

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 23, 2017

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Road Agent Scott Brooks, residents Peg Scully, Karl Ogren and Bill Elliott.

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

Babb as Planning Board representative gave a bit of background on the parking lot issue at Camp Cody. The Planning Board had noticed a parking lot being built that was not part of their site plan. They had asked the owner to come in and meet with the board. It was explained at the meeting that this was not the jurisdiction of the Planning Board but the Zoning Officer and the matter was then turned over to the Zoning Officer Ned Hatfield.

James Rines of White Mountain Survey & Engineering met with the board; Hatfield was not present but Rines stating that he had been working with Hatfield on a screening plan for the parking. Rines presented a plan with the existing vegetation and the proposed plantings to meet the site plan regulations. He stated that Cody would prefer to keep the parking lot gravel; it was not used in winter and so there would be no drainage impact either way.

The Road Agent inquired about the slope restoration and application for ditching along Ossipee Lake Road. He also stated that they were plowing the parking lot. Rines is to look into these matters and get back to the board and Road Agent. Rines will submit the plan reviewed to the office by email so that it can be forwarded to the Planning Board.

Babb asked for public comment and Ogren stated he was in attendance because he had been told he was on the agenda. It was determined that Boyle had gone to the wrong camp to inquire about the item on the agenda. Ogren stated his concern about the timing of this as guests had been arriving and he was out of town. Boyle apologized for his mistake and went to Camp Cody. Ogren indicated that he was always available by cell phone and anyone could contact him and encouraged that they do if they have any questions. Babb reminded Boyle that he just can't go on properties unless invited.

Babb asked for department head updates and Chief Brooks stated that the transfer station was quiet. The Fire Department is going to be hosting a Fishing Derby and he handed out a draft poster and activity list. He reviewed the proposed parking as access will be off Loon Lake Road. Positive comments were made about this planned event.

Chief Shackford gave his department update which included his computer system upgrade and the usual motor vehicle stops etc. There was one snow machine accident in the Town Forest and a high speed chase up Route 153 resulting in an accident.

The Road Agent reported that he has used twice as much sand and salt as last year at this time. He did want to comment on the ditch at Camp Cody and had assumed that after camp closed it would be fixed.

This lead to a discussion of infractions of equipment use after the posting of the roads. Cody has been in direct violation many times. Bonding and fines were discussed. Shackford explained the changes in the laws over the last few years with the courts and civil RSAs and how difficult it is to collect fines.

Next reviewed was the proposed box culvert at the intersection of Moulton and Youngs Hill Roads. Babb would like to use the remaining balance of the bond. Hatch to contact the Bond Bank and DRA to see if and how this can be done.

The Budget Hearing had beset set for February 13th. It will be at 7pm at the Town Hall. The board will first meet at the town office at 6:15pm to sign manifests and review mail.

It was reported that John Shipman was not available to serve on the fire truck committee. Ogren volunteered to serve.

Hatch asked about the proposed particle to rescind the bifurcated town meeting. The board agreed to put this on the warrant.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 8:08pm. Returned to open session at 8:13pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.