

**Forest Advisory Committee  
October 2, 2013**

**Members Present:** Ron Newbury, Rob Hatch, Janet Johnson, Janet Meyers, Dave Charrette, Chuck Depew, Neal Boyle (in place of Selectmen Ernie Day Jr.)

**Members Absent:** Ernie Day Jr.

**Others Present:** Arlene Knight, Barry Keith

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Neal Boyle sat in on tonight meeting for Ernie Day Jr., who could not make it.

**Minutes**

There was a motion by Janet M., seconded by Janet J., to approve the minutes from September 4, 2013, as written. All were in favor.

**Wildlife Habitat Plan**

There was a discussion on the 65% canopy closure for Hemlock Stands. Barry informed the board that he is working on a narrative for the tables and will have it ready by the end of the year for the December FAC meeting. Barry further explained the approval process for the Wildlife Habitat Plan and how to perpetuate hardwood expansion.

**2014 Budget Proposal**

Barry presented the 2014 Budget Proposal as:

<i>Forester</i>	<i>\$ 6,000</i>
<i>Maintenance Activities</i>	
- <i>Maintain existing wildlife openings</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>
- <i>Brontosaurus overgrown truck rd. (3 days work)</i>	<i>\$ 5,000</i>
- <i>Road maintenance (replace 2 culverts, york rake, Apply crushed gravel from airstrip)</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
- <i>Install new beaver control pipe</i>	<i>\$ 2,000</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$19,500</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$25,500</i>

Barry explained each activity stating there may be grant money, of \$2,000, for reduction in brontosaurus work, from NH Fish and Game under the category of successional habitat cut. There was a discussion on the replacement of the beaver pipe with Barry stating the new pipe needs to be metal. Barry will get Rob a copy of the Town Forest Maintenance Agreement.

The State of NH will hold its annual town forest inspection on October 31, 2013. All interested parties will be meeting at 9:00am in Barry's office. Rob will be attending this meeting.

**2013 Activity Summary Report – Freedom Town Forest**

An amended 2013 Activity Summary Report was passed out. Of the fifty (50) fruit trees planted in the spring only 4 were lost. A statement will be added to the report about the fruit trees along with spelling changes. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Chuck, to accept the amended report. All were in favor.

**2014 Activity Schedule**

Barry passed out the proposed Activity Schedule for 2014. After discussion there were no changes to this document. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Chuck, to approve the 2014 Proposed Activity Report. All were in favor.

After approval by the FCC the Amended 2013 Activity Report and the Proposed 2014 Activity Schedule will be given to the state inspector on October 31, 2014.

**Invoice**

BH Keith

Date: 09/30/13

Invoice #: 01-3056

Activity Period: September 1-30, 2013

Re: Timber Sale Layout, Inspections, Forest Administration, Pine Barrens Review

BH Keith, Principal, 11.5 hrs. @ \$50/hr.	\$ 575.00
R. Gerard, Chief Forester, 22.5 Hrs. @ \$40/hr.	\$ 900.00
Expenses: 10 rolls flagging @ \$2.50/roll	\$ 25.00
Total	\$1,500.00

Breakdown sheet was attached.

There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Chuck, to approve invoice #01-3056 dated 09/30/13 from BH Keith for \$1,500.00. All were in favor.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

An email was received from Christopher Casco stating the approval of no motor boats on trout pond has been fully approved by all parties involved. A sign is now required at trout pond stating this fact.

Rob passed out copies of an email sent out by Karen Hatch, Town Administrator, stating the Board of Selectmen's decisions on motions made by the Freedom Conservation Commission wanting the removal of the current FCC/FAC Representative from the FCC Board and proposed changes to the Stewardship plan. Both requests were denied by the Board of Selectmen.

Dave Charrette passed out a written request from the Scrub Oak Scramblers for their winter carnival to be held in the town forest. There was a motion by Janet M., seconded by Janet J, to approve the request from the Scrub Oak Scramblers to hold their winter carnival in the town forest. All were in favor with Dave Charrette recusing himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

On October 19, 2013 Dave will have his work party in the town forest doing summer clean-up and maintenance. Large boulders will be put in place to block certain paths.

There was a motion by Chuck, seconded by Rob, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.