

Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee
Tuesday, 18 June 2024 - 6:30 pm - Freedom Town Hall
Draft Minutes

- 1 Quorum Check, Roll Call FAC/FCC – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are:
FCC – Megan Broderick, Michel Cloutier, Michele Keenan, Jeff Nicoll, Sue Hoople (alternate), Linda Mailhot (alternate), R.A. Oram, Nancy Cristoferi, Paul Elie
FAC - Yvonne Hoyt, Ron Newbury
Paul Elie is the Conservation Commission representative to the FAC tonight. Brian Taylor is also present.
 - 2 Approval of May 21, 2024 FAC/FCC Meeting Minutes - line 61- Roberta spoke – McCarthy representing Berry Bay Assn., #7 Aquatics update, 3rd sentence – working 6 hours per day – 3 days per week. Dave George is the Scrub Oak Scramblers Rep.
FAC – Ron made a motion to approve as amended, Yvonne seconded.
APPROVED
FCC – Linda made a motion to approve as amended, Michele seconded.
APPROVED
- FAC**
- 3 Town Forest Projects and Updates – contract was included in packet. Forest projects list was distributed a while back. Request for proposal for Trout Pond Road repair was submitted. Town Office will be posting it. Trail signage was delivered to the Town Hall tonight. Trees are clear from Trout Pond Road. Beaver Path Trail is clear. Mary’s Mountain trail is clear. Some chipping needs to be done. Linda volunteered to take an expedition to make a compilation of what is needed for sign posts, etc. Many members are interested in taking a tour of the forest. Oram will talk to Rob Cunio to see about scheduling.

\$105.90 invoice from Ron Newbury for supplies purchased, from the Forest Maintenance account. Yvonne made a motion to approve, Ron seconded.
APPROVED

Yvonne made a motion to adjourn, Ron seconded. The FAC meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Aquatic Invasive Species

- 4 Aquatics Status Update – Megan spoke about the Lake Host program. Previously it was mentioned that they may need to take \$5000 from the gift fund, but that is now down to \$4000. If the weather is bad in the mornings, they can delay their opening an hour later and stay an hour later. On the weekends, they may be able to stay until 4 pm if they are busy, and feel safe. Tava Nicoll, Doug Broderick, and Ceasar Cruz are the hosts.

Milfoil – DES has visited and done their inspection. The red dots on the map indicate the places in Danforth Ponds where they found milfoil and would like to send the divers in. No herbicide is going to be done yet. They will reinspect in August. Milfoil in the Ossipee River off Rt 153 – Amy has suggested that we wait to see if there is any money left over. It is estimated that it would take approximately \$1000, which the State would reimburse \$500 of. There is also some milfoil behind the Freedom Market. That site has not been evaluated yet.

Oram recommends sending a letter to Ossipee regarding their contribution to the Lake Host program at the end of the season.

Goodhue launch is discussed.

- 5 Approval of Aquatics Invoices -

- 6 Aquatics Data Review – Spreadsheet from Ossipee Lake Alliance regarding milfoil historical perspective was received.

FCC

7 Applications for Review

Randall – Loon Island in Ossipee – the appeal date has passed. At Calumet, this Friday the 21st of June at 10:30 am, a meeting that concerned parties are attending to express their input on this. Oram asked what the support facilities (i.e. outhouses) are going to be provided. Will people be able to camp there? This is a documented loon nesting site.

Document these concerns- sanitation facilities, water quality, environmental degradation, surface runoff. What is going to happen on the island that is going to affect the water quality? Send the letter to the executive committee. Oram made a motion to write a letter, Michele seconded. APPROVED Greater access promotes greater degradation, including human and animal waste, litter and refuse. Same issues that have been acknowledged at Long Sands and the sandbar. Oram made a motion that the letter be forwarded, Nancy seconded. APPROVED It will be sent to the Governor and the Executive Council, with a cc to DES and the Town of Ossipee.

Wabanaki – impervious surface percentage was approved. Discussion ensued regarding the history of the property, the septic, and the proposed cooperative. Jeff will request the plans from the office. This will be on the agenda next month.

8 Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Update – laminated maps were distributed for review. There is a question about some RSA's that reference conservation commissions. Does the draft document fall under RSA 91A? Yes it does, it is a public document. It is a working document. This is the current revision that has been accepted by the FCC as the NRI for Freedom.

9 Approval of Invoices - \$105.90 Forest Maintenance account for Ron's paint – Nancy made a motion to approve, Michele seconded. APPROVED

10 Other business to come before the commission – Sue commented about the amount of PFAS in the wells at the transfer station. Is the old transfer station monitored? Septic lagoon on the Lake Road – is that being monitored?

11 Public Comment

12 Adjourn – Sue made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 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 June 11, 2024.