

Freedom Conservation Commission September 16, 2014

Members Present: Rob Hatch, Bill Elliott, Paul Elie, John Roman, Mike Gaudette, Alice Custard, Greg Bossart, Sue Hoople (alternate)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

Quorum: A quorum was met with 7 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Alice, to approve the minutes from August 19, 2014 with changes. All were in favor.

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FAC Report

Rob gave an update on getting 3 bids for the brontosaurus work. Brown is the only company in New Hampshire licensed to use a brontosaurus. Barry received a special exemption from NHDES to only solicit one bid. Brown submitted a bid for the brontosaurus work in the town forest. Both Ambrose Bros. and Brown will start sometime this fall.

An information letter was received concerning possible 50/50 matching grant money available for development and acquisition of properties and facilities. A discussion ensued on the possibility of using this matching money for projects already existing for next year. Rob will show letter to Barry. A letter of intent must be received by September 26, 2014 with the final proposal due January, 2015.

Wildlife Habitat Plan

The Plan is still being circulated through the FCC. All members were asked to move forward with this in order to make the necessary changes.

ZBA Case #26-1-14 Gordon and Merrily Brown ó Applicant seeks an appeal for a variance under Article 3 Table 304.2 of the zoning ordinance: To add a 10~~x~~16~~ø~~ garden shed within the side line setback at 388 Pequawket Trail.

The board had no concerns with this project.

New Business

At the July 15, 2014 FCC Meeting the board voted to amend the by-laws by including information from a letter dated 8/18/06 from Peter Malia into the Stewardship Plan. Since then the board has learned that in order to make by-law changes the subject must be on the agenda for that month. This subject will be on the agenda for next month and a new vote taken.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

Goals and Objectives

These will be discussed next month but suggestions were:

- Come up with a cheat sheet to help board members
- How to add teeth to the FCC
- Have an educational speaker night for public based on town specifications
- Have an educational night on the Pine Barons explaining the need for a control burn
- Have the town participate in Valley Pride Day by picking up trash. Bill explained the town already participates in this project
- Form a Land Search Committee for potential conservation easements
- Form an Energy Committee that will put together information on ways to conserve energy
- Provide a scholarship for a young camper to attend a summer conservation camp in order to get the youth interested in conservation efforts
- Educate town on Wild Life Habitat Plan
- Be more proactive in advertising the hikes during Old Home Week
- More interaction between other town boards and town groups

Other Business

Michael visited the Bluffs and talked with residence who own golf carts and four wheel recreational vehicles about the need to keep out of the town forest.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Paul, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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