

**Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, June 16, 2025**  
**6:30 pm**  
**At the Freedom Town Hall**  
**Minutes**

- 1 Quorum Check, Roll Call FAC/FCC – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Jeff Nicoll. Present are:  
FAC – James Guido-Planning Board Rep., Ron Newbury, Gary Williams-Selectmen’s Rep., Paul Elie  
FCC – Jeff Nicoll, R.A. Oram, Michele Keenan, Nancy Cristoferi, Megan Broderick, Susan Marks, Sue Hoople  
Scrub Oak Scramblers Rep. – not present  
Yvonne Hoyt is absent.

Oram is the FCC rep to the FAC

- 2 Approval of May 2025 FAC/FCC Meeting Minutes – Line 71 Loon Preservation Committee, 74 – account”s”, 79 – word out should be gate, line 120 Peter is spelled incorrectly. Line 110 – NH Fish and Game, not NH Lakes  
Michele made a motion to approve as amended, Nancy seconded.  
FAC approved  
FCC approved

**FAC**

- 3 SOS Memo of Understanding at DES – Alexa is still working on this, no updates yet
- 4 Trout Pond Trail Update – Oram and Paul rode up there today. Work is progressing. We are assured it will be done no later than the end of the month. The part that has been done looks good.
- 5 FAC Web Page – Mission statement was approved. Updates have been done, more to come.

- 6 Old Home Week Wagon Ride – changed the date to July 26, right after the parade. Some changes will be made to the flyer. Limit to 4 per family/group. Oram will be narrating the rides. The back side of the flyer will have info about the forest.
- 7 Maintenance Checklist Update – Yvonne and Paul met to discuss. Table for tonight.
- 8 Boundary Blazing, Paint, Locks – Barry has done a lot of marking of the boundaries. Ron will pick up the locks this week and will install at the orange gate and the one in Madison. Some painting will be done this week, weather permitting, starting by the Ford property. James mentioned perhaps being able to use the SOS Gator.
- 9 Work Study Program Article – Oram and Paul created a press release. Oram will submit to the Green Mountain Quarterly.

The Lakes Conference – see later in the menu

- 10 Invoices – two invoices from BH Keith - \$1394.00 and \$1517.00 – this will be divided between town forester and road maintenance. Ron made a motion to approve, Gary seconded. APPROVED  
Another invoice – Jeff Nicoll to be paid for trail maps - \$441.74. James made a motion to approve, Sue seconded. APPROVED

Jeff- to see if Selectmen would grant approval to restructure Planning Board Rep. to be moved from FAC to FCC. It was presented to them last night. Chairman was not in favor of removing from the FAC, but was not opposed to either a dual role or another member of the Planning Board being on the FCC. The office is checking to be sure this is something we can do. Rules of Procedure will need to be revised if we do this.

No Parking signs in front of the gates signs are not up yet. Do not block gate or  
No Parking Fire Lane

11 Other Business / Public Comment / Adjourn -The FAC portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm on a motion from Paul, seconded by Ron.

## **FCC**

12 FAC/FCC Burn Contract Update – Last night to burn contract was delivered to the Selectmen. They need to sign it. It was on hold due to funding questions. There is a chance that it may happen. They will get the legal review on the contract and get back to us.

13 Aquatics Update – correspondence from Amy – water scientist. She found less milfoil than we have had in the past. She identified a few areas – Upper Danforth. A less invasive removal process will be done for the early summer – it will be hand-pulling. We have a new dive team. They will be coming in at the beginning of July. Megan attended a meeting last week regarding Amy’s review of lakes in Ossipee. They are hiring their own diver to be sure that her results were accurate.

Lake Host program is doing fine. The Loon Preservation lead collection was set up at the dump. The Lake Hosts will be passing out info to fishermen indicating that there is a lead collection box at the dump.

14 NH Lakes Conference Update – Multiple ambassadors attended. Jeff will scan the materials and will put it on the FCC resource so everyone can take a look. The attendees feel it was a good conference. NH Lakes has most of the presentations on their website.

NH Conservation Commission annual conference is coming up in November.

## **15 Applications for Review**

15.1 293 Huckins Rd – Genest – replacing the failing 18” wall. The O’Reilly application below goes along with this application – they want to put in one wall across both properties. Items of interest – silt socks installed during construction, ask for permanent stormwater infiltration behind the wall.

Vegetation and buffer restoration – deep rooted native vegetation requested. Minimize tree removal – nothing in application stating there will be tree removal. Impervious – put numbers in.

Oram recommends sending the documents to the Zoning Officer.

DES publishes a Homeowners Guide to Stormwater Runoff – this is being added to the website.

Nancy made a motion to send the letter to the applicant, the State, and the Zoning Officer. Michele seconded. APPROVED

15.2 299 Huckins Rd -O'Reilly – same project as above. Same concerns as noted above. Important that the work be done on lake draw down. Nancy made a motion to send the letter to the applicant, the State, and the Zoning Officer. Oram seconded. APPROVED

15.3 17 Camp Huckins Rd – Camp Huckins – no issues noted.

15.4 ZBA – View at Ossipee LLC – Jones – going in front of ZBA. Our communication will be to the ZBA and the Zoning Officer. Shorefront protection, stormwater managements, vegetation and sediment controls are concerns. 17.8% impervious surface proposed. Nancy made a motion to send to ZBA once impervious surface comment is removed, Oram seconded. APPROVED

## 16 FCC Invoices

Attendance at NH Lakes for Paul and Oram - \$200 plus mileage @ .70 per mile. \$86.80 – total \$286.80. Megan made a motion to approve, Michele seconded. APPROVED

Attendance at NH Lakes for Susan Hoople - \$100 – Megan made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded. APPROVED

NH Lakes – Association Partnership - \$300 – Megan made a motion to approve, Oram seconded. APPROVED

Solitude – management/permitting process - \$1620 – Megan made a motion to approve, Oram seconded. APPROVED

Two invoices from BH Keith - \$1394.00 and \$1517.00 – this will be divided between town forester and road maintenance. Megan made a motion to approve \$1517, Nancy seconded APPROVED. Megan made a motion to approve the invoice for \$1394.00, Nancy seconded. APPROVED

Jeff Nicoll to be paid for trail maps - \$441.74 – Megan made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded. APPROVED

17 Other business to come before the Commission – A letter was presented to the Selectboard regarding 2025 term renewals and appointments. The vote was not recorded for renewals of Megan, Oram and Michele. A motion to renew the term for Megan Broderick for another 3 years was made by Jeff, seconded by Nancy. APPROVED

A motion to renew the term for R A Oram for another 3 years was made by Jeff, seconded by Susan. APPROVED

A motion to renew the term for Michele Keenan for another 3 years was made by Jeff, seconded by Oram. APPROVED

Susan Marks asked for information about what is happening next at Wabanaki. There is no information to be shared at this time.

18 Public Comment – none received

19 Adjourn – Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm, Megan seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Donaldson  
Recording Secretary