

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, February 6, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Fire Chief Justin Brooks and resident Lee Allison

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

Residents along Old Portland Road and Elm Street met with the board regarding the ongoing speeding and reckless driving along these roads. Patrick Miele spoke about the dangers of walking their pets on these roads within the village. They would like to see proactive measures in place before someone gets killed. Many in attendance also addressed their concerns.

Babb explained that these being state roads the Selectmen have no jurisdiction. He suggested a meeting with Mark McConkey our representative who is also on the state transportation committee. Hatch to set up meeting.

Chief Shackford also spoke to the issue and stated that anybody in the village is welcome to sit with an officer and run radar. There are times that it appears people are speeding but they really may not be. He added that they would step up village patrols. Most attendees left the meeting at this time.

Being no public comment Chief Shackford gave his department update for the week. As always there were numerous motor vehicle stops and a variety of other reports of service. Shackford did mention speaking with John Dion regarding the Reach the Beach running event held each September. He asked the Selectmen about approving the section of Freedom that it impacts. The board asked that Mr. Dion send a letter with an outline of details.

Chief Brooks reported that the Transfer Station continues to be slow this time of year. Calls are down at the Fire Station as well. He has received the specs on the new truck and will be scheduling a meeting.

Chief Shackford asked to address an item previously discussed regarding the Animal Control Officer. Officer Evans currently gets a stipend along with a \$20.00 reimbursement for his cell phone. It appears that if the town pays all the phone charges in lieu of the stipend this will work out cheaper for the town. The board agreed to this proposal.

Babb made a motion at 8:15pm to enter non public session under RSA91-A:3 II (a and c). Returned to open session at 8:35pm when the board then met with Town Treasurer Jayne Briton. She had concerns on procedure and also someone else knowing the financial program she uses. This would not change Hatch as her deputy it would just insure that someone else knew the system in the event she was unable to do it. Briton will be training Janice Zecher for this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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