

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 27, 2016

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Police Chief, Josh Shackford; Road Agent, Scott Brooks; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Alan Fall, Heritage Commission; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Bill Elliott.

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

Melissa Briggs of HealthTrust, our current insurance carrier, handed out packets of information and explained what services they provide and possible options to help reduce the cost of insurance coverage. Babb thanked her for coming and they would be looking into options this fall.

The board next met with Marge Amico regarding the Pequawket Trail bike path. She has prepared a letter of interest to the NH Dept. of Transportation for a \$500,000 grant. She explained that this is the first phase, if that is accepted, then phase 2 would be an in person interview, if that went well, phase 3 would be the opportunity to fill out the grant application. This could get tossed out at any phase.

This is a 20/80 grant; a warrant article for \$100,000 would have to be presented to the people at Town Meeting. If not passed then the project would fail.

She explained the need for the path; how unsafe it has become due an increase in traffic. She reported about fundraising she has done and will continue to do. She also reviewed the length and width of the path which would be on both sides of the road and stated that they would not be taking of any abutting property. Alan Fall who happens to be a surveyor spoke about the history of this road width. He stated that the road currently is outside of the width that had been there in 1968 when legislature deemed that roads without layout were to be the existing width. So the town has taken land to widen the road and land would be taken for the bike path.

Babb stated that he wanted to see letters of endorsement from all the abutters. He also stated that he has asked for these from the beginning. Both he and Ernie were not going to sign and Babb thanked her for coming.

Alan Fall chairman of the Heritage Commission apologized for missing his appointment last week. He was there on behalf of the Commission regarding the placement of signs at old school house sites throughout town. They would be in keeping with the cemetery signs. He was looking for support from the board and would work with S. Brooks for the signs and would get permission of landowners prior to placement. Board was in favor of the project.

Babb asked for public comment, being none Chief Shackford gave his department update and reported of the increase activity.

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J. Brooks was hoping for the compactor to be repaired next week. Due to the holiday the Transfer Station would be open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and closed on Tuesdays.

S. Brooks reported that they are doing the culvert replacements on the Ossipee Lake Road. There was discussion on striping Pequawket trail now that it has been deemed unsafe by a resident. Board agreed to have Brooks pursue this and get it done as soon as possible.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session with department heads at 8:28pm under RSA 91-A:3II(e). The board returned to open session at 9:13pm.

Day made a motion to rescind the board's prior vote to go with ClaimLinx, seconded by Boyle, voted yes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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