

Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee
Tuesday, 20 August 2024
6:30 pm
At the Freedom Town Hall

MINUTES

1 Quorum Check, Roll Call FAC/FCC

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by R.A. Oram. Present are:

FCC: Susan Marks, Nancy Cristoferi, Megan Broderick, Michel Cloutier, Michele Keenan, R.A.Oram, Sue Hoople

FAC: Ron Newbury, Yvonne Hoyt, Nancy Cristoferi from FCC

Linda Mailhot and Jeff Nicoll are absent.

Paul Elie and Brian Taylor are present.

- 2 Approval of July 16, 2024 FAC/FCC Meeting Minutes – Nancy Cristoferi name was wrong. Line 30 – include “a” FCC, not and. Line 12 remove Sue. Oram made a motion to approve as amended, Michele seconded.

APPROVED

FAC

- 3 Town Forest Signage Survey Review – Megan spoke about their visit to the Forest. The Boards support co-locating on posts with the Scrub Oak Scramblers. Yvonne will check with Danforth Bay about putting an end of trail sign on their property. Co-locate with the NH Forest Legacy Conservation Land sign. At the Madison/Freedom line we need entering and leaving the forest signs on a post. Need someone to talk to town of Madison. Michele agreed to the idea of putting the signs going in and out of the forest at the town line.
- 4 Approval of FAC Invoices – BH Keith, \$637.50, dated 8/2/24. Ron made a motion to approve, Yvonne seconded. APPROVED

Brian Taylor asked about the road from Shawtown to Trout Pond – needs shaping/crown. Can the town make a pass through? This is going out to bid.

At the Selectboard meeting, it was said that the FCC can appoint members to the FAC.

Ron made a nomination for Paul Elie to join the FAC. Yvonne seconded.

Yvonne and Nancy agree. APPROVED

Jeff Nicoll joined the meeting via telephone.

Oram asked the FCC for the authority to move agenda item 8 up. Nancy made the motion, Susan seconded. AGREED

Nancy made a motion that the FCC appoint Paul Elie as a member of the FAC. Susan seconded. APPROVED

Yvonne made a motion to appoint Paul as chairperson, Ron seconded. APPROVED

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm, Yvonne seconded. FAC is adjourned.

FCC

5 Aquatics Status Update – Megan – Lake Host program financials were discussed. In June they requested \$4000 from the gift account, now it is projected to be \$1700. They are requesting to take the funds now. Invoice included.

\$300 membership fee due for NH Lakes membership. Nancy made a motion to renew, Oram seconded. APPROVED

Invasive species grant – we have an application to DES due September 16. Ned will provide a copy of what was done previously. Megan requests authorization from the FCC to submit the request. Oram made a motion to approve, Susan seconded. APPROVED

Very little milfoil was found in Round 2. There will be no chemicals. It is recommended to have the divers go back in for two spots.

Funds need to be requested from Freedom and Ossipee for the Lake Host program. \$4000 will be requested from each town.

6 Applications for Review

6a 26/3-1 Hennessy / Harriet – outdoor shower. Size of septic/leachfield would be a concern of the zoning officer. No comment required from FCC.

6b 24/3 DiGiampietro/Juda – denied by the ZBA, required revisions. Last month Oram asked to see water bars. All issues that were brought to their attention have been addressed. ZBA has requested a site visit on 8/27. No comment to ZBA from FCC. FCC is grateful for the minutes from the ZBA meeting. Thank you to the administrative team for supplying this, they would be appreciated in the future.

6c Wabanaki Campground – concerns were forwarded to the appropriates.

Conservation Commission is concerned with the following:

Sites that are sitting on the shoreline

Drainage into the lake

Request stormwater drainage study of the whole site

Status of culverts

Structures (trailers) in the riparian area

Drainage from the road systems

7 Approval of FCC Invoices

BH Keith – \$637.50 - Oram made a motion to approve, Michele seconded.

APPROVED

8/15/24 – lake host program, \$1700. Oram made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded. APPROVED

8 Appointments to boards – moved earlier in agenda

9 Other business to come before the commission- Oram spoke about the Selectboard meeting yesterday.

PFAS results from the landfill were received and need to be kept in a file that is updated annually. Add to agenda for next month's meeting.

Michele would like to revisit the website ideas at next month's meeting.

Susan would like to add to agenda – coordination with other town's Conservation Commissions. Oram spoke of the GMCG organizing a meeting in September.

10 Public Comment

Megan made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm, Nancy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary