

Freedom Conservation Commission
Tuesday, 20 July 2021
7:00 pm
At the Freedom Town Hall

Quorum Check, Roll Call – A quorum is present. The meeting was called to order at 7: 09 pm by Jeff Nicoll.

Present are: Sue Hoople, Alice Custard, Robert Oram, Jeff Nicoll, Melissa Donaldson – Recording Secretary. Matt Tyler is absent.

Approval of 15 June 2021 FCC Meeting Minutes – Alice made a motion to approve, Oram seconded. The minutes were approved.

Business properly presented to the Commission

Intent to Cut Applications and Procedure – no wetlands are shown on the map. The Town and City Magazine has an article regarding timber harvesting. Discussion was held regarding how the process could be modified to require information about wetlands, etc. before the intent to cut is approved. A comprehensive checklist could be given to the clerk, to have completed with the intent form. The code officer would be responsible for enforcement, and beyond that, the State Forester could be called in. Think about this process, and we will put it on the agenda at a later date.

Review of Application(s)

Johnson, Darlene & Pisano, John at 169 East Danforth Road – Oram spoke about a line that says this meets town zoning regulations, but they are coming in for a variance. It does not indicate where the slope is. The property is not a peninsula. Trees are a concern. There is no information presented regarding stormwater runoff. Is there a page of the application missing? Suggest a plan for replanting to restore point values. Jeff will include the following comments in the Conservation Commission reply: Stormwater runoff and impervious runoff are concerns (house, garage and porch). Where is it going. In future, details included on plan for review. Details of retaining wall drainage and details of construction and replanting of grid zones to restore point value after construction are complete.

McLaughen, Carla at 11 Phil Road – tree cutting appears to be within the points allowed. Infiltration around house is shown. Details are on page two of the plans. Our concern to the ZBA - Where is the existing septic system/leachfield? Mitigation of future overflow/erosion? Well location/radius?

DJH Investments Trust at 173 Haverhill Street – size of septic system/bunkhouse question. Erosion control is shown on the plan. Tree removal – all the point values are under 100. Will replanting happen where rec hall is being removed from? What will be planted? As a group we feel that the removal of those trees is for aesthetic reasons. This is contrary to the spirit of the Shoreline Protection Act. There is a question about why the list shows that the rec hall/bunkhouse is being removed but also lists it as proposed. What is the capacity of the proposed septic? Additional

information on erosion control and replanting measures could have been included on the plan.

Correspondence / Information / Discussion

Town Forest Timber Harvest Areas – Barry sent a letter. Included with it was a map of areas that he is considering for thinning. Oram voiced concerns about us receiving chip slips . We would like to know how many tons of chips are going to the biomass. If there are saw logs, we would like dated copies of the scale slips. If it is pulp, we want the slips from the log yard indicating the weight of the pulp. Barry will get the slips from the logger. He will deliver them to John Roman, who will deliver them to us. We also want a copy of the contract, with logger identified. Forward Barry's assessment to John and Jeff. If that figure exceeds what is mandated by the Town, it will go out for bid.

Approval of Invoices -

two from Barry Keith – dates 4/30 – 6/14

dates 1/1 – 4/29

Sue made a motion to pay the invoices, Alice seconded. APPROVED

When will the inspection of the forest be done? Jeff will ask.

Discuss FCC Rules of Procedure - 2018 – has the lawyer reviewed this? Forward a clean draft to the Selectmen and ask them to send it to the lawyer to have it checked. Make sure it says all bodies of water, not just Ossipee lake. Also look at Septic Review Subcommittee language. Legal review status of the existing document is unknown.

Jeff will review FAISC minutes to see if there is anything we should be discussing at our meetings. There used to be a milfoil committee member in this group.

Public Comment - none

Adjournment – Alice made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm, Oram seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Note: Deadline for agenda items for this meeting closed at 12 pm on July 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson,

Recording Secretary