

The Forest Advisory Committee
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
at the Freedom Town Hall
7:00 pm.

Minutes

PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Janet Johnson. Present are: Janet Johnson, Ron Newbury, Paul Elie (FCC), Sean Coriaty, Yvonne Hoyt, Janet Meyers
Dave George is also present.

Who wants email copies, who wants paper? Ron and Janet would like paper, dropped off at the town hall.

- Approve FAC August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes – Janet M. made a motion to approve, Ron seconded. APPROVED
- Review FCC September 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Review Barry Keith Letter to FAC/FCC
- Discuss FAC Purpose – Janet feels that FAC recommendations are not acknowledged by the FCC, and does not see a purpose for the FAC at this point. She contacted Roger at Trust Republic Land to see if there was a way to restructure or do something different. It is up to the Selectboard how it all works, but is under an RSA. FAC approved Trout Pond Repairs but FCC did not, so the work is not going to get done this year. Ron feels it was not going to get done this year regardless. Paul spoke about the fact that this is an advisory, but that things are being drilled down more now, not rubber stamped. Discussion ensued about the need to address culverts and their ability to handle larger rain events as we have now. Janet J will share her thoughts with the Selectboard. Paul recommends that the FCC Chair and the FAC Chair meet prior to going direct to Selectboard, or that a joint meeting of the committees be held.
- Future FAC walks for residents –plan for spring.

- Trout Pond Repairs – mentioned in above discussions
- Tree Farm – postcard. It is a 10 year inspection,
- Miscellaneous Correspondence/Invoices

Three invoices from BH Keith

013920 – 8/4 - \$600.00

013926 - 8/30 – \$675.00

013929 - 9/26 - \$487.50

A motion to approve all three invoices was made by Janet J, seconded by Janet M.

APPROVED

- Public comment
- Such business as properly presented – discussion about Ron’s walk with Barry in the forest. Signs? Ron needs another gallon of paint. He will order it.

Ron made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm, Yvonne seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary