

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 27, 2014

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; Former Selectman Scott Cunningham and Town Council Paul Monzione.

Boyle made a motion at 5:30pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Town Council left the meeting at 6:32pm; the board returned to open session at 6:47pm and the regular meeting was called to order.

Additional present were the Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Road Agent Scott Brooks; and several citizens

Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

The board then met with Brett Buggeln of Tarpon Towers. He gave an update on the site work and stated that the debris would finally be removed this week.

Buggeln stated that he had been in touch with our town rep Ted Call regarding the town's equipment on the tower. He had a structural analysis done on the tower to see if it could support the town's 20' antenna. There would be no problem supporting the antenna but would need a chain mount. He had gotten a quote from Tessco for this. It was determined that Buggeln would get the mount and Ted Call needed to replace the existing 100' cable that was purchased with 200' the town would receive a credit for the 100'. This antenna would be mounted at the top port of the tower which warrants the longer cable.

It was asked how long this would all take and Buggeln stated that once all the items were received only a few weeks as he would then need to schedule with the tower people that would be doing the installation.

Buggeln also spoke of the trespassing that has been an ongoing issue on the site. Babb stated that this had been discussed with the Police Chief and he will monitor the area.

Abutters Mr. & Mrs. Briggs were present and questioned the ongoing water runoff issue. Buggeln feels that several offers had been made and no contact had been made back to him. Mrs. Briggs stated that she wanted to see what each season would bring for runoff issues before making a permanent decision.

It was mutually agreed to wait until June 30th and then they would have a contractor give a price to Buggeln.

Next discussed was the letter of credit reduction of January 2, 2014 from \$100,000.00 down to \$40,000.00. Day made a motion to hold off on any request until the town

apparatus is mounted and the debris is removed at bottom of hill. Boyle seconded, so voted.

Babb suggested revisiting this request on February 24th and would be willing to do a conference call to save him coming up from Florida. The board agreed on the 24th.

Babb also made a motion to authorize thru Buggeln the purchase of the bracket; Day seconded, so voted.

There was no public comment.

Boyle inquired to the Road Agent if there were any more problems with the fuel. Brooks reported that there were none but said that Gaftek had installed a filter on the tank and had also taken a sample.

Next reviewed was the warrant article for a new loader. Brooks had come up with a spec sheet for a 4x4 wheeled loader and he would be sending out to bid. Babb asked Day and Boyle if they wanted to buy a load now and they both said yes. Babb stated he would prefer to wait a year. Brooks indicated that \$160,000.00 on the warrant would be ample. Brooks also suggested a three year lease; trade in the old one and the Selectmen could decide what amount to remove from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. This will be reviewed again next week and Brooks to get a 3 year lease/trade price from CAT.

Hatch had received three prices for the printing of the town report and it was agreed to stay with Minuteman Press and the Board wanted to be sure that the books were spiral bound.

There was a brief review of the highway payroll numbers and Brooks explained that he had included a season person for 14 weeks. He would need flaggers for work he would be doing on the Ossipee Lake Road. Babb asked Hatch to look into any possible insurance issue.

Due to illness Boyle left the meeting. Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:42pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 9:01pm and meeting was adjourned.

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