

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, May 14, 2018**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Linda Habif, Bill Elliott and Larry Claveau

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed. The Road Agent requested a non public regarding personnel; Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3II(a); seconded by Day;

Roll Call Vote:	Ernest Day Jr.	yes
	Alan Fall	yes
	Leslie Babb	yes

Board entered non public session at 6:39pm. The board reconvened the public session at 6:48pm.

Babb made a motion to authorize the road agent to deal with a personnel issue and present to the Selectmen next week a revised position payment schedule; seconded by Day, voted yes unanimously.

Being no public comment Chief Shackford gave his weekly department update. He reported the usual activity along with a report of a rabid fox; several accidents involving deer. Totem Pole has requested special detail for the Memorial Day weekend. A reminder that the Tri Tec race is Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>; he gave a brief review of the bike course on Freedom roads.

Shackford wants to hire Ted Colby as a part time Freedom officer with their blessing. He currently is the part time Chief in Madison and is interested in more shifts. He would have one shift per week during the summer months and on call the remainder of the year. The board agreed that this was fine.

Cunio reported on medical aid calls and the assistance in Effingham with the State Ranger as we have an ATV which was needed to remove deceased animals on a hiking path. Cunio attended his certification class on Friday in Tuftonboro which also included the pediatric version which was a bonus. Tuftonboro will not be charging the town for his participation.

The Fishing Derby is Sunday; registration is at 8am with fishing from 9am-11am.

Once again there was discussion on the truck that needed repair and the difficulty in getting the appropriate bids for the work needed. Thistle's Mobile Service in Weare had given a price of \$5,286.56. The truck would be a week out of service if sent there. There were concerns of safety as this is the dry season. Babb made a motion to have Cunio take the truck to Thistle for \$5,286.56; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

S. Brooks reported that they were cleaning ditches and the dust control is scheduled for a week from Thursday and Friday. He is currently stock piling salt as the price may be increased due to the increase in gas and the trucking costs. Crack sealing will begin on Thursday starting on Rice Hill and he indicated what other roads would receive it. Brooks also gave an update on the one tons.

Treasurer Jayne Britton joined the meeting and asked about the possibility of the Library payroll being included as part of ours. Monies would be reimbursed. Whereas there are Trustees in charge of the library, it was questioned as to if this could be done. Britton just asked for them to think about. Babb asked Hatch to contact NHMA for a legal opinion on this.

Britton also thanked the board for the consideration of a garden at 50 Eaton Road but without a water source they have decided not to pursue.

Hatch shared that a Fox Run Road liaison is needed as David Korroch has sold. Letter will be going out to all abutting landowners for a volunteer.

The board briefly discussed the Library and Babb asked Hatch to contact NHMA for a legal opinion on the town doing the payroll.

The investment policy which remains unchanged was readopted. Fall made the motion to readopt, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

David Wells of WSB technologies met with the board to review his proposal for an IT Infrastructure Assessment. He handed out a list of FAQs, however, Babb did state his concerns which included security, efficiency, hardware/software and a policy that can be included within the personnel policy. Wells reviewed all that would happen and once the assessment was done he would have a written recommendation report. He stated that it always comes down to budget as to how much may get done. He did state that they look at "today" but project into the future with their recommendations. Babb asked about the timeframe and it will be a few weeks to start and the process would be from 3-4 weeks. The board signed the proposal for the assessment.

Next was the review of the current office hours. Day indicated that Hatch's hours needed to change as no professional offices ie banks, lawyers are open. Proposed new hours for her, the adm. assistant and the hours the office is open were all reviewed and proposed to be changed. Hatch explained her reasons for why she felt any of the hours needed to change, but stated she could not speak for Janice. The board asked that Janice attend next weeks meeting.

Day brought up a taxpayer's complaint regarding docks on the town owned lot on Danforth Pond. Babb explained that some of the lots have easements across that lot and have had to address the dock issue in the past. Babb stated that the issue needed to be referred to the Zoning Officer.

The board had received an email from the zoning officer about a complaint in Square Brook.

Fall made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3II(c); seconded by Day;

Roll Call Vote:	Ernest Day Jr.	yes
	Alan Fall	yes
	Leslie Babb	yes

The board entered non public session at 8:23pm and reconvened the public session at 8:35pm.

In other business Day made a motion to appoint Frank Lalumiere from an alternate to a full member of the Conservation Commission for a three year term; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to reappoint Scott Cunningham as the town's rep to the MWV Economic Council; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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