

## **Freedom Conservation Commission**

**Tuesday, 16 November 2021**

7:00 pm

Freedom Town Hall

1. Quorum Check, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are Jeff Nicoll, Robert Oram, Alice Custard. A quorum is present. Michel Cloutier, Paul Elie and Ned Kucera are present as well. Matt Tyler and Sue Hoople are absent.

1. Approval of 19 October 2021 FCC Meeting Minutes – check spelling of Susan Marx? Oram made a motion to approve, Alice seconded. APPROVED

Jeff made a motion to amend the agenda to allow the FAISC to speak, Oram seconded. APPROVED. Members of the FAISC are present and are offered an opportunity to speak. 3.3.1 will be discussed at this point in the meeting. Jeff reviewed the backstory of the runoff issue. He spoke to Matt Howe last week. The data does exist and is a bit aged. Matt was bringing the issue to his staff and will get back to us. We do not have a response yet. Ned asked about budgeting and if there will be any funding needed through a warrant article or through the regular budget. Additional monies for stormwater have been line items in the past. Ned asked about the water survey and if data was available yet. It is not complete, but should be soon.

2. Business properly presented to the Commission – Invoice from Barry Keith in the amount of \$400.

Historically invoices were approved by the FAC prior to coming to us. Oram made a motion to pay this invoice contingent on approval from the FAC chairperson. Alice seconded. APPROVED

Town Forest application from Scrub Oak Scramblers – Feb. 19, 2022 – FAC has OK'd this application. Alice made a motion to approve, Oram seconded. APPROVED

3. Correspondence / Information / Discussion

1. Town Forest logging completion summary and discussion – not available, FAC is not present this evening. Barry sent email with rough numbers – 178,000 bf saw logs, 33,000 bf of palletwood, 605 tons of pulp, 1,875 tons of chips. John believes that the cut report will go directly to the Town Office. We have been asking for this information since July. Discussion ensued regarding the FAC and whether it was formed under the FCC. An email was received from a resident that was concerned

about the cutting in the forest. Her issue was that the townspeople were not informed ahead of time about the cutting, and how will this be corrected in the future? The Selectmen have responded, but we should discuss how to do better on this. We need to find out if they (Selectmen) are going to allow the FAC to continue to function without a quorum, and we want a ruling on that, with the law cited as to where it cannot be absorbed by this commission.

2. Budget review and discussion – if NH Municipal in person conferences are allowed, we would like some monies in the budget for that. Who is the Lakes Region Planning representative in this town? Why does the Conservation Commission pay for Lakes Region? Ask about dues for NH Conservation Commission. Ask if the \$3000 includes the supplemental monies we gave them for water testing? Add that figure to the \$3000. The gift from Jennifer Molin was received through Green Mountain Conservation – Jeff asked about reporting requirements, restrictions, etc. The family would appreciate but not require an informative summary each year. Oram will get some cards that we will sign and send to them.

There are two gift accounts that these types of money can go into – the Town Forest Stewardship account does not require a town meeting to expend and seems to be the most appropriate. We will revitalize some of our past efforts at wildlife habitat, etc. Wildflowers planted and photographed in bloom are a suggestion as an item for the use of some of the funds, that can be reported back to the family with a photo of the work.

### 3. Conservation activities, training and planning

3.1 Town stormwater runoff survey and mitigation – see above – a campaign is being launched to highlight the effects of salt. A field trip may be scheduled with Madison to look at their brining process.

3.2 Ossipee Pine Barrens controlled burn – Jeff asked Mike Crawford to see if there are any updates. They have been unable to conduct the planned burn due to Covid policies and weather. Some mowing was done. They would like to inform us about some projects that are being planned in the Forest.

4. FCC Rules of Procedure Discussion – the proposed changes were discussed. We will continue to work on this, but would like a full Board presence in discussions. The FAC should be involved as well. Remove Septic Committee? Jeff will take questions to the attorney after the full board gives their input.

4.Public Comment

5.Adjournment – Alice made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Oram seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

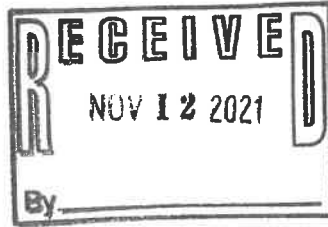
Recording Secretary

Note: Deadline for agenda items for this meeting closed at 12pm on November 9, 2021



B.H. Keith Associates

PO Box 326 11 Elm Street  
Freedom, NH 03836-0326



# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
11/8/2021	01-3809

Bill To
21-2255 Freedom Forest Town of Freedom Conservation Commission PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

Description	Amount
Period: 9/30-11/8/2021 Tasks: Forest Administration & Annual State Easement Monitoring visit-Freedom Town Forest, Freedom, NH B. Keith, Principal 8.0 hrs @ \$50/hr=	400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>



**2021  
FREEDOM TOWN FOREST  
TIME SHEET**

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**PROJECT NO. 21-2255**

**Period: September 30- November 8, 2021**

	<b>TASK</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>9/30</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>11/2</b>	<b>Prepare for Easement Monitor Visit</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>11/3</b>	<b>Annual Easement Monitor Inspection</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>11/8</b>	<b>Monitoring Visit follow-up</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8.0</b>







## 2022 Proposed Budget Review Appointments

<b>Date</b>	<b>Approx. Time*</b>	<b>Department/Committee</b>
Monday, November 22, 2021	7:15 PM	Ambulance Emergency Management Fire Department / Forest Fire Police Department
Monday, November 29, 2021	7:15 PM	Planning Board Zoning Board Zoning Officer Building Inspector
Monday, December 6, 2021	7:15 PM	Conservation Commission Heritage Commission Highway Department Transfer Station
Monday, December 13, 2021	7:15 PM	Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Cemeteries Library General Assistance Health Agencies
Monday, December 20, 2021	7:15 PM	Parks & Recreation Town Buildings Town Office et al

*\* Time may be subject to change*



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01-4611-220	CONSERVATION - OPERATING SUPPL	1650.00	181.52	1468.48	89.00	
01-4611-284	CONSERVATION - DUES	250.00		250.00	100.00	
01-4611-289	CONSERVATION - MEETINGS	200.00		200.00	100.00	
01-4611-810	CONSERVATION -				0.00	
<b>**TOTAL**</b>	<b>CONSERVATION - ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>2100.00</b>	<b>181.52</b>	<b>1918.48</b>	<b>91.36</b>	



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# The Nature Conservancy



Protecting nature. Preserving life.™

## NOTICE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PRESCRIBED BURNS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S OSSIPEE PINE BARRENS PRESERVE September 24, 2021

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This notice is to inform you of management activities that are planned for The Nature Conservancy's Ossipee Pine Barrens Preserve between now and the end of October. The Conservancy is planning to conduct prescribed burns on up to 50 acres of the Preserve in 2 separate locations in the towns of Ossipee and Freedom (please see attached map).

Prior to burning, mechanical fuel reduction will be completed, including mowing areas of dense scrub oak and creating or enhancing roads/trails to serve as firebreaks. Our mechanical fuel reduction activities are an important step in establishing the conditions necessary for safe implementation of prescribed burns, have the added benefit of reducing the risks of wildfire, and help to accelerate the restoration of the unique pine-barrens ecosystem.

Prescribed burns will be conducted when weather conditions permit between now and approximately the end of October, and when qualified fire crew members and equipment are available.

### Important Information

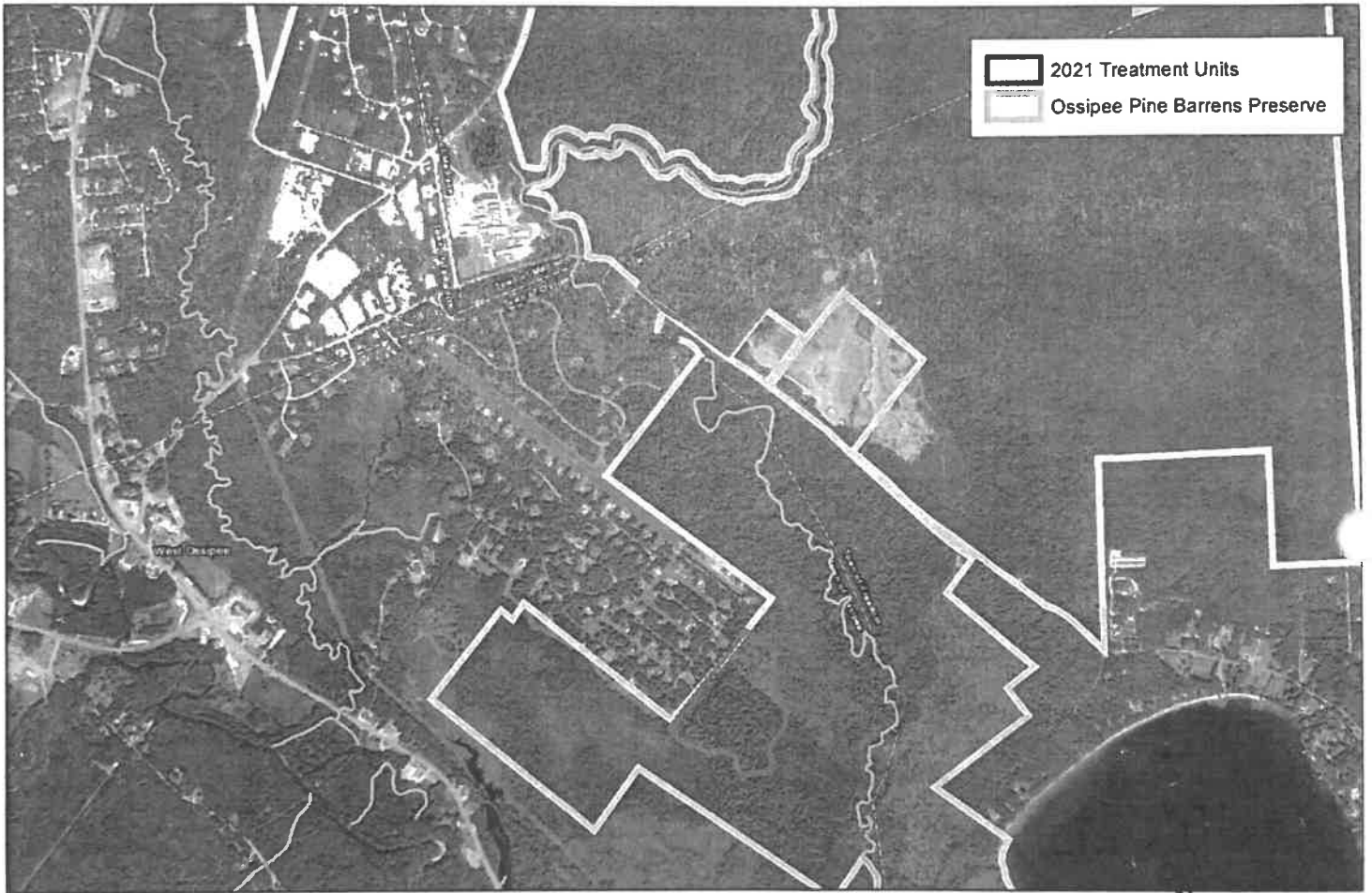
Prescribed burns will generally be conducted between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. In some cases, the areas burned will continue to smolder into the evening, and Conservancy staff will remain on site throughout this period and until the fire is extinguished.

While the Conservancy takes many precautions and measures to ensure that smoke from controlled burns is directed away from developed areas and neighboring homes, temporarily shifting winds, and smoldering after dark can direct smoke in unpredictable directions. **To minimize the chances of smoke entering your home, we ask that our neighbors keep their windows in their homes and vehicles closed during the burn operations, and until the burn areas are extinguished.**

Because the actual burn dates will depend on weather conditions and the availability of crew and equipment, we are not able to provide exact dates at this time. For the Conservancy to provide notification to our immediate neighbors on the days we are planning to burn in the vicinity of residences, **we request that you provide us with a means of contacting you prior to prescribed burns**, such as a cell phone number or e-mail. This information should be directed to the contact information below. We will also redistribute this notice to our distribution list the day before a burn and provide specific information on the location of the burn.

Michael Crawford, Northern NH Land Steward  
(603) 356-8833 Office  
(814) 330-8584 Cell  
[mcrawford@tnc.org](mailto:mcrawford@tnc.org)

Jeffrey Lougee, Director of Stewardship and Ecological Management  
[jlougee@tnc.org](mailto:jlougee@tnc.org)



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### Ossipee Pine Barrens Preserve 2021 Management Areas



# Conservation Commission FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## BY-LAWS and RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS as Per RSA 676.1

### ARTICLE I - AUTHORITY AND ADOPTION

The Conservation Commission of Freedom, New Hampshire, as established by Chapter 36-A:1, shall have such rights, powers, and duties as are conferred or imposed upon it, by the residents of Freedom at the Town Meeting on March 5, 1973, as authorized by Chapter 36-A:1 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, and any amendments. The full versions of the Land Use Statutes may be found in the New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation issued by the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning; and at <http://www.jencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes>.

### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Commission is established pursuant to RSA 36-A:2 for "*the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources*" of the Town.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERS AND VACANCIES

SECTION 1 - Per RSA 36-A:3: The Commission shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members ~~673:5, II & III~~. The term of an appointed Conservation Commission member shall be three (3) years. The initial terms of members first appointed to the commission shall be staggered so that no more than three (3) appointments occur annually in the case of a seven (7) member Commission, except when required to fill a vacancy.

SECTION 2 - One member of the Commission may serve as a member on the Planning Board.

SECTION 3 - Vacancies of a Commission member shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen, whether to complete a vacated ~~three-year~~ three-year appointment or to serve a complete three year appointment, or by recommendation from the Commission to the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 4 - Each appointed Commission member, including full and alternate members, shall be sworn in and take an oath of office as required by RSA 42:1.

SECTION 5 - Per RSA 673:10, III, A majority of the membership of the Commission shall constitute a quorum necessary in order to transact business at any meeting/hearing of the Commission. A quorum shall include alternates sitting in place of regular members.

SECTION 6 - Per RSA 673:11, Whenever a regular member of the Commission is absent or whenever a regular member disqualifies herself/himself, the Chairperson shall designate an alternate, if one is present, to act in the absent member's place.

SECTION 7 - Commission members and alternates who are unable to attend the regularly scheduled meetings/hearings/workshops shall inform the Chairperson at least twenty-four (24) hours or as soon as possible, via email or by phone if possible, before the scheduled meeting/hearing/workshop date.

SECTION 8 - Commission members and alternates who miss three (3) or more consecutive meetings/hearings/workshops without notifying at least the Chairperson of the Commission may be subject to removal by recommendation of the Commission members to the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with RSA 673:13.

SECTION 9 – A Commission member shall be U.S citizen, a Freedom town resident, and of voting age.

SECTION 10 - Per RSA 673:5, III, An appointed member whose three year term has expired shall continue to serve with voting rights until reappointment or a replacement by the Selectmen and that candidate has taken the oath of office.

SECTION 11 - Per RSA 673:16, 1 and 36-A: 2, The Commission may appoint clerks and such employees as it deems necessary for its work. The Commission may also contract with planners, soil engineers, wetland scientists, surveyors, foresters, and other consultants for such services as it may require.

#### ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION & OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members and two (2) alternates. The Commission will interview applicants for vacant Commission positions and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. New Commission members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen ~~or upon recommendation by the Commission.~~

~~SECTION 2 – The Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, each officer elected by the their respective Commission members or Committee. The Committee representative to the Commission shall be appointed by the Committee Chairperson. The representative will serve as the liaison between the Commission and the Committee. The representative will not have voting rights on Commission matters, except if appointed as a member of the Commission. All Commission and Committee members and alternates shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.~~

SECTION 3 - The Commission shall hold an annual organizational meeting ~~of the Conservation Commission and the Forest Advisory Committee~~ in April of each year. This ~~joint~~ meeting may be a regular monthly meeting or a special meeting. The Commission Chairperson shall call the meeting to order. At this meeting, the Commission ~~and Committee~~ shall review these Rules of Procedure and shall elect one of its members as chairperson and one as vice-chairperson. The Commission may appoint such clerks and other employees or subcommittees as it may require. The Commission ~~and Committee~~ shall address the goals and objectives for the upcoming year at this meeting.

SECTION 4 - Special purpose subcommittees shall be created by the Commission, when deemed necessary, in order to conduct its work. Such subcommittees shall cease to exist when their final report is acted upon by the Commission, ~~Committee~~, the Board of Selectmen, or at the next organizational meeting, whichever is sooner. The Septic Review Committee ~~and the Forest Advisory Committee~~ are ~~is~~ a standing subcommittees of the Commission.

SECTION 5 - Candidates for any office receiving a majority vote of the Commission shall be declared elected. The elected candidate shall take office immediately.

SECTION 6 - The Chairperson shall call the meeting to order, preside over deliberations, ensure that all proceedings are in accordance with New Hampshire statutes, have all the powers and perform all the duties normally conferred by parliamentary usage on that office.

SECTION 7 - The Chairperson shall present a report for inclusion in the Town's Annual Report, prepare annual budget reports, appoint subcommittees and their respective chairpersons, and perform all other duties of the presiding officer.

SECTION 8 - The Chairperson is responsible for directing the generation of all correspondence and recommendations, including letters to the State and other Town boards.

SECTION 9 - The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all the duties of the Chairperson in her/his absence or disability.

SECTION 10 - The term of the officers shall be one (1) year. The officers shall be eligible for reelection as per RSA 673.9.

## ARTICLE V - DUTIES

SECTION 1 - It shall be the duty of every member to be familiar with the Duties, Powers and Authorized Appropriations of Conservation Commissions as established by RSA 36-A:2; RSA 36-A:4; RSA 36-A:4a; and RSA 36-A:5.

SECTION 2 - The Commission, through its mission on behalf of the town:

- o Shall conduct research into its local land and water areas
- o Shall keep an index of all open space and natural, esthetic or ecological areas within the town
- o Shall keep an index of all marshlands, swamps, and all other wetlands and may recommend to the selectmen or DNCR a program for protection, development, or better utilization of all such areas
- o Shall keep accurate records of its meeting and shall file an Annual Report which shall be printed in the Annual Town Report.

SECTION 3 - Review all major subdivision applications as they are submitted to the Planning Board and make recommendations as appropriate.

SECTION 4 - Review all applications impacting wetlands submitted through DES and make recommendations as appropriate.

SECTION 5 - The Commission shall continue to monitor the water quality of Ossipee Lake and the bays by participation in the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program and by implementing correction measures noted in the Ossipee Lake Watershed Management Plan, Phase I & II.

SECTION 6 - Commission members are encouraged to attend environmental training conferences, workshops, and other like programs as made available by the Office of Strategic Initiatives, the NH Municipal Association, the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, regional commissions, other conservation groups, and land

trusts. The Commission may, by majority vote, authorize the payment of reasonable expenses incident to such attendance.

SECTION 7 – Commission members, in the performance of their functions to gather data, shall not enter private property without obtaining prior landowner approval.

SECTION 8 - The Commission may, from time to time, suggest recommendations to the Planning Board for the town's Master Plan, amendments to the Zoning Ordinances, and edits to the official town maps.

~~SECTION 9 – The Forest Advisory Committee, under RSA 36A-A:2, will meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and will advise the Commission on management decisions for the town forest.~~

~~SECTION 10 – The Committee, which shall be overseen by the Commission and the Selectboard, will have the primary responsibility for managing the town forest in accordance with the conservation easement help by the state of New Hampshire.~~

~~SECTION 11 – The Committee shall have between five (5) and seven (7) members, and must include a representative from the FCC, Selectboard, and a Planning Board ex officio member.~~

~~SECTION 12 – The Committee shall act as an advisory body regarding the expenditure of monies from forest accounts and must receive approval by a majority vote of the Commission prior to such expenditures. In addition, it is required that the Selectboard approve all expenditures.~~

SECTION 913 - Commission and Committee members are urged to establish separate email accounts, i.e., Gmail, AOL, etc...) to be used only for Commission business. This suggestion is procedural, not statutory. Commission decisions are not permitted by email or teleconference.

## ARTICLE VI - FINANCE

SECTION 1 - The annual budget shall be created and approved by a majority of the Commission members. The chairperson shall submit the proposed annual budget to the Board of Selectmen by the required deadline.

SECTION 2 - The Commission shall authorize expenditures of funds within the approved budget.

SECTION 3 - The Commission shall administer the Conservation Fund as established by vote of town meeting March 2005. Expenditures of monies from the existing fund may only occur upon vote of a majority of Commission members after a public hearing in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5 II, with notice given in accordance with RSA 675:7.

SECTION 4 - Expenditures to purchase any interest in real property requires coordination with and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

## ARTICLE VII - WAIVER

Except for Rules required by state statute, the Commission may vote to waive any requirement of these Rules by a majority vote taken at a meeting with a quorum present when it is determined that such waiver will properly carry out the purpose and intent of these Rules.



## ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT

The Commission shall, from time to time, prepare updates, amend, and revise its By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. Amendments shall occur in the manner prescribed by RSA 676:1 as amended.

## ARTICLE IX - ATTENDANCE

Members shall attend all meetings and must inform the chairperson, the vice-chairperson or clerk of expected absences. If a member misses three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings within twelve (12) months with no contact, this shall be evidence for noninterest. The FCC may then vote and recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the member be removed from the FCC.

## ARTICLE X - VOTING

SECTION 1 - A majority of the membership constitutes a quorum. ~~A lesser number may meet, but may not vote on matters before the Commission.~~ After discussion has occurred on an item, the chairperson will call for a motion to be made. If seconded, discussion will be called for on the motion. A majority vote of the voting members present is needed to approve any item. If a vote is not unanimous, the record shall indicate by name those voting in favor, opposed and abstaining.

SECTION 2 - Commission members are encouraged to actively participate in Commission discussions and present their views clearly and succinctly. Differing views will enable members to consider various aspects of a particular matter and shall be presented in a socially acceptable manner. The chain-of-command shall be utilized to resolve disputes and establish accountability.

SECTION 3 - No Conservation Commission member shall participate in deciding or shall sit upon a hearing of any question which the Commission is to decide in a judicial capacity if that member has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the outcome which differs from the interest of other citizens, or if that member would be disqualified for any cause to act as a juror upon the trial of the same matter in any action of law. Reasons for disqualification do not include exemptions from service as a juror or knowledge of the facts involved gained in the performance of the member's official duties.

SECTION 4 - When uncertainty arises, the Commission shall, upon the request of that member or another member of the Commission, vote on the question of whether that member should be disqualified. Any such request and vote shall be made prior to or at the commencement of any required public hearing. Such a vote shall be advisory and non-binding and may be requested only by a Commission member.

SECTION 5 - Once the Commission member has disqualified herself/himself, the disqualification shall be announced by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson before the discussion or public hearing. The Commission member disqualified shall leave the Commission table during all deliberations on the matter. The Chairperson shall fill the vacancy by the alternate next in rotation, if one is present. Once the matter has been closed for discussion, the alternate, if one is present, shall step down from the Commission and the regular Commission member shall rejoin the table.

SECTION 6 - Members shall endeavor to protect their unbiased status to participate in any case before the Commission.

## ARTICLE XI - MEETING REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1 - Meetings of the Commission shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order and scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Freedom Town Hall unless otherwise specified by the Chairperson.

SECTION 2 - Agenda items for meetings close at 12:00 pm, five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting (calculations of the closing date shall not include the closing day, meeting day, weekends, or holidays).

SECTION 3 - Applications submitted to the Commission for formal action should be submitted to the Town Office by 12:00 pm, five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting (calculation of the closing date shall not include the closing or meeting days). In addition, participants for informal discussion should request to be included on the agenda by the closing date.

SECTION 4 - The clerk shall issue notice of all meetings in accordance with RSA 91-A. For formal public hearings, he/she shall notify all abutters and make notice of the time and place as required by RSA 675:7.

SECTION 5 - After the meeting closing date, the clerk shall mail a meeting packet to all members prior to the meeting. It shall include a copy of the agenda, any minutes to be considered for approval, copies of any documents or applications that will be considered by the members at that meeting, copies of correspondences, invoices, notices or other information received.

SECTION 6 - All meetings, including subcommittee meetings, are open to the public with the exception of non-public sessions properly called and held under RSA 91-A:3.

SECTION 7 - Subcommittee meetings shall be held as needed to facilitate their appointed function. Adjustments to the posted schedule shall be made as necessary for situations such as holiday, weather events, or the lack of a quorum.

SECTION 8 - Special or emergency meetings may be called by the chairperson, or in the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson or designee. All Commission members shall receive at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of such a special meeting. The agenda shall specify the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be discussed. The meeting shall be properly posted and recorded.

SECTION 9 - Meetings may be continued or rescheduled by a majority vote of the members present and notification of all absent members.

SECTION 10 - All agenda portions of the meeting shall be terminated by 10:00 pm except that a matter under consideration may be continued or terminated as determined by a majority of members present. Agenda items not yet considered shall be deferred to the next meeting.

SECTION 11 - A recording secretary of the Commission shall keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings. Minutes of meetings shall be taken and shall include the names of members present and absent, persons appearing before the FCC and a summary of the matters discussed and action taken. Records shall be produced and retained in accordance with RSA 91-A.

## ARTICLE XII - MEETING ORDER

At each regular meeting, the order of the proceedings typically shall be as follows:

- Call to Order and Quorum Check
- Approval of Minutes of previous meeting.
- Public hearings (applications, proposals, etc)
- Informal hearings and discussions with applicants
- Reports of Committees
- Introduction of new proposals, other new business, and correspondence
- Public comment
- Adjourn

## ARTICLE XIII - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

**A. Dredge and Fill Applications:** The applicant to the Planning Board shall also submit a copy of the application to the Commission, ~~in accordance with RSA 155-E.~~

**B. Wetlands Bureau Applications:** The applicant submits five (5) copies of the Bureau's standard application form, signed by the town clerk, and delivered to the Conservation Commission. Only a conservation commission has the power to "intervene", or delay consideration of an application to the Wetlands Bureau to allow time for local review of the proposal.

**C. Public Hearings:** The FCC will hold formal public hearings in the following manner:

Must hold a public hearing prior to members voting to expend monies from the conservation fund to acquire "any interest in real property" (RSA 36-A: 5. II)

Must hold a public hearing for any subject for which the Commission wishes to solicit general public input

Must hold a public hearing for a proposed new recreational, educational or research proposal on the Freedom Town Forest

Must hold a public hearing for proposed changes to the Freedom Town Forest Stewardship Plan

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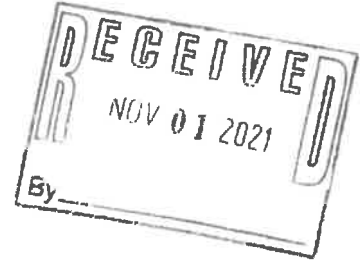
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Conservation Commission Alternate

**DATES:**

**Adopted 01/15/2008**  
**Amended 09/17/2013**  
**Amended 07/17/2018**

**Freedom Town Forest  
Land Use Proposal**



Date submitted: 10/29/21

Name(s) of the group(s) or person(s) submitting proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Scrub Oak Scramblers Snowmobile Club

Contact person: David George - President

Address: PO box 185

Madison NH 03849

Telephone: (781) 935-4356

**Proposal category (check all that apply):**

- Public Access
- Land Alteration, Land Improvements, Land Maintenance
- Forestry Plan/Management
- Wetlands
- Wildlife Management
- Recreation
- Education

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a one-time event or an ongoing use?  One-Time Event  Ongoing Use

Date(s) when the Freedom Town Forest will be accessed: Feb. 19, 2022

Please provide a description of the proposed use (\*):

2022 Winter Carnival Air Strip / Freedom Town Forrest

(\* Please provide/attach any other forms of documentation to support your request, and be prepared to discuss your application when requested by the Forest Advisory Committee.

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