

Freedom Conservation Commission

Tuesday, 19 October 2021

7:00 pm – Freedom Town Hall

Quorum Check, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. A quorum is present, consisting of Jeff Nicoll, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople, and Robert Oram.

Approval of 21 September 2021 FCC Meeting Minutes – Alice made a motion to approve, Sue seconded. APPROVED

Business properly presented to the Commission

Review of Application(s)

NHDES Minimum Impact Wetland Permit, 112 North Broad Bay Road - DES Wetlands – Lyons Property – for repair and replace on a grandfathered lot. Plans were reviewed. Details on filtration and the type of block that is going to be used are requested.

Action - Prepare communication to question infiltration behind the storm wall and provide information on drainage.

Correspondence / Information / Discussion

Town Official Meeting 10/25/2021 input and discussion - Town Official meeting 10/25/21 – a notice about this meeting was received from the Town Administrator. This is in preparation of the upcoming budget review. We will summarize our review of applications.

Oram made a motion that Jeff represent the FCC, Alice seconded. APPROVED

Sue suggested Oram as a second representative, which he accepted. If there is going to be a representative from the FAC there, Jeff should have a read ahead with them before the meeting. If there is not going to be a representative, Jeff will need a heads up on that also. Is a representative from the FAISC going to be there? If not, then they need to provide information to Jeff as well. Money from the timber cut, and water testing expenses are mentioned as items to bring to that meeting. It needs to be on record that the Conservation Commission is wearing several hats. Also mention the importance of application deadlines.

Town stormwater and runoff into ponds/lakes/streams, survey of sites - Stormwater and runoff – last month Ned gave a presentation to this Board regarding this problem. Jeff feels that since we are actively working to promote stormwater control on private property, we should apply that to the entire town as well. We have information about Loon Lake for this year, but no historical

data to refer to. Oram asked who owns the ramp. Jeff believes that the Town owns it. Are there monies available through the State to assist us with filtration at that ramp? We need to invite Ossipee Lake Alliance, Green Mountain Conservation, and Loon Lake Association to a work session. This could be the first step toward the survey. The work session will be scheduled for after the results from the lake testing are received.

Oram made a motion that the chairperson formalize a request to Matt Howe and Susan Marks requesting what their thoughts are referencing to the water quality problems throughout the area, and would they entertain a work session, with some possible dates. Alice seconded. APPROVED

Town Forest logging follow up discussion, process and procedure - Town Forest logging follow-up discussion – Logging activities in the forest have ended. Jeff sent a note to John Roman (FAC), which was shared with the Commission. He asked for input on improving the overall process of timber harvesting in town owned properties. He has not received a response as yet. We are still waiting for Barry to deliver a summary cut report from the activity in the Town Forest. All correspondence coming from the contractor needs to be on an official letterhead. Notification and communication with the public needs to be better. What are the roles and mission of the FAC? Zenya Hernandez asked for a map of what will be cut, what species are collected, where it is taken, and revenue. Oram is concerned that we have a Forest Advisory Council and that they have a responsibility for legacy properties. Was there any communication from FAC to us about the cut? Was there any discussion at the FAC leading up to the cut? There is a communication breakdown between the FAC and the FCC.

Oram made a motion that the FAC chairperson or a representative attend our next meeting, and that we look to see what the FAC has done in the past. Alice seconded. APPROVED

The process/procedure is put off until we have feedback from the FAC. There is an invoice for \$150, assumed to be from Barry, but the name of the company is not on it. Oram asked if John had approved the invoice. Jeff believes that he receives the invoices as well as this Board receiving them.

Invoices – discussed in previous section. Total of \$150. Alice recommended that in the future the invoices need to be more clear.

Oram made a motion to approve, Sue seconded. APPROVED

FCC Rules of Procedure Discussion – The lawyer has sent suggestions for revisions. Page 2 – Septic Review Committee is nothing we have had. Oram made a motion to shelve this document to the next meeting, Sue seconded. APPROVED

Letter from Green Mountain – Oram made a motion to discuss this, Alice seconded. APPROVED This letter is part of the Jennifer Molin legacy. Who decides where this money goes? It states that it goes to the Town Forest. What

does that mean? The finds will go into a special account. Oram would like to know if there was anything attached to it, and we need to ask the lawyers that. He also wants to know if there is any reporting that is required. Jeff will get answers for the next meeting.

Public Comment -

Zenya Hernandez - Timber harvest – suggested a note to public ahead of time. Make the management plan available to the public. Specific cuttings – signage is suggested. A map is also requested. What species are harvested, and what happens to them? Long term planning is requested. The Library has a copy of the Stewardship Plan.

Paul Elie – points of clarification – Sub-committees – is FAC a subcommittee or not? It was formed as a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission. The Aquatic Invasive Species Committee started as a subcommittee. \$18,980.63 is the amount of the Molin donation. Barry Keith's expertise was recognized by Oram, and Paul agreed with that opinion.

Linda Mailhot is here observing again. She did email offering to serve on the FAC if it would help them to have enough people to meet.

Our goal for the next meeting is to bridge the communication between the FCC and the FAC.

Section 36A-2 speaks to the appointment as subcommittees. We believe that the committee is required for a legacy property.

Adjournment -

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue at 8:30 pm, seconded by Alice. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

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