

Freedom Conservation Commission

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

7:00 pm

Freedom Town Hall

1. Quorum Check, Roll Call –

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are: Jeff Nicoll, Robert Oram, Alice Custard, Sue Hoople, Matt Tyler, Melissa Donaldson-Recording Secretary. A quorum is present.

Approval of 17 August 2021 FCC Meeting Minutes –

Correct spelling of Custard. Alice made a motion to approve as amended, Oram seconded. APPROVED

2. Business properly presented to the Commission

- Ned Kucera - Presentation of town storm water run-off into ponds/lakes/streams. - Handouts were distributed. He spoke about the runoff problem on Loon Lake Road. Sand and silt are entering the lake at the boat launch. He requests that the Town take a survey of problem areas in town. State and Town references were cited, as well as the Ossipee Lake Water Management Plan. They all express concerns about water quality. Ned emphasized “Let's Get Started”. Oram made a motion to look at possibly doing a survey at our next meeting, Alice seconded. APPROVED

Review of Application(s)

- Case 26-4-21 Eugene W. & Denise M. Lawnicki – we commented and submitted a letter to the ZBA when this first came in. Our concerns at the time were the amount of trees and vegetation being removed on the front slope, and stormwater runoff. The revised tree grid is significantly improved. It is noted that the square footage of the deck and stairs has increased on this set of plans. The meeting is opened to the public for comments. An abutter clarified that the entire stairs, bath house, etc are all being replaced. Protection of the steep bank is an issue that she noted. This project is going to be very disruptive. The Board feels that silt sock fence should be installed across the entire frontage, as well as at the footpath, just above the first deck on the bank. Oram and Alice are concerned about the increase in the size of the deck – what is the deck made of, as well as the stairs. Is it impervious? Existing vs. proposed square footage numbers are requested. Erosion control on the bunkhouse is recommended. We will question the upper decks and the need of cutting the trees. Ted Hennesy – spoke about erosion control and the bank – the bank is sand. Installing the silt socks will disturb the bank more than the value it will provide. Regarding the septic field – not shown on plans. Where can they put it? Will it require cutting more trees? The front of the building – to cut out a footing – this is sand so they will need a 45% angle. Erosion control needs to be addressed here.
- Case # 33-38-21 Darlene C. Johnson & John Pisano – we do not have the application. They have reduced the amount of cutting they plan to do. A substantial effort at mitigation of our previous concerns has been made.

- NHDES Repair of Retaining Wall, Simonton/Olsen – this project is to replace the wooden retaining wall with a new product. Oram is concerned about the camper that is on the property. Is there a septic for it? If this new material is used, where is the water going to go? Identify with diagrams what is going to be done for water mitigation.

3. Correspondence / Information / Discussion

- Town Forest logging inspection update and discussion – we were not able to schedule a tour of the logging. Jeff went out there and took some pictures. Dave George has concerns about a lot of access points that were cut. Jeff asked that the loggers be asked to put boulders in place where access points have been opened up. We should have a cut report for the next meeting. Oram made a motion that a letter be required stipulating that in the future this comes before us, and that we see the log slips and the cut report. We will also discuss future contracts.
- Approval of Invoice(s) Barry Keith – \$175.00 - Oram made a motion to pay, Sue seconded. APPROVED
- Ossipee Lake Alliance / Groundwater Protection Ordinance / Gas Pump Installation – Our role is to address the precedents that it will create. The aquifer is a concern. The tanks that are installed there now are the latest environmental tanks. The Conservation Commission has read the letter, we support the water initiative, however, the law will prevail.
- FCC Rules of Procedure Discussion – the attorney has sent back edits to the document. Sue made a motion to table this to the next meeting, Oram seconded. APPROVED

4. Public Comment

Oram noted that the Green Mountain report document is excellent, but we would like the status of our waterways as to the tolerances for the chemical imbalance.

5. Adjournment – Oram made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Sue seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Note: Deadline for agenda items for this meeting closed at 12pm on September 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary