

Freedom Conservation Commission
February 20, 2014

Members Present: Jim McElroy; Alice Custard; Bill Elliott; Rob Hatch; Michael Gaudette; John Roman, Alternate

Members Absent: Greg Bossart, Sue Hoople (alternate)

Minutes recorded by Linda Farinella

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

McElroy chaired the meeting

There was a motion by Elliott, seconded by Gaudette, to move Roman up to a full member for this meeting. All were in favor.

Motion by Elliott, seconded by Custard to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting. The motion passed with Gaudette abstaining.

Membership review

Forest Advisory Committee members Janet Meyers, Janet Johnson and Dave Charrette all have terms ending in 2014. All three members agreed to another three-year term. Motion by Elliott, seconded by Custard to recommend to the Selectmen that these members be re-appointed for three-year terms. The motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission members Robert Oram, Jim McElroy, Alice Custard and Sue Hoople all have terms ending in 2014. McElroy stated he has been appointed to the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee and will not renew his term on the Conservation Commission.

Custard agreed to be reappointed for three years. Motion by Elliott, seconded by Gaudette to recommend to the Selectmen that Custard be reappointed for a three-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gaudette, seconded by Custard to recommend to the Selectmen that Hoople be reappointed for a one-year term. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion Gaudette, seconded by Elliot to recommend to the Selectmen that Roman be moved from alternate to full member with a three- year term. With Roman's acceptance the motion passed unanimously.

Gaudette asked about Oram's position. McElroy invited Oram's comments. Oram read aloud his resignation from the commission and stated that he had hand delivered it to the Town Office on Tuesday, February 25, effective Wednesday the 26th.

Motion by Gaudette, seconded by Custard to table the appointment of a member for Oram's position until the March meeting. The motion passed with Hatch abstaining.

Financial Update

McElroy stated there is nothing to report as the year has just begun.

Approval of Invoices

Aquatic Control Technology

Date: 02/18/14

Invoice # 18209

Re: Prepare and file special permit application with NH DPC

Total \$1,550.00

Motion by Gaudette, seconded by Elliott, to approve Invoice #18209 for \$1,550.00. All were in favor.

FAC Report

Hatch reported that he has asked for three bids, as requested by the Selectmen, for the Town Forester position. One bidder did not respond, one bidder acknowledged no interest and the last was from BH Keith Associates. The Wildlife Habitat Plan is done with revisions and will come back to the FAC for the March meeting. The beavers have abandoned the area around Trout Pond. The Winter Carnival on the Town Forest was successful. Motion by Elliott, seconded by Gaudette to accept the FAC report. The motion passed unanimously.

FAISC Report – Jim McElroy

McElroy explained that the Board of Selectmen formed the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (FAISC). Notices are being sent to abutters making the aware of the herbicide treatments planned. The grant package for the Lake Host Program has been received.

The House Bill 292 is on its way to the senate, this bill adds \$2.00 to each boat registration to be used for the Milfoil Control Funding Coalition. A letter to Senator Bradley was signed by the commission expressing their support of the Bill. Motion by Hatch, seconded by Gaudette to send the letter in support of HB 292. The motion passed unanimously.

Intent to Cut Application

Two applications were reviewed ó Map #16 Lot #1 and Map #12 Lot #27. Motion by Elliott, seconded by Gaudette, to accept the Intent to Cut Applications. All were in favor.

Other Business

The commission reviewed miscellaneous mail.

There was a motion by Elliott, seconded by Gaudette, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.