

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, September 18, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Scott Brooks Road Agent; FCC Chairman Paul Elie and Laura Robinson.

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

The board met with Donna Keeley from Eversource who gave an overview of the 2001 deregulation that allowed other energy supplies to sell to customers. There was concern that if we chose an alternate supplier that would change the relationship that we currently have with Eversource. Keeley said it would not, that they are still responsible for our poles and wires none of that would change as they would still be our distribution company. The Selectmen and department heads are pleased with the alerts currently received of weather events. She also reminded them that there are certain numbers to call during storm events listed on the alert emails.

She also reviewed how and where the energy was generated. Overall energy efficiency was discussed which included the possibility of converting the street lights to LED. Keeley left a pack of information for review.

Babb asked for public comment and Elie inquired about the zoning officer position and Babb stated that he was currently doing the job. Elie indicated that there were suds in the river. Although some is normal this time of year Elie felt that this was more and there might be a local source. Babb suggested that Green Mountain Conservation Group test the water. He also indicated that this would be a Health Officer issue not for the Zoning Officer.

Elie next inquired about Best Management Practices for storage and handling of hazardous fluids and if local business should be visited and given a brochure on this. The board felt that this was not necessary and redundant as anyone with hazardous materials already had the necessary information.

Elie also inquired about feedback from the non public held a few weeks ago; Babb stated that this would need to be discussed in non public and he was not certain which session.

Elie stated that the FCC are working on revising the rules or procedure and was questioning whether the Selectmen wanted to change the current procedure where the FCC interviews and the Selectmen appoints members and alternates. Babb said that not all recommendations from FCC were appointed they looked for best fit candidates to appoint.

Chief Shackford gave his weekly update. He reported that the sheriff's office would be down for a period of time while they switched to fiber optics, the dispatch would still be

operational. He also said that the department is now required to provide DNA samples of sex offenders within town.

S. Brooks reported that the screening of sand is complete and they are currently trench patching on Moulton and Swett Hill Roads.

The permit for the box culvert has still not been issued by the state. He feels it is getting too late in the season to be able to do this; so can the monies be encumbered? Hatch to check with DRA. Brooks believes the culvert is build and the company may charge a storage fee. Should he also look at storing it at the Transfer Station which would require a crane rental both this fall and in the spring? Brooks will look into this further.

Chief Brooks is still on the summer schedule at the transfer station which has some confused. He reported that the back hoe is down and he has tried to repair but is having CAT come into fix the problem.

Brooks submitted paperwork for signing for acceptance of another state issued forestry truck. This 2003 will eventually replace the 52 dodge that we currently have. As with the dodge the town is required to insure and maintain the truck. Board signed the paperwork. Brooks also reported that the air packs under the grant have been ordered.

Hatch inquired about a public officials meeting for October and the date will be the 23rd at 5:30pm.

Babb gave an update on the visit to Camp Cody that he as interim zoning officer and Anne Cunningham as Planning Board Chair had done. The dumpsters were temporary and the plantings are not yet complete. He will be doing a letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board on these items.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). At 8:45pm Hatch left and the board continued their non public until 9:03pm when they returned to open session and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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