

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, April 24, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest Day Jr, Neal E. Boyle Selectmen; Janice Zecher, Administrative Assistant; Josh Shackford, Chief of Police; Sylvia Carney, Robert Hatch, Bill Elliott, Scott Cunningham, Anne Cunningham

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Department Heads: Chief Shackford reported that calculations show the police department is paying an average of \$2.74 per gallon for gas at the state pumps. He asked Karen, and she said the price at the town pumps are \$1.93. Chief Shackford suggested turning in the key fobs used at the state pumps. The PD rarely has to use the state pumps. Les suggested they keep the fobs and only use the state pumps on an emergency basis. Chief Shackford said that the police department's new systems should go live on July 1. The PD will have access to everything the Sheriff's dispatch has through the PD's computer systems. If the Selectmen need a log, they can get it directly from the PD. The town's cruisers will have the same access next year.

Jayne Britton, Treasurer said that she has spoken to the bank about the computer hacking concerns. Les mentioned that the town's investment policy that was signed last week may list what the town has for fraud protection. Jayne will check on this and if not listed, the bank can come in and speak with the Selectmen.

Public Comment: Bill Elliott obtained information about the Evolis Radar Speed Sign and passed out an information page to everyone, he also sent the flyer to people in town that he knows have concerns over speed in the village. He said he realizes that even though tickets cannot be generated with this system, perhaps it would be a deterrent for people when it flashes at them. Les said that he noticed several of these signs during a recent trip and everyone always slowed down when the sign flashed at them.

Les Babb made a motion to enter into a nonpublic meeting at 7:10 pm Under RSA91-A:3 II (e). Returned to open session at 7:35 pm.

Resumed meeting with discussion from the nonpublic meeting about the April 18th Conservation Commission's vote to turn down the FAC's request for \$700 to trap coyotes in the town forest. Les stated the Selectmen's duty is to decide if the FCC was appropriate in denying the FAC's request. Ernie remarked that the FAC agenda did not indicate that the discussion would be about trapping coyotes in the town forest. If it had, perhaps more people would have attended and could have swayed the FAC member's

decisions. Bill Elliot agreed, saying that when townspeople were made aware of the discussion happening at the FCC meeting they attended and participated in the meeting.

Motion was made by Ernie to allow the FCC's decision stand based on the fact that we don't want to spend the tax payers money at this time. Seconded by Neil. Les voted in favor as well.

The selectmen would like to meet with the FCC chairman as well, so Janice will contact Paul Elie for the May 1 agenda.

Les Babb made a motion to enter into a nonpublic meeting at 8:20 under RSA 91-A:3 II(e).

Returned to public session at 8:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Zecher
Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie Babb, Chairman

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.