

Freedom Conservation Commission

Tuesday, 16 August 2022

7:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall

Minutes

Quorum Check, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are: Jeff Nicoll, R.A. Oram, Alice Custard, Linda Mailhot. Sue Hoople is absent.

Public present: Bruce Howlett, Frank and Kathy Lalumiere – representing the Friends of Danforth

A quorum is present.

Approval of 19 July 2022 FCC Meeting Minutes – Linda made a motion to approve, Alice seconded. APPROVED

Town Forester Contract Discussion, Review of input from FAC and BH Keith Associates – Jeff attempted (by email and phone) to contact Barry regarding his feedback on the draft contract but he did not receive any return contact. Stacy also made a couple of attempts (by email and phone) to get in touch with Barry, but she did not get a response either. Jeff has added some of Barry's feedback into the draft.

Changes Jeff made: made all references FAC/FCC. Scope of work was not eliminated.

Intellectual property rights: intangible was not removed. A clause was added that explained items that are excluded. The Commission feels that the compromising language should be removed.

Time of beginning and completion: the dates FCC suggests are for better alignment with FAC/FCC joint meetings, town meeting, etc.

Compensation: make this state “only for work performed”

4.3 – fixed dollar amount for misc supplies,

4.5 – added wording for FAC/FCC

5 – method of payment – changes were not made, other than FAC/FCC instead of town.

6. – clarified info to be reviewed, FAC/FCC added twice

7. was not removed

8. service provider was not added in the first line. A line about submitting a proposal for approval was added. FAC/FCC was added, but removed because FCC holds final approval. Add a comma after signed, signed by FAC representative and forwarded to FCC.

11.1.3 – removed business. Just require insurance.

11.4 – just automobile insurance

16. Waiver – changed city to town.

Managing entity language from the stewardship plan was added on page 3. Ask legal about could/would wording, which was taken directly from the stewardship plan. Jeff moved to take a vote on the alteration of the forest stewardship plan excerpt as listed above – could changed to will – a deviation from the quoted excerpt. Oram seconded. Oram voted in favor of making the change. The change was recommended but there is a split in the opinion. Jeff, Alice and Linda are not in favor of changing it.

Reporting requirements – no changes were made.

Exhibit B shows what is expected on bills received.

The Selectboard has requested that the FCC make sure there is no more harvesting to be done this year. That impacts Task 1 Scope of work. It is suggested that this item be removed as there is to be no harvesting this year.

Cuts in the future make it necessary to have this wording included. For all cuts in future, the commission will be negotiated prior to the cut.

Right now the contract is based on hourly services indicated by the work plan. All work will be conducted on an hourly basis for forest management services.

All work conducted is on an hourly basis.

On page 1 – Project title – Forestry Consultation “and Operational” support

Jeff will make the changes that were made tonight. The draft will be sent to Ellen, who will send to legal for review. We will receive a red line copy from legal, the Board of Selectmen will review, then we are OK to release it.

Review and discussion of FAC Draft Minutes from July 6, 2022 Meeting – Oram made a motion that we do not review the remainder of the FAC draft minutes at this time, Jeff seconded.

APPROVED

Discussion of projects and priorities – water quality testing from Green Mountain, final report was never received. We will invite Jill to come speak to us. Cyanobacteria discussion/Danforth Ponds. Look at town property that had runoff issues into various bodies of water. Catching up with forest activities will be an important project. Marking the forest is also a project that needs attention. Full inventory of all bodies of water and conservation land needs to be updated.

Approval of invoices and contracts - none

Other business to come before the commission – update on the trail map – it has been completed in draft form. Signage has been quoted. The easement holder is going to be consulted. Calls and emails have been made, no response has been received yet. Oram made phone calls on August 4, 2022 to Steven Walker and Charlotte Harding. He left voicemail. He called them again on the 5th of August. A message was left referencing that we had compiled a new identification map for Trout Pond and that we are attempting to solicit a meeting with them for the final approval. No response was received.

Jeff followed up via email on August 10th from the FCC, summarizing the project. He asked again for a meeting and told them we would like to share materials. He offered to travel to their location for a meeting. No response was received. Alice recommends adding in the information that we are being good stewards of the money.

Updated contact lists are needed.

Public Comment – Bruce Howlett – asked about the Forest Stewardship have runoff checked from Trout Pond, Shawtown and Blaisdell Brooks to check the quality of the water that is get-

ting to Danforth. Jeff explained that waterbars, etc. are programs that the FCC is responsible for.

Frank and Kathy Lalumiere – spoke about Friends of Danforth attempts to clean up Danforth. The cyanobacteria blooms have happened for the last 5-6 years. The Friends of Danforth are attempting to educate folks around the ponds. Runoff from the roads continues to be a problem. A grant will be submitted under the auspices of Green Mountain Conservation, to focus on the runoff issues. They are hoping to get the money to Town. The grantee has to match at 40% of the granted amount. Ossipee Lake Road and a section of the campground are high yield spots. September is the deadline for the pre-submission. Would the town be interested in going in? They are also considering approaching the Hoyts for the campground.

Jeff mentioned sharing information with the Selectboard once we receive the water quality report and the watershed survey results. Kathy shared a link for a Zoom meeting on August 31 regarding the watershed. Kathy also shared information regarding Danforth being an impaired waterway from the EPA.

Adjournment – Linda made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, Alice seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

Note: Deadline for agenda items for this meeting closed at 12pm on August 9, 2022.