

Freedom Conservation Commission/ Forest Advisory Committee/Aquatic Invasive Species
Tuesday, 21 May 2024
6:30 pm
At the Freedom Town Hall

1 Quorum Check, Roll Call FAC/FCC 5 – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are:

FAC: Ron Newbury, Yvonne Hoyt, Jim Guido (PB Rep)

FCC: Jeff Nicoll, Paul Elie, Michele Keenan, Sue Hoople, R.A. Oram

FAISC: Nancy Cristoferi, Megan Broderick (Zoom)

Dave George (Scrub Oak Scramblers) is also present.

Absent: Ernie Day (FAC)

2 Approval of April 16, 2024 FCC Meeting Minutes - correction line 74 – Berry Bay Assn – meeting is Saturday May 25. Sue made a motion to approve as amended, Michele seconded. APPROVED

3 FAC/FCC membership and officers - letter was sent to Select Board regarding the changes to membership (from 5 to 7 members now). Nancy is now a member of the FAISC.

Jeff made a motion to approve the changes to the bylaws and rules of procedure article 4 section 1 to read not less than five and not more than seven members with two alternates. Michele seconded. APPROVED

FAC – R.A. Oram is the FCC rep to the FAC tonight. Dave George is in attendance in an advisory capacity.

A chair and a vice chair are needed. Jim volunteered to be the vice chair.

4 Forester Contract Renewal – same as last year, scope of work has been updated by Barry. An email from Barry was reviewed.

Ron made a motion that the professional services agreement be approved, Yvonne seconded. Oram is concerned that the monies approved for the Forester may not be enough, as there will be additional duties as general contractor. Dave does not have

anything in writing from Barry regarding engineering. The bridges are set to cover forestry trucks up to 30,000. Logging trucks are 120,000 lbs. Dave will let everyone know if/when grants are received. Motion carried – APPROVED

5 Town Forest Projects and Updates – draft Request for Proposal - for repair of road to Trout Pond. 3 bids are required. Pg 2 item B – Paul asked about culverts, in light of rain events, do we need to put a number of years? It is included in a different place. See 2.4. Water bars need to be usable for cars. Look at precast culverts as FEMA used. Michele asked about potential grant money.

FAC – Yvonne made a motion to approve with the amendments made tonight, Oram seconded. APPROVED

Ron recommends keeping the Trout Pond gate closed for now. Ron made a motion that the road is not safe at this time, and to not open the gate. Jim amended to keeping the gate closed until it is accessible. Ron made a motion that the gate not be opened until we conclude that it is safe to do so. Oram seconded. APPROVED

6 Approval of Invoices – B H Keith #013952- \$150.00 – Ron made a motion to pay, Yvonne seconded. APPROVED

Yvonne made a motion to adjourn FAC at 7:16 pm, Jim seconded. ADJOURNED

Aquatic Invasive Species

7 Aquatics Status Update – Megan gave an update about the Lake Host program. They are manning three ramps. They will be working 6 hours per day, 3 days per week, from the end of May through mid-September. There will be a deficit of \$4865 in the payroll. There is a gift account that could be used to fund the shortfall.

Total cost for milfoil this year is \$44000, the State covers half of that.

Volunteers are being sought to cover additional ramps.

Nancy asked if the Town would send a letter asking for donations to replenish the gift account. We can ask the Select Board.

Megan made a motion to have the FCC approve withdrawal of funds from the gift account as needed to cover the 2024 Lake Host program, max. \$5000. Michele seconded APPROVED- Oram against

Two planned treatments for Danforth Pond this year. Aqualogic will be doing removal by divers, and Solitude to perform herbicide treatments. Total \$44,330. Grant from State covers half. Awaiting final confirmation from State about what work needs to be done.

Roberta McCarthy spoke about Berry Bay, and that they do their own survey and communicate with the State. They pay for some pulling, split with Effingham. Jeff suggests trying to reunite the Tri Town Milfoil remediation.

Megan spoke about a milfoil site that was found in the Ossipee River. Approval is needed to spend money to take care of this. They believe that 50% will be covered by the State. The divers would require between \$1100-\$1400. Look at this at the next meeting.

Effingham uses Cliff Cabral for their milfoil removal.

8 Approval of Invoices - Solitude \$1620, Megan made a motion to accept the invoice in the amount of \$1620 per the contract, Nancy seconded. APPROVED

FCC

9 Applications for Review

Pine Landing Beach Club – adding sand back to the beach. Oram made a motion to approve Sue seconded. APPROVED

Gonthier – we asked for infiltration trenches. Revised plans were received.

Shoreland permit – Jessica Mahoney Trust – tree information supplied, infiltration is present. Coverage will be 17.2%. Infiltration does not go around the front of the garage. We do not know what the roofline is going to be. Suggestion – look at appropriate plantings in front of the house (groundcover, woody vegetation). Jeff will send these concerns to the ZBA.

Three complaints relative to the Wabanaki Campground were included in the packet. We sent a letter of concern to the Zoning Officer about runoff at that site.

10 Approval of Invoices

Forester Invoice – Oram made a motion to approve BH Kieth Invoice 2/27/24 , 3/19/24 \$150. Nancy seconded. APPROVED

Forester contract renewal – Oram made a motion to approve the FAC recommendation to renew the contract for Barry Keith as presented. Sue seconded. APPROVED

RFP template – recommended by FAC with two amendments – Oram made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded. APPROVED

11 Other business to come before the commission - - Paul and Michele are working on a final draft of the NRI for the next meeting.

12 Public Comment - Roberta spoke about Berry Bay. They want to work closely with the FCC on the milfoil program. She invites everyone to their meeting here this Saturday, at 10 am. Ossipee Lake Alliance has been trying to work with FCC for years to gather data on milfoil. They would like to resurrect this program. Jeff suggests sending the information to the FCC. Michele spoke about having a gathering of all the groups who are doing these types of things. Suggestion – a presentation at the Community Club.

13 Adjourn – Oram made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm, Sue seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary

Note: Deadline for agenda items for this meeting closed at 12pm on May 14, 2024.