

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, December 3, 2018**

Present: Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen, Fire Chief Rob Cunio, Justin Brooks  
Transfer Station Manager, Josh Shackford Police Chief, Administrative Assistant Janice Zecher,  
Bill Elliott, Paul Elie

Absent: Les Babb

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

Bid Openings for Auditor for the Town of Freedom. Ernie made a motion, seconded by Alan to open envelopes to verify the numbers are still sealed. The Selectmen will meet with the Town Administrator to review bids. Bids received were from: Melanson Heath & Company - Manchester, Vachon Clukay & Manchester, Plodzik & Sanderson & Concord, and Roberts & Greene & Concord.

Paul Elie presented the budget for Conservation Commission and FAC.

Josh Shackford presented the budget for the Police Department

Scott Brooks was not present to present his budget for the Highway Department.

Alan Fall made a motion, seconded by Ernie to hold the Selectmen's Meetings and sign manifests on Friday, December 21 and Friday, December 28 at 5:00 pm in place of December 24 and December 31.

Alan Fall made a motion, seconded by Ernie to close the town office after a half day for employees on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

The town received a letter from Mark McConkey requesting an appointment as a committee member on the Lakes Region Planning Commission as the town of Freedom has one opening. Motion was made by Alan to appoint, seconded by Ernie.

The Town of Effingham sent an email asking if Freedom has any issues about posting Huntress Bridge. Ernie said the bridge belongs to Effingham so Freedom has no issues.

Last year, the Selectmen signed a snow removal ordinance. The document could not be found so Karen and Scott wrote a new one. Alan made a motion to sign the ordinance, seconded by Ernie.

Department Heads: Justin Brooks, Transfer Station Manager said he has found a replacement for Pine Tree Engineering. Rob Cunio, Fire Chief said the Fire Department has ended their year with a total of 360 calls. The department has a new junior member and a new adult full member. All the lights are now working in the parking lot. Police Chief Josh Shackford did not have anything new to report.

Public Comment: Bill Elliott asked if there was an update on the sale of the Danforth Bay lot. Ernie said the Selectmen's meeting on December 10 will address that at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Alan, seconded by Ernie to enter into a non-public session at 7:38 pm under RSA 91-A:II(L).

Roll Call Vote:  
Ernie Day ó Yes  
Alan Fall ó Yes

Public meeting resumed at 7:52 pm.

Shall the minutes of the non-public session be publicly disclosed: Yes

Discussion in non-public meeting regarding legal counsel to re-encumber money for a dry hydrant. Legal counsel had advised that the town must have a contract in place to install the dry hydrant before they can re-encumber the money. Suggested entering into a contract with Scott Brooks to install the hydrant next summer. The contract will include wording to say the town can re-assign the contract if necessary.

There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ernie, seconded by Alan. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Zecher

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Ernest F. Day, Jr.**

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**Alan G. Fall**