

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 29, 2018**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Selectmen; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Arlene Knight, Larry Claveau and Bill Elliott.

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

Jim McElroy of the FAISC discussed the 2018 state milfoil grant and the NH Lakes boat host grant. There was also discussion of sharing resources with Ossipee and Effingham. Day made a motion for Chairman Babb to be the signee on the state grant paperwork, Boyle seconded. This year's state grant is for 25%.

Being no public comment Chief Shackford gave his department update which included registering two sex offenders; lost or stolen dealer plate and the usual motor vehicle stops and minor accidents.

Chief Brooks reported that they took delivery today of the forestry truck from the Division of Forests and Lands. This will remain a state owned truck which we will insure, maintain and use in our fleet. Brooks also reported that the Transfer Station is still in their slow time of year.

S. Brooks reported that a lot of sand and salt has been used with the recent storm. In 35 straight hours only 4 hours were taken for a break. He restocked his salt and believes that he still has enough sand for the season.

Next reviewed was the proposed Forest Management Service Agreement with B.H. Keith and Associates. The Forest Advisory Committee voted to keep the hourly rate at \$50 not at the proposed \$60. The Conservation Commission voted to approve the agreement with conditions. Day made a motion to pay the \$50.00 rate per the FAC; there was no second. After closer review of both board's minutes and further discussion the Selectmen agreed to send a request for change to the agreement. They asked that the agreement have an estimated cost of contract with a not to exceed amount along with a breakdown on the invoice and billing at least quarterly.

Babb made a motion at 7:35pm to enter non public session under 91-A:3 II (a) returned to open session at 8:30pm.

Babb made a motion to add a warrant article for \$30,000 to fund the position of Fire Chief/Medical person; Boyle seconded, Day yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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