

Freedom Conservation Commission
July 16, 2013

Members Present: Bill Elliott, Mike Gaudette, RA Oram, Jim McElroy, John Roman, Sue Hoople, Alice Custard, Greg Bossart
Members Absent: Rob Hatch
Others Present: Susan Marks
Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

There was a motion by Jim; seconded by Mike to appoint Sue Hoople a full voting member for tonight's meeting. All were in favor.

Minutes

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes from April 30, 2013 as written. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to approve the minutes from June 18, 2013 as written. All were in favor.

Financial Update

Jim passed out a copy of Conservation Commission Financial Accounts and explained each. There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to accept Jim's Financial Report. All were in favor.

FAC

There was no FAC Meeting in July so there is nothing to report.

FAISC

Jim passed out a status report and explained how the Lake Host Program was working. He also passed out a copy of the Milfoil Control Funding Coalition: Organization Meeting

Invoice

Company: AB Aquatics Inc.
Date: 7/11/13
Invoice #: 1159
Total Amount: \$8700.00

- Danforth Pond Invasive Weed Removal w/DASH Day				
Role; June 25, 26, 28	Qty	Rate	Amt.	
Yield 390 gallons	3.5hrs	\$850.00/hr	\$2,975.00	
- Danforth Pond Invasive Weed Removal w/DASH Day				
Role; July 1,2,3,4,5				
Yield 840 gallons	6.5hrs.	\$850.00/hr	\$5525.00	

- Danforth Pond Transportation Mobilization 1 \$200.00 \$200.00

Jim explained that once the invoice is paid the state will apply their grant money. There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to approve the invoice # 1159 for \$8700.00 from AB aquatics.

Adoption of Amended Rules of Procedure

All members reviewed the draft copy with changes being in Article IV and VI. The board reviewed Article X ó -Two-thirds (2/3) of the membership constitutes a quorum.ø Oram checked with NH Municipal Association (the board governing state RSAø) and was told that there is no presentence in the RSA where it states that a 2/3 majority is required so therefore a majority rules. Oram will follow-up with the NH Municipal Law People. All members agreed with all changes. There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Alice, to accept changes in Article 4 & 6 in the Rules of Procedure for Freedom Conservation Commission. All were in favor. Article 10 will be tabled until a hard copy is received from NH Municipal Association.

Intent to Cut Applications

All applications were reviewed and there was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, to accept all Intent to Cut Applications. All were in favor.

ZBA

Case #18-9 & 9-1-13 Todd Dickinson – Applicant seeks appeal from special exception under Article 3 Section 304.6.3.1 of the zoning ordinance: To reconstruct steps within the shorefront setback at 95 Babcock Road.

The board noted that this application does not have a denial by Ned but rather a Permit by Notification. Board concerns were:

- Water running parallel with stairwell
- What material is being used in walkways; between granite steps? (pervious or impervious)
- What is the base for the stairway and walkways?

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, approving these concerns. All were in favor.

Case #43-2-13 Stephen and Diana Thurston – Applicant seeks appeals from special exceptions under Article 3 Sections 304.6.3.1 and 304.6.5 of the zoning ordinance; To expand existing home, new septic system, remove trees and erosion control at 62 Berry Bay Road. Board concerns were:

- Better documentation (exhibit B and C) is needed to better understand the proposal.
- What is the justification for the shore land tree removal as depicted in exhibit C?
- Should the dwelling be approved: FCC recommends filtration ditch around additions
- The roof overhang may put the square footage to over 10% of the lot.
- If application is approved: no stump removal in shoreline.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, approving all concerns. All were in favor.

Business Properly Presented to the Board

The board discussed Article IX -Attendanceøof the Rules of Procedure further stressing that any absences must be communicated to the chairman or vice-chairman. Absence from meetings may have an impact on invoice approval.

Article IX also states: If a member misses three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings within twelve (12) months with no contact, this shall be evidence for noninterest. The FCC may then vote to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the member be removed from the FCC. This issue is a concern and the FCC will ask to be on the BOS Agenda for discussion of this item.

Guided Tour for Old Home Week

A representative from the FAC is needed for the guided tour. Oram will contact FAC chairman. A guide is also needed for the Maryø Mountain Tour. Jim volunteered but needs to check his schedule. He will contact Oram tomorrow.

Susan Marks contacted Oram about the ambiguity of tree measurements in Article 3, Section 304.6.5: Special Exception Standards for Cutting and Removal of Trees and Natural Vegetation in the Shorefront District she found when reviewing ZBA Case #42-10-1-13 W.E.P. Family Realty Trust. The topic of cutting and removal of trees in the shorefront district is on the agenda for the next Planning Board Meeting and Oram stated he will attend.

Susan Marks asked about the Lake Host Program and if there were any thoughts to eventually covering Bass Fishing Tournaments. Jim said that if funding is increased next year they will cover these. Susan also asked how AB Aquatics rated compared to the company used last year and Jim said AB Aquatics is more deliberate in their work but specified the milfoil patches last year were much larger.

The deadline for GMCG Articles is September 5, 2013.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.