

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Wednesday January 2, 2013

Present: Leslie Babb, Scott Cunningham, Neal Boyle Selectmen; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator and Dave Charrette from Scrub Oak Scramblers

Meeting opened at 5:30pm.

The board signed the intent to cut and other necessary paperwork for the yield harvest at the town forest. Babb would like a few weeks after town meeting to meet with the Conservation Commission and the Forest Advisory Committee regarding putting out to bid future cuts.

Beck Nason met again with the board regarding the erosion of Brookside Drive which abuts the Public Safety Building and is the access to her home. She provided photographs and stated that the town has not taken care of the drainage issues. Although the issues have been addressed they agreed to revisit the road issue in the spring after the thaw.

Babb asked for public comment and Dave Charrette would like to request to amend the stewardship plan for 1700ø of snowmobile trail. Because of the expansion at Camp Calumet they would like the trail moved back from the existing location. This also impacts property of the Nature Conservancy and they have given their approval for use on their land. There will be no bridges or cross any wetlands. The board agreed to sign the letter to the State Forestry Bureau.

S. Brooks reported that a security system had been installed at the garage before the end of the year. Cunningham commented that the roads were looking good.

Brooks presented a proposed contract from White Mountain Survey and Engineering for Engineering to replace the culvert at Babcock and Ossipee Lake Road. Brooks would like to encumber from remaining highway monies the \$6500.00 that it would cost. Brooks indicated that WMS&E had done all the abutting land survey and felt could not get a better price. Babb prefers more bids as WMS&E has taken an adverse position on a court case the town is involved in. Brooks will procure more bids.

McKinley had sent in a request to have the window lights installed in the town hall doors prior to Town Meeting, the materials had all be donated but the installation would be approximately \$100.00 Board agreed to have them installed.

Brooks also reported that H.E. Bergeron was trying a redesign an area near the Danforth Bay Bridge to keep away from the property of Conroy who had expressed concern of his property being taken.

Review of the budget and encumbrances will be at next week's meeting. Babb asked J. Brooks if he could have Cunio review the fire grants that have not been paid. Brooks stated that he would help Cunio with the review.

The board agreed to a tax payment schedule as presented in writing.

Brooks asked that the remaining hot top monies be encumbered to pave the Village Fire Station and in front of the Masonic Hall. Both areas had been asked by tax payers to be addressed. Board agreed to encumber.

Cunningham gave an update on Lakeview.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

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Leslie R. Babb

Scott M. Cunningham

Neal E. Boyle