

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, October 31, 2016

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief/T.S. Manager; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Paul Elie and Bill Elliott.

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

The board went into a brief non public at 6:35pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c); returned to open session at 6:46pm.

There was a brief discussion on the progress of the roller shed. Day volunteered to stay on top of the contractor to see that is done in a timely manner.

Fred and Joyce Watson representatives of the Lakeview Cemetery Association met with the board regarding possible funding of the cemetery through a warrant article this up coming year. Both spoke on the financial situation of the Association and that they are trying to stay solvent for as long as they can but there are a few items that cannot be afforded at this time. They would like to ask for \$5,000 to road repairs for the gravel roads. Babb explained it would be easiest if they were to get a petition for this article. The board does support this, Babb explained when something is new to the warrant, their rule is to accept a petition. They indicated that they would get one in.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott wanted to thank the Police and Fire Departments for their involvement in the Halloween activities.

Chief Shackford gave a brief department update.

Paul Elie inquired about a system in place if an elderly person was to walk away and gets lost. The Chief explained that we did not but there were several systems in place where elderly can check in or be checked on.

Mark McKinley met with the board regarding the roller shed. He was informed that the board was having Day track the project. The contractor had indicated that project would be completed by the end of November

Hatch reviewed with the board the ongoing recertification process. Parcels in current use had been review and several mistakes were noted. One property does not actually qualify as it is not contiguous with their other lot. Another parcel was disqualified when it was no longer contiguously owned. As these were very old mistakes, and the board can go back two years to collect monies, opted to just correct the problems and move forward so the land use tax on each was waived.

Approved into law in August was an all-veterans tax credit. This would be for anyone who has served in the military and at the current rate of \$250.00. The board agreed to put this on the warrant as required.

Health Insurance premiums for 2017 had been received. Babb asked that a meeting be scheduled with a HealthTrust representative and then they would meet with employees.

Day had spoken with the Trustees of the Trust Funds and they would like to take \$125,000.00 from the Town Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund and invest it in a long term CD. This money is for the Danforth Bay Bridge replacement that is not scheduled until 2019. The trustees would need a letter from the Board giving their approval. Babb wanted to know if there is a penalty if the monies were withdrawn early. Day to find out and also get draft wording for the letter.

Babb made a motion at 8:00pm to enter non public under RSA 6A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 9:02pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.