

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, August 27, 2018**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Larry Claveau , Laura Robinson and Bill Elliott.

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

Gordon Cormack postponed meeting with the board regarding Katharine Watts until the road is complete to the intersection. They will not meet prior to September 10th to issue the building permit.

The award for heating oil and road fuels was next and Babb made a motion based on last week's decision to instruct Hatch to talk with C.N.Brown and their willingness to adjust gallonage that they be awarded the bid, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb asked for public comment and Laura Robinson asked about an update of the store building; Babb responded that there was nothing new.

Chief Shackford reported that there had been an arson which was a boat at Danforth Bay Campground. The department's pickup truck has been received. He will need to get it lettered and equipped. His cruiser will be used by the part timers.

Chief Cunio reported 3 medical calls, fire alarm and smoke alarm. He had been made aware of potential measles at one of the children's camps but it was actually a family member in MA and none was reported here. The fire works they covered had no problems. He did report that the old one ton was at the town garage and believed ready to sell. Brief discussion on the letter he will send regarding restrictive access for equipment. Babb asked if Poirier from CarePlus had reached out to him yet, Cunio said no but that everything had been good so far.

S. Brooks shared that they have installed the box culvert and a 5' culvert on Moulton Road. They are still working on shoulders and side slopes. Paving will be done the week after Labor Day. Next week they will begin screening winter sand.

Hatch reported that the town accountant was in and all finances are up to date and balanced. Reminder that Monday is a holiday and manifests will need to be signed. John Poirier from Care Plus had phoned in and expressed that he wanted open lines of communication so that any issues that arise can be addressed immediately. He will also reach out to the Fire/Rescue Chief.

The review of office hours was done as stated at the beginning of summer. Hatch's morning hours had been reduced by 1.5 hours and was asking to have that adjusted. Zecher had an increase from 3:00 to 4:00 and had a spreadsheet of activity for that

additional hour each day. Based on an average of only 1 call a day, Day made a motion for the hours to change back to 8am until 3pm; 7:30am to 2:30pm to stay the same for Hatch; Fall seconded. This would be effective September 4<sup>th</sup>. Babb did not vote as he would like to meet with them one on one; he did not have enough information.

Day said that the moderator Don Johnson had called him regarding the upcoming election and the need for Selectmen coverage during voting and attendance for ballot counting. This was discussed.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A: II(I); seconded by Fall.

Roll Call Vote:	Leslie Babb	yes
	Ernest Day Jr.	yes
	Alan Fall	yes

The board entered non public session at 7:29pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:06pm.

A request had been handed to the Chairman earlier which was from the Library Trustees. They were requested a release from their capital reserve fund of \$7,410 for building and ground maintenance per the enclosed proposal. There was no enclosure and Babb wanted to double check the wording of the article when passed. This will be on the next agenda.

Day inquired for an employee about non payment of retirement funds since April. This was an oversight by the bookkeeper but had been reported and monies submitted the prior week.

The budget was reviewed for the possible purchase of office laptop and computer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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Alan G. Fall