisa Wheeler will put a notice in the town column, and the Board members will put the word out. Jeff is willing to take over the role of Chairperson. Sue made the motion to move Oram to a permanent seat from the alternate position. Alice seconded. Motion carried.

Oram made a motion that Jeff Nicoll become the Chairman of the Conservation Commission, seconded by Alice. Motion carried.

Adjournment - Alice made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm, Oram seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary