

Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 16 July 2024

6:30 pm

At the Freedom Town Hall

1 Quorum Check, Roll Call FAC/FCC - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by R.A. Oram. Present are:

FAC – Ron Newbury, Yvonne Hoyt, Michele Keenan (FCC rep)

FCC – R.A.Oram, Linda Mailhot, Megan Broderick, Susan Marks, Michele Keenan, Linda Cristoferi

Jeff Nicoll, Sue Hoople, Michel Cloutier are absent.

2 Approval of June 18, 2024 FAC/FCC Meeting Minutes

FAC – Ron made a motion to approve, Yvonne seconded. APPROVED

FCC – fix spelling of Michel Cloutier, Line 52-letter regarding their contribution to Lake Host program. Oram made a motion to approve as amended, Michele seconded. APPROVED

3 FAC/FCC Membership and Appointments - Paul and Sue were not reappointed. A motion to move item 3 to that latter part of the meeting was made by Linda, seconded by Nancy. APPROVED

FAC

4 Town Forest Projects and Updates - Visits to town forest – July 25 and August 1 at 3:30.

25th Megan, Linda and Nancy

Contracts – Barry is to be present at the pre-bid visit to include and FAC and an FCC rep. Ron is willing to attend, and Jeff is as well.

5 Town Forest Burn Plan Review – being vetted by legal. While in process there will be time for discussions.

6 Approval of FAC Invoices – BH Keith, \$1087.50, 6/15/24. Yvonne made a motion to approve, Michele seconded. APPROVED

Ron made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm, Yvonne seconded. Adjourned.

FCC

7 Aquatics Status Update - Diving in Upper and Middle Danforth was done on July 1-3 by Aqualogic. Invoice of \$3400, State will reimburse 50%. Lake Host program has been very busy. There has been police activity due to parking. Projected need from gift account has decreased to \$2847.

8 Applications for Review

8a Application# 24-3-24 DiGiampietro/Juda - Miracle Farms – ZBA will be reviewing next week. Shorefront permit has already been approved by DES. Oram would like to see diagrams showing water bars to keep the runoff from going into the lake. He is also concerned about the pitch from the front of the house to the lake.

8b Wabanaki Campground – They are in front of the Planning Board for 3 septs and additions to the hutnicks. Oram has concerns about runoff and proximity to the lake. What is happening on the waterfront? Construction too close to the water. When was that done? Potentially grandfathered. This discussion is tabled to later in the meeting when Jeff arrives. Megan made a motion to table this discussion until Jeff arrives or the August meeting. Linda seconded. APPROVED

9 Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Publish – Michele completed edits from last meeting and submitted to Jeff. Links to the maps will be placed in the document. Michele gave an overview for the audience. It is recommended to update yearly or as needed. Planning Board and ZBA should receive copies of this. Should be linked to the Conservation Commission section of the website. Michele will follow up with Jeff about finalizing, sending to Selectboard via town administrator.

10 Approval of FCC Invoices

BH Keith, \$1087.50 – 6/15/24 - Linda made a motion to approve, Michele seconded. APPROVED

Aqualogic- \$3400 – 7/7/24 – Linda made a motion to approve, Oram seconded. APPROVED

11 Other business to come before the commission – Susan asked about FCC role in concern about boats, docks, etc.? She would like to be able to send a letter of concern.

12 Public Comment – Brandon Buttrick – Heritage Commission- concerned about members being dismissed from the Board.

Oram gave his opinion and concern about understanding the process.

Janice Zecher - What does the public have access to for information on volunteer boards?

Brandon Buttrick – re: Heritage Commission – he was not informed.

Wabanaki discussion– (resumed) – Oram is concerned about what is happening in the riparian area. Will the road be pervious or impervious? Will there be swales for runoff? The application is only for septics and additions to the hutnicks. We can ask that as a minimum they use Best Management Practices. They are seeking a waiver from the stormwater plan. Susan has concerns about waivers they are looking for – 50 yr plan. It is now 100 years. Michele and Nancy don't have concerns. Oram made a motion to move this application forward with the recommendations so stated in the notes, Michele seconded. APPROVED

13 Adjourn -Megan made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm, Nancy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

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