

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 15, 2018**

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Babb made a motion at 5:33pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(b). Returned to open session at 6:23pm. Day made a motion to hire Don Harris as the new Zoning Officer with a six month probation period effective immediately; Boyle 2nd, voted yes unanimously.

Returned to non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 6:25pm and returned to open session at 6:35pm for the public portion of the meeting.

Others present: Fire Chief, Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Laura Robinson, Larry Claveau, Scott Cunningham and Bill Elliott.

There was no public comment and Shackford gave his department update. He reported that the radar trailer would go for repairs next week. He has finally completed a long on going review of all past police officers that have worked for the town regarding the Exculpatory Evidence Protocol.

Chief Brooks had met with members of the fire company that has now put a deposit on fire engine 7. There are a few repair items that have to be fixed. They will come for the truck after we have taken delivery of our new truck.

Brooks also reported that they got through the recent rain event without incident.

Hatch reported on some issues with office computers which were going to be resolved on Tuesday. The town accountant would be in on Wednesday and assist in finalizing the 2017 finances.

Planning Board Chair Anne Cunningham met with the board regarding the Committee on Aging. She wanted to be sure that she understood what the committee would be responsible for. Six applications had been received and it was agreed that with a member from the planning board it would be a seven member committee. Cunningham voiced her desire to be on the committee.

Babb made a motion to form the Advisory Committee on Aging with seven members; the six applicants plus the Planning Board would appoint their representative; Day seconded, so voted. Cunningham indicated Planning Board would be meeting Thursday. The applicants appointed were Carol Anthony, Rick Davidson, Cindy Fleming, Linda Habif, Cheryl Harris and Sandy Boyle.

The Scrub Oak Scramblers had submitted an application for a special use permit for their annual winter carnival at the Town Forest. Babb made a motion to approve the Town Forest application for February 17, 2018 as recommended by the Forest Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission; Boyle seconded, so voted.

Larry Claveau indicated that he was approached this past summer about his ham radio and communications in an emergency. There was a brief discussion and Brooks will contact the Emergency Management Director to work on this with Claveau.

The road agent had indicated to Hatch that he wanted to discuss with the Selectmen the highway department getting the police Tahoe that was being replaced that would have gone to the fire department. The board agreed that due to the condition of the current one with the highway department, that vehicle would be assigned to them and not the fire department.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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