

Freedom Conservation Commission
September 17, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Discussion on changing the order of the agenda to have the FAC Report moved to issue #1 but Ron said he had no problem staying for the entire FCC Meeting thereby leaving the agenda as written.

Minutes

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Greg, to approve the minutes from August 20, 2013 with changes. All were in favor.
Page 3, second paragraph, delete -listed in the Stewardship Planø

Financial Update

NH Lakes Association for Membership Dues
Date ó 08/08/13
Invoice # - 73
Amount - \$300.00

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Commission (FAISC) received a grant for \$1,000 for the Lake Host Person and membership dues to this Association was part of the contractual grant application. Benefit of being a member is they work to benefit NH Lakes and manage boating regulations. Money would come out of the FCC Dues Account. The NH Lakes Association has a periodical and Jim will check into seeing all members receive a copy.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Alice, to approve the membership dues of \$300.00 to the NH Lakes Association. All were in favor.

BH Keith

Date ó 09/03/13

Inv. # - 01-3046

Activity ó August 1-31, 2013

Re: Timber Sale Layout, start-up, inspections and forest administration

BH Keith, Principal, 10.5 hrs. @ \$50/hr. \$525.00

R. Gerard, Chief Forester, 12.0 hrs. @ \$40/hr. \$480.00

Total \$1005.00

This invoice is a result of the additional \$1,500.00 approved by the FCC last month.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Jim, to approve Invoice #01-3046 from BH Keith for \$1005.00. All were in favor.

Jim passed out an update of the FCC Financial Accounts. There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to accept the Financial Report. All were in favor.

FAC Report – Ron Newbury

During heavy rains Ron inspected the beaver pipe and found it had been plugged but water was still getting through. Ron also reported that he did some clearing of brush on the Maryø Mountain Trail and remarked the trail. Mishawum Farm has requested access to the town forest for trail riding and they were told that during mud season there is restricted trail access. A letter was sent to Danforth Bay Camping Area to keep their golf carts on pathways. Some golf carts have been going around markers and ruining a log landing of clover.

There is an issue with FAC Attendance at FCC Meetings and Ron and Janet Johnson agreed to take turns attending FCC meetings. Ron also asked if any FCC members would like to attend FAC Meetings and bring back information to the FCC Meeting. Oram explained why an FCC Rep attends FAC meetings and further explained that the present FCC rep has voting rights on the FCC but other members do not. Therefore, if the current FCC & FAC rep does not attend FCC Meetings then voting is affected. Oram explained how to change the Stewardship Plan and make the appointed rep a rotating position. All board members commented on this issue with Mike saying he liked to idea of having the FAC/FCC rep be on a rotating basis. In order for this to happen the current FAC/FCC Rep needs to resign and his vacant FCC position filled. All members were receptive to doing a rotating FAC schedule.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Jim, to institute a rotating calendar for FAC Meetings with the FCC member bringing the FAC report to the next FCC Meeting. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Bill, to send a letter to the FAC Chairman requesting the presence of an FAC Member at an FCC Meeting quarterly. All were in favor.

A Discussion followed on removing the current FCC/FAC Rep from the FCC Board. All board members voiced their opinion and agreed with the Stewardship Plan. There was a motion by Oram, seconded by Bill, to recommend to the Freedom Board of Selectmen, based on Article 9 of the FCC Rules of Procedure of the Town of Freedom, that a current member be removed. All were in favor.

FAISC – Jim McElroy

Jim passed out an updated FAISC Plan and stated that the additional money requested last month went before the board of selectmen and all parties agreed on a scaled down version of the plan. A letter will go to the owner of the Marina thanking him for his cooperation with the Lake Host Program. Updates to the program will be discussed for next year. There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, to accept the FAISC Report. All were in favor.

Final Approval of Rules of Procedure

There was a motion by Mike, seconded by Alice, to accept the final Rules of Procedure with the amended date of 09/17/13. All were in favor.

Intent to Cut Applications

All intent to cut applications were reviewed.

New Business

ZBA Case #3-3.03-13 Rhonda and Carlton Lane/Berry Bay Condo Assoc. ó Applicant seeks an appeal for a variance under Article 3 Table 304.2 of the Zoning Ordinance: To construct a shed within the side yard setback at 28 Houle Drive.

No comment on this case.

Other Business

Mike requested that all members bring any emails received to all meetings for discussion. All agreed.

Jim said the Ossipee Lake Watershed Planning Group is surveying the lakefront for erosion issue on 9/28/13.

Oram commented on the additional funding requested last month for logging in the town forest. The request came with a figure of an additional \$6,000.00 profit. He asked if anyone knew where that figure came from and further explained how logging figures are tallied. A discussion followed on what paperwork the FCC should receive in relation to these and future logging operations. There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Mike, for submittal of a detailed Intent to Cut Application for all Logging Operations in the Town Forest and once logging is complete all log yard scale slips be submitted to FCC. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Mike, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.