

Freedom Conservation Commission
March 19, 2013

Members Present: Jim McElroy, RA Oram, Rob Hatch, Bill Elliott, Greg Bossart
Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Minutes

There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes from February, 19, 2013 with changes. All were in favor.

Page 2, under -Other Business- delete: -Board suggestions were: (Greg)-possible conservation easement. (Rob)-keep as a separate entity, separate from the state control of town forest.

FAISC – Jim McElroy

Jim passed out a 2013 task update. A milfoil herbicide treatment will be scheduled after Labor Day. There is a new firm conducting the DASH/hand pulling treatment and Jim has been in contact with them about this year's treatment. An application was submitted to the NH Lakes Association to participate in the Lake Host Program for boat inspections. The first year is limited to \$1,000 and the inspection site for Freedom will be the Marina. Awards will be announced before 4/19/13. Jim will be participating in a newly formed group called The Ossipee Watershed Planning Steering Committee which will be managed by Green Mountain Conservation group.

Member Reappointment Recommendations

Two Freedom residents, M. Gaudette & Dolan, put in applications to be on the board. In the absence of the applications in the board packet for tonight's meeting the board discussed their options. There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Rob to recommend the Selectmen appoint M. Gaudette and Dolan to the Freedom Conservation Commission. McElroy, Hatch, Oram & Bossart were in favor. Elliott was opposed. Vote carried.

Proposed Conservation Easement Review – Burt Property

BH Keith Associates submitted a report on the proposed Conservation Easement for the Burt property, Tax Map #6, Lot #8-6, on 61 Shawtown Rd, Freedom, NH. There was a motion by Rob, seconded by Bill to table the subject until advice and authority from the Select board is received. All were in favor.

Case #29-5-13 Jon Comeford – Applicant seeks special exception under Article 3, Sections 304.6.3.1 and 304.6.5.3 and variances under Article 3 Section 301.1.5 and Table 304.2: To construct a home and garage within the side line setback, exceed the allowable 10% lot coverage, clearing plan and erosion control.

There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, stating the board acknowledges that applicant has met requirements to prevent erosion during construction and installation of infiltration trench around building. All were in favor.

Case #32-8-13 Frank J. and Kathryn M. Lalumiere – Applicant seeks special exceptions under Article 3 Sections 304.6.3.1 and 304.6.5 and variances under Article 3 Section 301.1.5 and Table 304.2: To construct within the setback steps, drainage swale, retaining wall and level lip spreader, exceed the allowable 10% lot coverage, tree removal.

Jim is an abutter to this property and recused himself from discussion of this application. There was a motion by Greg, seconded by Rob, stating stairs be constructed as per stair cross sections schematic with pervious materials and the question being "Were trees removed for the original staircase?" if so, "What are the plans to revegetate?" All were in favor.

Wetland Permit Application Steve and Irene Pelton, Tax Map #45, Lot #5. Installation of sand on beach.

There was a motion by Oram, seconded by Rob, if using construction equipment close to water request that silt fencing be installed. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

A thank-you note was received from Scrub Oak Scramblers for the use of the Town Forest for their winter carnival.

Business Properly Presented to the Board

There was a motion by Greg, seconded by Jim, to reappoint Rob Hatch and Ron Newbury to the Forest Advisory Committee. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, to adjourn meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.