

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, February 27, 2017**

Present: Leslie R. Babb Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks, Police Chief Josh Shackford; EMD Kevin Wells; Heritage Commission Alan Fall along with residents Bill Elliott, Mike Gaudette, Jean Marshall and Marcia Santner.

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

Moderator Don Johnson met with the board to review Town Meeting elections March 14<sup>th</sup> and the deliberative portion on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Gaudette gave an update on the progress of the roller shed. He also stated that he had looked into the siren that sits atop the roller shed. He stated that it was a rare one that had been modified for the needs at the time. This could be refurbished if ever the board felt they wanted to have it done.

At 7:15pm was the public hearing for the barn preservation easement for Map 51 Lot 36 submitted by Peg Scully. There was a brief discussion and Day made the motion to accept the barn preservation easement on Elm Street; seconded by Babb, so voted.

Chief Shackford gave his department head update which included reporting that there had been 4 hours of direct stationary radar in the village. He also stated that no one had called about sitting with the officer during one of these patrols.

Chief Brooks reported that the Transfer Station continues to be slow. The Fire Department hosted the fishing derby on Loon Lake this past Saturday. They had about 100 in attendance and no issues including parking. They will be looking to do again next year.

Hatch reminded Babb of the equipment replacement list for town meeting.

The board signed the updated road fuel contract with the state for the Police Department. This had not been done for 12 years.

Babb asked for public comment and Jean Marshall asked about the change to the dump hours. Brooks did state that there would be a change to winter hours next year along with a longer "summer" season.

Shackford did want to state that pistol permits were no longer required for residents. This was a law signed by the new governor.

Babb asked for additional public comment and Patrick Apenel approached the board explaining that he was a federal and stated licensed firearms dealer. He is looking to purchase a property in Freedom and is seeking permission from the Selectmen to deal

hand guns from a specific address under his license. He would not be having a sign. He does gun shows, auctions and fire arm transfers.

Babb explained that this was really more than a comment and needed to be an agenda item. Apenel was leaving the country and Babb stated that his realtor could represent him at a meeting.

Emergency Management Director Kevin Wells met with the board to explain that the Emergency Management Operations Plan needed to be updated and he reviewed the proposed state grant agreement.

After a brief discussion Selectman Day made a motion to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$4,000.00 to update the community's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$8,000.00, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$4,000.00); seconded by Boyle, voted yes unanimously.

The board then signed and initialed the Grant Agreement. They also reviewed Jane Hubbard's proposal to update the plan; Babb made a motion to accept proposal, Day seconded, so voted. Wells to get the contract for signature next week.

Treasurer Jayne Britton met briefly with the board about the investment of the remaining bond monies. She was looking into one other option but for now would leave the monies where they currently are in the ICS account.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:50pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c).

Returned to open session at 8:20pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

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