

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, April 3, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Assistant Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Police Sergeant Matt Tyler; Police Officer Jon Evans and residents Lee Allison and Bill Elliott.

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

The board reviewed an email from Ann Cunningham regarding the proposed gas station in West Ossipee. The board voted unanimously not to seek abutter status for this issue.

The board next reviewed the Eaton Emergency Service Contract with Brooks and Cunio. The price has been \$8,600 for ten years and will continue for the current year. The board agreed to increase next year to \$12,000.00. Eaton will be contacted so that they can budget accordingly.

Being no public comment department head updates were given. Shackford stated that monies had been refunded from the NH Retirement system for prior years. He also had a permit request from the Reach the Beach fundraiser. The board had no objection; Babb stated that he liked getting the letter in advance with the details. Shackford signed the permit. He shared that littering fines had gone down from \$288 to \$66 for the first offense. He reported that he had been in school for the past three weeks for leadership training.

Brooks reported that the Transfer Station numbers were down as compared to last year. For the fire and rescue those numbers were in the same range as last year. Next Brooks stated that he had now spoken with fire truck committee member Karl and all were in favor of ordering the truck with the corrections that had been made. Day made a motion to allow the Chief to order the truck as recommended by the truck committee; Boyle seconded. Babb voted no, should have done the process. Brooks stated that the contract needs to be signed by the Board and will have that available.

Day asked about the price of the fluid film that had been discussed at a prior meeting and Brooks reported that it is about \$600.

Road Agent Brooks joined the meeting for the town ordinance review of snow removal. Brooks would like to change the penalty to \$250.00 for each and every occurrence. Chief Shackford stated that this ordinance is not enforceable and read RSA 236:20. Brooks asked to refer to the RSA in the Winter Maintenance Policy. There was a strong debate regarding the overall policy and Brooks finally stated that all he was asking for was to change the penalty amount. Day made a motion to change the penalty to \$150 first offense; \$250 all subsequent offenses, Boyle seconded, Babb did not vote. Shackford asked that the ordinance be reviewed by town council which Hatch will forward.

Babb made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 8:00pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Returned to open session at 8:15pm; at 8:17pm returned to non public under (a) and returned to open session at 8:20pm. Motion made by Day that from Nov. 1st to April 1st the Highway holiday day count toward the 40 hours to earn overtime; seconded by Babb, so voted.

The Road Agent was instructed to replace the stop sign at the intersection of Loon Lake Road and Elm Street with a yield sign.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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