

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday March 4, 2013**

Present: Leslie Babb, Scott Cunningham, Neal Boyle Selectmen; Josh Shackford, Police Chief; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; and several citizens

Meeting opened at 6:00pm meeting with Town Moderator Donald Johnson and Town Clerk Libby Priebe. They discussed the article for establishing a capital reserve fund for a ballot counting machine. Johnson stated that he is of the opinion that we at this point do not need such a machine. Johnson had done a cost comparison showing a possible savings of \$1,000 over a 4 year period. He pointed out several reasons where there would still need to be paid personnel at the elections.

They also reviewed Town Meeting day procedure along with several warrant articles. There was also discussion about the volatility of the elections this year and Priebe stated that the town should host candidate's night not the Community Club. This will be considered for another year.

Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Road Agent Brooks indicated that the loader is not operating up to standard as the tires are worn. He stated that the loader was up for replacement next year along with the one ton. He suggested that if the truck does not pass they should consider replacing these; the investment for the tires would be approximately \$20,000. Babb stated that he is comfortable buying a truck and one ton in the same year as he views the one ton rotation the same as a cruiser.

Babb asked for public comment which there was none.

Brooks indicated that the road ban would go on Wednesday.

The board reviewed a letter from the Trustee of Trust Funds questioning the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund. Copies of prior town meeting minutes regarding articles pertaining to this fund and this year's warrant article will be sent to the trustees.

Hatch reported that she had been unable to speak again with the survey company that had drafted the reconstruction of a portion of North Broad Bay Road. Cunningham stated that he had reviewed the maps again after last week with Hatch and the plan showed the road stopping

Babb indicated that the town had a prescriptive easement to the cul-de-sac. There was also discussion on the Selectmen laying out this road to include the cul-de-sac.

The maps were once again reviewed with the Road Agent and Police Chief and it was determined that the 1998 plan did not match the agreement which included the cul-de-sac. It was agreed that the map had to be corrected prior to recording. Cunningham will call the surveyor on this.

The board next did article assignments for Town Meeting.

Cunningham inquired about the town doing criminal background checks for new employees; this would include new members to the fire department. The board agreed to adopt this practice. Hatch to review with Chief Shackford to acquire necessary forms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Scott M. Cunningham

Neal E. Boyle