

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 6, 2016

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Police Chief, Josh Shackford; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Road Agent, Scott Brooks; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Laura Robinson and Bill Elliott.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm, manifests were signed and mail was reviewed

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott inquired about the mowing at town hall. It has not been done and needs to be done. The scope of work agreed upon was weekly until later in the season. Boyle will contact Matt Welch with whom we have a contract.

Elliott also commented on the dead deer with the 2 live fawns that were in the village last week. There was a surprise that Fish and Game took so long to arrive to remove the deer. The fawns were taken to a rehabilitation facility in Madison. It was asked who does one call when this happens. It was explained the local police authorities do not have the authority, it has to be reported to Fish and Game which was done when this was originally called into dispatch.

Chief Shackford gave his department update. There has been an increase in activity due to the holiday and summer coming. Shackford also inquired about event permits. He noted that the Board had an issue with the tri tech bike race. Under RSA 286 a licensing board can be created; create a policy on how to administer or the Police Chief can be appointed to sign for upcoming events. His concern was signing for an event that the Board might have an issue with. Babb asked that this be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

The Road Agent had received a quote for pilings for culvert replacement at Square Brook. The price from Leslie E. Roberts LLC is \$27,800 which is \$12,000 under budget; Babb made a motion to authorize the Road Agent to enter into an agreement with Roberts; seconded by Day.

There was a brief discussion on the proposed bike bath on Pequawket Trail. Marge Amico is spear heading the project and hopes to have this built through grants and donations. Brooks asked the board how involved the town should be in the project and both Boyle and Day are both in favor of involvement; Babb abstained.

Justin Brooks gave an update on the repair of the compactor at the Transfer Station and is hopeful it will be done by July 4th. There is still no word on the truck grant. They will begin pump testing the fire trucks at the end of the month.

Hatch asked the board about an IRS refund for taxes withheld in 2015 from the election officials. Pat McCoy and Bud Brooks and asked the Moderator about the monies being returned. Because it would cost more in pursuing this through the IRS than the amount

of monies to be refunded, the board voted to just refund Brooks and McCoy from the tax budget. No other election official was looking to be refunded.

Day brought up mowing of town property at 50 Eaton Road. Babb will volunteer to mow once which will be this weekend.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:32pm under RSA 91-A: II(e). Returned to open session at 7:53pm. The board at 7:55pm returned to non public under both RSA 91-A: II(e & a); board returned to open session at 8:12pm.

There was a brief discussion on the exempt paperwork filed by the Masonic Temple. Hatch to inquire with the assessor if they needed to file if an agreement was worked out with the parking.

Also discussed was the Ossipee Lake Natural Area which Babb explained. There was to be a meeting on Friday and Paul Elie will be attending with John Shipmen who was currently the town's representative.

There was also a request from the Conservation Commission to post member information on the town website. They would also like to add three links ó one for the NH Wetland Bureau Permit; Intent to Cut Permit and Seasonal Docks Notification Permits. The board voted to allow the requests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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