

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, January 4, 2017**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Alan Fall and Peg Scully, Heritage Committee; Jim McElroy, FAISC; Conservation, Paul Elie; John Shipman, Lee Allison, Bill Elliott, Mark McKinley and Mike Gaudette.

Meeting called to order at 4pm and mail was reviewed. The Pine Tree Engineering contract for 2017 was signed.

FAISC Chairman Jim McElroy presented to the board paperwork for the 2017 Milfoil Grant. A review of items to be done this year were noted. The board agreed to have the Chairman sign the paperwork. Babb thanked McElroy for all his hard work.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott reiterated Babb's remark to thank McElroy.

Next reviewed was the quote for just materials for a new cistern at Kidder Drive. There was no price to remove the old one or install the new one. Shipman asked if it was worthwhile doing. Fall asked why the town didn't walk away. There were other areas in town that didn't have any water supply. Babb stated that the cistern had been approved by the Fire Chief at the time. Gaudette suggested that a standpipe be installed in Round Pond in lieu of the cistern. Day wants to look into the town's liability to do this. Board agreed to have Scott Brooks get prices on the balance of the project. Elliott did comment that he remembers a meeting at town hall with residents of Kidder Drive and they were okay with not completing the cistern.

Mike Gaudette gave the roller shed update. All lumber and metal was now on site. He has hired some help to assist him. Gaudette didn't at this time want to give a date but noted that the cupola would be built this winter and not be mounted until spring. Scully noted that there would be a narrative report due the state by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Fall asked to speak and stated that he was upset with the progress of the project. There was a brief heated exchange and the discussion was stopped by the Selectmen. Gaudette did state that he would have the roof, walls and trim complete by March 1<sup>st</sup>. McKinley stated that he stands behind his recommendation of Gaudette for the project.

Gaudette gave his apology to the Board, Heritage Commission and to Fall; he was unaware of the expectations of the project but was aware of the deadline for completion. He also offered to assist with the narrative.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 4:39pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) with Fall. Fall left at 4:50pm and the board stayed in non public under RSA 91-A:3 II (a); Hatch left the meeting at 5:25pm and the board remained in non public until 6pm when the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Leslie R. Babb

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Neal E. Boyle

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.