

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, October 2, 2017**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.

Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Day made a motion at 6:45pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for a personnel issue. Meeting returned to open session at 6:53pm when it was then adjourned to the Town Hall for the balance of the agenda.

Babb reconvened the meeting at Town Hall at 7pm.

Others Present: Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Road Agent Scott Brooks, Police Chief Josh Shackford; Deputy Fire Chief Eric Seamans; FCC Chair Paul Elie and approximately 7 residents.

Next on the agenda was a complaint that had been received regarding a violation of our ambulance contract. Present for this was Tamworth Selectmen Jim Hidden and Steve Grey along with CarePlus representatives - President Eric Damon; Brian Gleason, Director of Strategic Development and Education and Dan Conger, District Manager.

The complaint was in regards to the staffing of a third ambulance that was needed to respond to a Freedom call. Damon had researched the issue and because this has never happened before they have changed their procedure to ensure that it does ever happen in the future.

Chief Brooks stated that because it was a cardiac call he felt he needed to report the incident to the Selectmen. Day said that mistakes and confusion can cost lives and Damon agreed. Babb did ask if we were getting at least an intermediate on any responding ambulance and Brooks said most times we are getting what the contract states.

Babb asked for comments and the son of Ian Marshall spoke of the response to the call that involved his father where the ambulance was slow to respond and did not come properly staffed. They did not call or complain at the time. Chief Brooks along with Damon will investigate the matter.

Babb asked for public comment and Elie reported attending the watershed management presentation by Green Mountain Conservation Group. He thought others might be interested in attending as this includes build outs and roads.

S. Brooks reported that they were working on drainage on Swett Hill. Also the state has requested 16 additional items before approving the culvert renewals. The engineer is doing 15 of the items we are to do the letters to get construction easements. Hatch will

assist in getting those out. Brooks had talked with Mitchie Corp. and storing the premade concrete from October 1st to August 2018 would be \$7,500; he is going to check on the price of the crane and get back to the board. He has also talked to Jason Ross regarding the Danforth Bay Bridge amendment; Ross stated that he had sent the paperwork Sept. 12th to Hatch and Town Attorney nothing had been received.

Chief Shackford stated that things had quieted down; he has received the components to the radar sign.

Fire Chief Brooks also reported that things had slowed down. The new engine being built will be inspected the second week in January. He has to move forward with brokering engine 7. Brooks stated that he would be unable to install a dry hydrant in either Loon Lake or Round Pond as they were too shallow. Babb wanted to make certain that they had enough portable equipment that would suffice in a fire event in that area which the Chief stated he did. Brooks asked about using those monies on upgrades to the access to the backside of the fire pond at Jerry Brooks. Access is off Durgin Hill Road and is the only water supply on that side of town. Babb asked that this put on a future agenda.

Jean Marshall asked about the process/procedure in getting a sign for a ñno engine brakeö. There was currently a contractor on the Ossipee Lake Road which was causing undue noise with his large trucks.

Marcia Santner also questioned having a speed limit sign or something as there were now speeders with the increased traffic up Watson Hill due to the farm. Both these are town roads and would need to go through the Selectmen for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

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