

Freedom Conservation Commission/Forest Advisory Committee
Joint Meeting
April 20, 2021
Town Hall, 7 pm
Draft Minutes

1. Quorum Check, Roll Call, Approval of 16 March 2021 FCC Minutes – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jeff Nicoll . FCC quorum is present, FAC is one member short so Dave Straw is seated for the FAC, making the FAC quorum met. Present are: Jeff Nicoll, Oram, Sue Hoople, Alice Custer, Matt Tyler, David Straw, John Roman, Ron Newbury. Melissa Florio- Selectmen’s Representative.

Jeff made a motion to approve minutes from 16 March 2021, Alice seconded. APPROVED

1. FCC/FAC Joint business review / plans – Ossipee Pine Barren burn – John Roman spoke about emails between Barry and the Nature Conservancy. There are estimates, Fire Department coordination, and grant money included in those documents. Due to pandemic, nothing has been happening. A walk through will be held this month or in May. We believe that the burn will be done this year. Barry sent a report on a walk through he completed the other day, which was distributed to the members. Ron has completed some items from the list. They will contact Scott and ask about some raking. The kiosk is in good shape. We are participating in the Valley Pride Day, so Melissa will be directing folks to the town areas and roads for that project. Jeff asked about Jackman Ridge and Shawtown Road, as they are showing erosion. Everything is very dry right now. Do we need to put some maintenance on those roads? They will go check to see how much needs to be done. Melissa asked about what the annual maintenance program is for. It is for repainting the boundaries. This is in Barry's court. In the past there have been plastic cards (from DES) that were placed on the trees that are marked with red paint. We need to ask Barry if he can get more of those cards. We need approximately 100. John will contact Barry. Signage for ATVs is needed at entry points. The problem seems to be from the Mountview area. Barry's presence will be requested for the next meeting. Two of the FAC members have not been present in the last year. An extra member or two would be welcomed. The FCC also needs some additional members. The Planning Board is supposed to be represented at their meetings as well.

2. Business Properly Presented to the Commission

1. Review Applications

1. Continuation /update of Berlind / Bella 13 LLC Application – this is an application for a perched beach, which was previously considered at last month's meeting. A letter of concerns that were raised at that meeting was

drafted, and was sent to the applicant and the State. Jeff reviewed the list of concerns the Board had. The applicant responded with the plans that were sent to the ZBA and approved, and a revised plan has been received. Some of the points have been addressed. Slope is 21%. Upper water access structure was simplified to be a graded terrace. The 6' paths have been removed. Final contours have been added to the plan. It is not clear if we will receive a new application, or if this is all we will receive. The erosion control plan for the house is in order. The plan for tree cutting submitted to the ZBA shows gridding, etc. but that plan differs greatly from the plan we received. Why is there such a large discrepancy? Another letter will be sent regarding the tree value discrepancies between the two plans. Jeff made a motion that we have an action plan to the ZBA regarding the discrepancies in the tree values, Matt Tyler seconded. APPROVED

2. Other received applications – 3 other applications were received as well. The Town office included large format plans with Jeff's packet.

Red Top Realty Trust/DJH Investments – 173 Haverhill Street – proposed replacement of three existing nonconforming structures with one larger single family home that is slightly less nonconforming than the other structures. This was denied on April 9 for water, wetlands setbacks, septic, erosion control and vegetation removal. There is an appeal for a special exception on erosion control, cutting and removal of trees in the shorefront district. They are proposing 19% lot coverage. Alice would like to see some plantings included on the plan to replace what is being removed.

Ron Newbury and John Roman excused themselves from the meeting.

Oram is concerned that erosion control cannot be seen on the plan. Jeff pointed out that poorly drained soils are shown in the building envelope. From the house to the shore is only 51'. He is also concerned about relocation of the wetland outlet. Stormwater mitigation is mentioned, but it is not shown. A variance is also requested for a septic tank within 125' of a wetland. Vegetation removal/erosion control is also a concern.

1. Stormwater control plan info request
2. 51' setback from shorefront
3. wetlands on either side of the construction
4. septic tank location

A motion to submit this list of concerns to the ZBA was made by Alice, seconded by Matt. APPROVED

Water testing update – Ned Kucera – Testing was discussed, it is all a go. Green Mountain is good with starting on May 13. Someone with a rowboat is needed for Round Pond. A training session will be held, and then the testing will be started. The testing will be comprehensive and will go through October. The testing will be done every two weeks and a report is given to the Lake Association and the Town. The Conservation Commission will receive the bill. \$1500 was given from the FCC, the Lake Association covered the rest. The test samples will come from the deepest point in each water body. The FAISC is waiting on the report from the State, and hope to have it for the June meeting. Danforth Bay has asked about the timing of the treatment. What is the best timing to do it? We need to wait for the spring survey. The herbicide was done a week after the receipt of the report, which made it mid June last year. The fall survey from last year showed very little growth, if any. Lake Hosting – the grant application has been filled out, Freedom and Ossipee have contributed funding. Memorial Day through Labor Day is approved. No milfoil has been observed at Loon Lake or Round Pond. The runoff from Davis Point Road – could someone put a scoop in the ground before the launch? The FCC will contact Scott about this issue. Round Pond has a lot of Bladderwort.

Peter/John Thomson/Jane Nudd – there are boundary disputes. Shoreline setbacks are at 59.8', sideline setbacks are 4 feet. Tree removal within 75' of the lake is proposed. Impervious lot coverage is proposed at 24.6%. Structure coverage is at 10.7%. Stormwater mitigation is not shown.

Stormwater for existing structure and the proposed structure - It is stated in the document but now shown on the plan and no details are given.

Cutting trees and removal of vegetation are mentioned also, but there are no details given.

A motion to address the items listed above was made by Matt, seconded by Oram. APPROVED

Julian Haskell – Loon Lake Road – looking to extend the deck toward the shore by 3'. Erosion control is indicated but now shown on the plan. Is this control for during construction or permanently?

Increase of impervious surface, in concern of runoff

Mitigation of runoff (waterbars?)

erosion control around new deck

A motion to send a letter with the above concerns was made by Alice, seconded by Oram. APPROVED

3. Correspondence / Information

1. Loon Lake Water testing update – moved up the agenda – see above

4. Public Comment

5. Other Business – Oram would like to be briefed at least once a year from the FAISC. Ned Kucera is aware of this request. He would like to hear what is being done, as well as what is being proposed for the next year when Ned is present. This will be an agenda item. Give consideration to dissolving the FAC? If their numbers don't increase, this is something that we need to look at. Discussion ensued regarding the authority of the FCC to have a subcommittee. This will be a discussion at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment – Matt made a motion to adjourn at 9 pm, Alice seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary