

Freedom Conservation Commission

Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 6:30 pm

Freedom Town Hall

1 Quorum Check, Roll Call FCC – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are: Linda Mailhot (alt), Michele Keenan, R.A. Oram, Jeff Nicoll, Paul Elie, Sue Hoople (alt).

Also present are Megan Broderick and Michel Cloutier from the FAISC, and Brian Taylor.

Sue is appointed as a voting member.

2 Approval of February 20, 2024 FCC Meeting Minutes – Linda made a motion to approve, Paul seconded. APPROVED

3 FAC/FCC membership and officers –

Make a recommendation that the alternate position on the FAC currently filled by John Roman should be filled.

Selectboard dissolved the FAISC and reincorporated it into the Conservation Commission.

FCC housekeeping needs to be done on the amount of members on the committee.

The Selectboard agree that the FAC/FCC will hold combined meetings.

Go to 7 full members and 2 alternates on the FCC – to read not less than 5 and not more than 7.

Discussion was held regarding the funds of the FAISC.

Megan asked if the FCC has the capacity to take on the work that comes with the FAISC.

The FAISC members will become members of the FCC. Megan and Michel will remain point people for the projects they currently manage.

Suggest to start meetings at 6 pm, with the first half hour for FAC business, then moving into FCC/FAISC business.

Megan will compile a list of FAISC duties, to be built into the FCC duties.

FCC will communicate with Selectboard that we are in agreement with the FAISC and that we have a plan in place going forward.

FCC membership

Sue will continue to be an alternate.

Paul and Jeff will get sworn in.

Linda nominated Jeff as chairman, Sue seconded. APPROVED

Sue nominated Oram as Vice Chair, Paul seconded. APPROVED

4 NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Update - there will be a change in personnel for our inspection of the Town Forest. Alexa Kosalek will be the new inspector.

5 Town Forest Projects and Updates – FAC is not here this evening, most of this info will go to the next meeting. Barry noted that there were significant trees that were damaged during the last storm. He recommends putting up signs indicating to pass at your own risk. Consider getting signs like the rest of the metal signs for the Forest. Dave from Scrub Oak Scramblers indicated that they are going out this weekend to do some cleanup. Must contact vendors regarding the Trout Pond Road repairs. Brooks, Black Dog, Dig & Doze, ask Scott Brooks for recommendations. Jeff will also ask the Selectmen if they have recommendations.

6 Forester Contract Renewal – pending -

7 Approval of Invoices – pending

8 Applications for Review (FCC)

3 Holt Road – Gonthier – recommend that there be drip edge around the house as well as the edge of the driveway. Recommend BMP brochures.

Details of design of infiltration trenches are not given. Call attention to the end of the gravel driveway.

Request full size plans.

9 Other business to come before the commission – discussion was held regarding Wabanaki Campground. General concerns about development of the site and runoff will be sent to Gary Williams (Zoning Officer).

10 Public Comment – Megan Broderick – are you interested in brochures from Friends of Danforth? Yes, the Commission would like a few copies.

Brian Taylor – Berry Bay Association – annual meeting Saturday May 25, 10 am, here at the Town Hall. Guest speaker from NH Lakes. Concerned about lake quality and milfoil.

11 Adjourn –Linda made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm, Michele seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

Note: Deadline for agenda items for this meeting closed at 12pm on April 9, 2024.