

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 20, 2016

Present: Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Police Chief, Josh Shackford; Road Agent; Scott Brooks; Fire Chief, Justin Brooks; residents Heloise and Chuck Depew, Sylvia Carney.

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

Frank Carroll was in attendance when the board awarded the paving contract for Ossipee Lake and Bennett Roads. These bids had been opened last week. Due to the unusual circumstances where this had not appeared on last week's agenda, the board had voted to award this week, making sure that it was on the posted agenda. Under the direction of the Board, the Road Agent had done a bid tabulation and summary of the three bids that had been opened. Another envelope had been received by F.R.Carroll after the bid opening and the Board agreed to review the contents after the bid award. Carroll explained that it was a letter pertaining to the bidding process. At the recommendation of the Road Agent, Babb made a motion to award the contract to R&D Paving Inc; Day seconded. Mr. Carroll left the meeting and the board agreed to place the unopened envelope in the folder.

Next was the bond closing and the board along with Town Treasurer Jayne Briton signed the necessary documents. Babb explained the process of the bond sale and that the town was receiving the applied for amount of \$1,459,015 but was paying back only \$1,260,750. There was a premium of \$198,265 to reduce the bond. Because of the reduction to be paid back it would be at a 5.02% interest rate, however, the true interest cost was 1.73%.

There was no public comment. Chief Shackford gave his department's activity report. He did want everyone to know that Eversource has a representative knocking on doors and speaking with homeowners, this is ligament. He has had several calls on this. Shackford also gave the board a copy of the NH Drug Monitoring Initiative's Drug Environment Report. This report gave drug statistics; overdoses and deaths in New Hampshire. He will be picking up the new cruiser this week and getting it to Ossipee Mountain Electronics for installation of lights, radios, etc.

Babb inquired about having an ordinance against selling drug paraphernalia; Shackford stated that we could but that is already against the law in this state.

The Road Agent presented a contract from Thorne Survey for the Pequawket Trail Bike Path. Many questions arose and Hatch stated that Marge Amico and others working on the project were scheduled to be on the agenda next Monday. No action was taken.

J. Brooks gave his report on the Transfer Station's quieter than normal. He is waiting on the electrician so as to move forward in fixing the compactor. He also reported that the call volume for the Fire and Rescue was down.

Alan Fall was scheduled to meet with the board but was a no show.

Babb made a motion at 7:42pm to enter into non public session under RSA91-A:3(a) followed by (c). Returned to open session at 8:25pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch,
Town Administrator

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Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.