

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 11, 2016

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Police Chief, Josh Shackford; Road Agent, Scott Brooks; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Residents Laura Robinson, Paul Elie and Bill Elliott.

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

An incident had been reported at both the office and the Police Dept. of a car being disabled due to one of the trenches on Ossipee Lake Road. The individual asked if the town would be pay for the damage. The Road Agent gave an explanation of the trench patches due to the culverts being replaced. There have to be a number of the culverts complete before they will come in and do the asphalt fill. He also explained that there was proper signage, cones and paint markings warning of these trenches. After a brief discussion the board agreed that because all safety measurers were in place they would not be liable for any costs.

Being no public comment Chief Shackford gave his department update. They have been very busy including some special details over July 4th. He did report about the Eversource scam and encouraged the public to just call the department. He also for the first time shared and explained the court hearing schedule and why sometimes it is easier to have both parties resolve issues rather than making arrests which would further clog up the courts. Overall everything went well over the holiday.

J. Brooks reported that that he is still trying to schedule the necessary parties to repair the compactor at the Transfer Station. The Fire and Rescue were busy but not as busy as it could be.

The Road Agent reported that he only has a couple more culverts to replace on the Ossipee Lake Road and would have everything done west of the Danforth with the exemption of the one by Camp Calumet. He is anticipating the Square Brook culvert work to be done the middle to end of August.

Treasurer Jayne Britton met with the board to explain an interest bearing sweep account and the fundamentals of how that works. The arrangement would insure all of the town's monies not just the \$250,000 FDIC insures. The auditors are familiar with this type of banking as other towns do it as well. Babb made a motion to authorize the treasurer to enter into an agreement with the bank as recommended by the auditors for using a sweep account; Day seconded, so voted.

Britton next explained that she wanted to change the software that she is now using. It has become outdated and other towns use QuickBooks and the auditor also recommends that software. Day made a motion to allow the Treasurer to change programs; Babb seconded, so voted.

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The board next discussed the town's insurance coverage with Primex. They have proposed an agreement through 2019 with a maximum 10% increase each year over the next three years. This is for the town's Property & Liability Program and Worker's Compensation Program. There was a concern over the 30% increase. Shackford who is a Selectman in Madison stated that they had shopped and only got one other price. Most companies do not want to cover municipalities. Madison had signed up again with Primex. Boyle asked about what other towns have. Babb also asked that a representative from Primex come and meet with them. Hatch will call Primex but also inquire with other towns on their carrier. This will be addressed next week.

Babb made a motion to enter into non public session at 8pm under RSA 91-A:3 (c); returned to open session at 8:30pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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