

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, March 13, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks, Police Chief Josh Shackford; Zoning Officer Ned Hatfield; Library Trustees Laura Robinson and Paul Mathieu; residents Scott and Anne Cunningham, Phil Griffin and Bill Elliott.

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Realtor Paul Wheeler met with the board representing Patrick Apenel who had come in prior regarding the purchase of the Giles home on Old Portland Road. He is a federal firearms dealer and has been doing this for the past 38-39 years. The Selectmen would need to sign his state license in order for him to sell handguns. Prior to buying the property he would like to know if they would be agreeable. Wheeler stated that he would not have a shop or sign; he would occasional get a fed ex or UPS delivery. Boyle asked if any firearms would be discharged at the property. Wheeler stated no that he would have to join the Carroll County Fish and Game Club in Madison to use their fire range.

Babb explained to Wheeler that because he has a federal license that constitutes a major home occupation according to our Zoning Regulations and he would need to apply for a special exception. It was noted that he would need to have the current landowner agree for him to be her agent to apply as he did not own the land yet. Those wanting to ask questions at this time will have to do so at the ZBA hearing. Hatfield suggested to Wheeler that he stop in during his hours to see if all other requirements would be met.

Babb asked for public comment and Laura Robinson asked the board if they would support a USDA grant that the library is pursuing to replace windows in the old part of the library. Babb explained that because it was a federal grant it would depend on the conditions of the grant.

Chief Brooks handed out new rate information from Municipal Leasing Credit Corp. on the proposed new fire truck lease for use at town meeting.

Chief Shackford had just returned from training and had no department update.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 6:45pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Returned to open session at 6:54pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.