

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, December 30, 2013**

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; citizens Peg Scully and Scott Cunningham.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

The Board met with the Trustees of Trust Funds Pat McCoy, Kim Reis and Eric Bossidy. Pat explained that they had been requested to open a capital reserve fund for the Water Precinct. This is to establish a fund for capital improvements. There was much concern as this had never been done before and the precinct was not part of the town it was a private entity. Eric Bossidy provided the RSA that allowed the Trustees to do this. He also explained that they had talked with the precinct treasurer Pam Keith along with Department of Revenue Michelle Clark who was the one that advised Keith that this was how it was to be done.

The trustees wanted to let the Selectmen know what was going on and what they thought. Bossidy stated that if this was to be set up he wanted to see two levels of approval, he still wanted the Selectmen to request the monies from the trust as the agents like all other funds. Babb stated that he feels if a Capital Reserve Fund is set up we own the precinct.

Boyle made a motion that no action be taken at this time; Day seconded, so voted.

The Trustees can still do this, however Bossidy will speak again with DRA and get more clarification on if the CRF have to be opened in 2013, he will also speak with Keith again. The trustees will ask to get back on a future agenda.

The board next reviewed the report from Greg Colby, CPA on the audit request for proposals that had been submitted. His report first ranked each proposal on a scale and then by cost. The following are the cost proposals:

Vachon Clukay	3 year total	\$20,610
Roberts & Greene	3 year total	30,900
Plodzik & Sanderson	3 year total	38,620

Based on the information provided Day made a motion to accept the proposal of Vachon Culkay; seconded by Babb; so voted.

Boyle asked for public comment which there was none.

Planning Board Chairman Anne Cunningham met with the board to review the costs of doing a community survey for the update of the Town's Master Plan. Boyle stated that he is not a fan of a master plan. Cunningham explained that Planning Board is required to do this. Babb also explained that our Zoning Ordinances and Master Plan have to match.

There was discussion on setting aside half of the \$5,000 and have it a two year process. After further discussion Babb then made a motion for a \$5,000 warrant article to full fund the community survey to be done in 2014, seconded by Day; Boyle voted no.

Road fuels were next discussed. Hatch reported that John Wheeler from CNBrown was willing to switch the road fuel for the next three months with no price change. The board agreed to that, however, they wanted the Road Agent's input on the product already received so this will go on next week's agenda.

The board next reviewed the current investment policy. Day made a motion to approve as is; Babb seconded. Boyle wanted a few items tweaked and would go along with the current policy if it is to be reviewed. It was agreed that this would be on the agenda for March 24<sup>th</sup> for review; motion to approve was unanimous.

Mark McKinley met with the board regarding the Town Hall windows. Granite State Glass had given a quote but was unable to attend the meeting. McKinley would like to use the \$7,000 on the inside work and do the outside portion in a year or two. Doing the inside would be at a cost of approximately \$300.00 per window.

Cunningham felt to keep labor costs down that the inside and outside should be done at the same time.

The board agreed to Cunningham's suggestion and work would start in the meeting room and span out from there to include all downstairs windows.

Hatch inquired about the mileage increase for 2014. IRS has changed the rate from \$.55 to \$.56 per mile. Babb made a motion to pay the maximum allowed by IRS this year and going forward; Boyle seconded, so voted.

Babb gave a brief update of the cell tower site. He stated that Tarpon Towers had paid for the debris to be removed; however, it is still there. There was also the question of the town's equipment on the tower. Day will call AT&T to get some answers.

Boyle made a motion at 8:31pm to enter non public session under RSA91-A:3 II(a) with the Police Chief.

Returned to open session at \_\_\_\_\_ and meeting was adjourned.

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