

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 14, 2019

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

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

The Supervisors of the Checklist had emailed the board stating that they had voted unanimously to have the items that were purchased returned as they were not needed at this time. There was also no meeting with a vote by all three to purchase the items.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott mentioned the tree in the square; it was stated that this stays on until the end of January.

Chief Shackford gave his update which included yet another deer vs car. Assistance given to Ossipee PD; domestic animal complaint; various welfare checks were conducted, along with other complaints and a sex offender registration.

Chief Cunio reported 5 medical calls with 1 transport. There were also several fire alarms. There was then a discussion regarding hose testing and an opportunity to lock into a 3 year contract with the current company. Babb explained the purchasing policy and Cunio will work on this but if this being the only area vendor then they would enter into the contract.

J. Brooks stated that there was nothing new to report regarding the Transfer Station.

S. Brooks reported that the 1999 sander was in need of extensive repairs and asked that it be purchased prior to the original plan to have a warrant article. After a brief discussion Babb made a motion to authorize the purchase of the proposed sander due to the safety issues of Ossipee Lake and Bennett Roads, monies will be requested from the highway capital reserve fund, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Next reviewed were the proposed encumbered and re encumbered monies. Babb made a motion to encumber from the warrant Hot Top article \$36,457.00; Sealing \$52,000 and Crack seal \$5,500.00 for a total of \$93,957.00, seconded by Day, voted yes unanimously.

Babb then made a motion to encumber from the Fire Department \$8,600.00 for the forestry 2 project and \$10,155.00 for a compressor to fill air pacs along with the electrician for a total of \$18,755.00, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to re encumber the Planning Board ó Master Plan \$1,914.00, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to re encumber \$5,000.00 for dry hydrant off Durgin Hill Road, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to re encumber the Town Forest Stewardship Plan update for \$4,875.00, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to re encumber the Town Forester for \$3,313.00, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to re encumber the monies for the Danforth Bay Bridge \$2,968.00 Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

The board next reviewed a request for a revised due date for Adderley's tax payment; they agreed with the change.

Hatch reported the computer issues experienced on Friday.

The board did a brief review of the proposed budget but agreed that they would work on that next Monday.

Chief Shackford did want to ask about raises for the part time officers. To increase from \$20.50 to \$23.00. Area towns were paying more and he wanted to be able to fill his shifts. The bottom line would stay the same just not cover as many hours. The board agreed that this would be discussed with all other raises but that they would be retroactive back to the beginning of the year.

Being a holiday next Monday the board will be meeting at 9:30am for their regular weekly meeting. They will also have a budget workshop at that time as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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