

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 22, 2019**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks; Ned Kucera, Bill Elliott, Sue Brown and Darwin Moulton.

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

The board reviewed the proposed change to the Transfer Station Ordinance regarding out of town contractors. Fall made a motion to adopt that portion of the ordinance, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

The board next discussed the possible combining of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions which had been discussed once before. Fall stated that he felt this was premature and wants to see how the new tax kiosks work out over the next year or so. That along with the costs of still paying two people, the board agreed not to pursue proposing a change at this time. Sue Brown did question the salary of the Tax Collector and when that was going to be addressed. Babb asked that it be on next week's agenda.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott thanked Chief Shackford for moving the radar trailer on Village Road; he feels it really does make a difference.

Nancy Griffin Chairman of the Old Home Week committee just wanted to check in with the police and fire departments and thank the board for their support. She was thanked for all her efforts.

Chief Shackford reported that they had a very busy week with alarms, domestic animals, house shot with BB gun, stolen vehicle along with the other usual tasks and lots of motor vehicle stops.

J. Brooks reported that the compactor at the Transfer Station is up and running. They will be back at a later time with the cap. The fence and gate have been repaired. Activity was down due to the heat.

The Road Agent reported that they had installed 1,660' of underdrain last week on Durgin Hill; things should be shaping up by the end of the week.

Ned Kucera acting chair of the FAISC gave the board an update. The current chairman has asked to stepdown but remain on the committee; a vote will be taken at their next meeting on a chairman. A map of milfoil locations was handed out. 5 days of diving had already been done but needs about 15 more days. He also reviewed the lake host program at the boat ramps. Along with checking for aquatic plants it is an educational program for the boaters so that in the future they can self-check their watercraft. This is a

tri town program and is more costly than anticipated and Freedom's portion is about \$4,000, he was not sure of the budget to cover this so is working on acquiring gifts.

Hatch inquired about securing the recently taxed deeded property on Moulton road. The board agreed to meet there at 8:40am Tuesday.

The property tax cards are now available online. An email had been sent by the Adm. Assistant regarding some of the questions with the Tax Collector Kiosk. It was decided that there would be a meeting with the board, Tax Collector, Town Adm. during a time they could call Avitar. They will meet Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

Fire Chief Cunio reported the usual medical aids, fire alarms etc. He had also generated a report of transport of patients' vs sign offs. There are more sign offs when someone from Freedom has not responded to the call. He has concerns regarding the number of signoffs. He also submitted an incident report regarding one of the paramedics with the ambulance company. The board asked that he discuss with their operations manager.

Day wanted to report that Elliott had been around to the Welcome to Freedom signs and cleared around them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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