

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, December 1, 2014

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Road Agent Scott Brooks and several town residents.

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

Babb started with Department Head updates. Rob Cunio head of Freedom Rescue had researched the cost of a transport vehicle at the request of the board. Prices vary in range from \$23,000 - \$27,000. When asked, Cunio did state that we had most of the hard equipment for this vehicle without compromising the current rescue vehicle.

Cunio next explained the CPR machine that they would like to request as a warrant article. He will continue to look for grant monies to help offset the price.

Under public comment Bill Elliott reported the new Welcome to Freedom sign at the end of Elm Street had been stolen. This had been reported to local police.

There was a brief discussion on the power outage; Fire Chief Brooks stated that he and Cunio had everything under control and did not put the call into the Emergency Management Director as he had family here for the holiday. Babb did explain that the Town Hall as an emergency shelter trumps any scheduled event.

Building Custodian Mark McKinley was present and explained the circumstances with the shortage of propane on Thanksgiving Day when the power in town was out. He apologized to the board for this. Propane has been delivered and he is having the generator checked this week.

Mike Gaudette is still dealing with the ambulance charges and has asked for a copy of the town's contract which he will pick up at a future time.

Chairman Mike Gaudette of the Conservation Commission and Rob Hatch Chairman of the Forest Advisory Committee were present to review the proposed 2015 budgets and possible septic data collection article. The board did not support the data collection article and asked that they work with Green Mt. Conservation Group on the issue.

Scott Brooks presented his proposed 2015 budgets. He also presented a list of capital outlay items that need to be addressed over the next few years. There was a lengthy discussion on the items and Babb feels we need to do something about the Ossipee Lake/Bennett Road and Hatch will look into the bonding requirements.

Hatch reported she was working on the Durgin Hill Road water easements and inquired about sending a joiner form as well. The board agreed that we would send just the deeds.

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Hatch inquired about meeting the department heads to review the proposed purchasing policy. Babb indicated that this would happen after budgets were completed next year.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:40pm under RSA 91-A: 3II (a). Returned to open session at 9:05 and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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