

**Freedom Conservation Commission**

**Tuesday, 18 May, 2021**

7:00 pm

At the Town Hall

1. Quorum Check, Roll Call, Approval of 20 April 2021 FCC Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are: Jeff Nicoll, Sue Hoople, Robert Oram, Alice Custer, Dave Straw, Melissa Florio-Nicoll - Selectmen's Representative. A quorum is present.

There is a typo in Dave Straw's name in the first paragraph. Clarification about Fire Department Match is needed. Change match to coordination. Nobody from the FAC has spoken to the Fire Chief. Nature "Conservancy" not Conservatory. Alice made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Sue seconded.

APPROVED

2. Business properly presented to the commission

1. Intents to Cut – one is on Route 153 – William Ford, and the other is on Milford Avenue. Oram has a concern regarding the piece of property Ford owns that is surrounded by the Town Forest. He feels that a silt fence all along the stream if this is a Class IV or lower if the intent to cut covers that area. This needs to be brought to the attention of the Code Officer. There are no comments on the other form. Jeff made a motion that we inform the Code Officer of the need for silt fencing on the Ford lot if crossing and cutting is being done in the area of the stream.

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2. Discuss Town acceptance of the Masonic Temple Property – the property is not in conservation. Concerns mentioned are possibility of asbestos, lead paint, leaking oil tanks, etc. No inspection information has been given. Ernie has noted that the roof needs to be screwed and that the electrical box is not up to code. Oram spoke about buildings that are on the Historical Register. He would like money appropriated for trench, crushed stone and perforated pipe drainage. Look specifically at pervious and impervious surfaces. Jeff made a motion to advise that the FCC

consistently apply our desire for stormwater mitigation and review of pervious and impervious surfaces of the property, as well as a caution of the environmental impact of disturbing the existing building envelope.

Oram seconded. APPROVED

Jeff made a motion that we alter the agenda to discuss points 4&5 prior to Point 3. Alice seconded. APPROVED

3. Review the Applications – The ZBA deadline was on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There were a bunch of them in the box on the 12<sup>th</sup>. None of the applications were sent out to the members. The rules of procedure indicate that any applications must be received by the Conservation Commission within 5 days of the meeting. The Standard Operating Procedure indicates that we should be receiving the applications in our packets.

\* Collins – 27 Swasey Rd – 304.6.5.1 – tree removal – points are given on the tree removal. Stumps cannot be removed. A reminder will be sent. If they plan on planting, they should find an appropriate water soaking type. Elevations 12 degrees or lower needs to look at water bars, etc.

\* Spodick – 49 Loon Lake Road – for addition of 40'x60' garage on property. There is an erosion control application. The exception is requested due to the size of the structure exceeding 900 square feet. Runoff mitigation is a concern.

\* Johnson – 38 North Broad Bay Rd – exception for erosion control and vegetation removal is requested. Check the number of bedrooms the existing septic is designed for. Water management at the steps, roof runoff and number of bedrooms are mentioned as concerns. Easement of protective well radii is discussed also.

\* Sackman Trust – Paulipoint Road – to remove the existing nonconforming home and replace it with a nearly conforming home. They are looking for an exception for erosion control. Water infiltration around the deck is a concern.

\* Taylor – 64 North Broad Bay – construct a 2 car garage. Exceptions on sideline and front setbacks are being requested. No comments

\* Burgess – Pine Street/Mountview – seeking exception to septic setback from wetland. Seasonal runoff/wetland soil type needs to be asked about. How far is the septic from wetlands soil type?

\* Lawnicki – 380 Pequawket Trail – keeping footprint of existing structure, replacing old structure, tree cutting, new septic. Erosion control and setback exceptions are requested. Concern is voiced about the slope of the lot, water management is not shown other than retaining walls. Tree grid details are missing. Well and septic are not shown on the plan. What is the erosion control that is being shown? Replanting after trees are pulled? Show septic on the plan.

\* Bolduc –Haverhill Street - Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit – needed from the State. No comments on this application.

4. Discuss information session with ZBA – this came from Scott Lees. He contacted Jeff and offered that we have a work session/get together to realign our groups. He has not received letters of recommendation in a consistent manner. We need direction on what Scott would like us to return to them. Also, what do we need to be prepared to talk about when we meet with them? If it is a combined meeting, who will be responsible for posting? Check to see what was forwarded in the past. Research what plan had the wetlands removed, and how did that happen? Should Intent to Cut forms come to the FCC prior to going to the Selectmen? Jeff made a motion that he will communicate back to the ZBA with the subject of the meeting/purpose, information session for the betterment of both parties, and that we will do research on the process from the past. Alice seconded. APPROVED

5. Discuss status of FAC – The history of the FAC has been reviewed. The membership has been dwindling. RSA 36 gives the power to establish subcommittees. There is an RSA (513?) that says that if you have a Town Forest you must have an FAC. This needs to be researched. Jeff will have a sit-down with John to discuss his thoughts. The State of NH has asked to come in and do soil sampling in the Town Forest for PFAS chemicals. The permission was granted. Sue requested that we test the soils around the old lagoon site.

3. Correspondence/ Information – Water testing was done on Loon Lake and Round Pond.
4. Public Comment - Melissa reported about the Valley Pride Recycling Day. Scott Brooks provided a truck to pick up the bags. Recycling at the Transfer Station is being talked about. Perhaps a small team could be assembled to work on this.

The document that Oram referred to before – Oram made a motion that the procedures document be copied and listed as a draft, so that at the next meeting it can be reviewed and voted on. Jeff seconded. APPROVED

Oram is also concerned that we need more copies of the large maps in the applications. He would like 2 large copies, at a minimum. The application form must be changed to include that there must be two copies for this Board. Oram made a motion that we need at least 2 large copies of the plans submitted to FCC, seconded by Alice. APPROVED

5. Adjournment –Alice made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm, Oram seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Donaldson  
Recording Secretary