

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday March 18, 2013

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle; Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; and several citizens.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Boyle reported that both Ossipee and Effingham did support the Freedom Food Pantry articles.

Minuteman press had rebound the remaining town reports and was offering a \$400.00 credit which the board agreed to. Board agreed that the spiral binding would be the preferred binding in upcoming years.

Babb asked for election of officers and Day nominated Babb as Chairman of the Board; Babb nominated Boyle; Boyle seconded Babb; Boyle was voted Chairman.

Jean Marshall representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission gave her annual report to the board of their activity. She also said that she is now on the executive board along with the broadband committee. She wants to work with LRPC in updating our zoning maps. Also discussed was the need for road work and trying to get us up on the list for attention.

Boyle asked for public comment and Bill Elliott welcomed Day as our new Selectman and thanked Babb for having served as chairman. Elliott hoped that with the grader not going out to bid that the monies approved for the truck would go out to bid and he would like to see the town keep the old truck to use and not have to rent one. Boyle will speak with the Road Agent about trading, selling or keeping.

Babb commented that he had made a prior statement about things going out to bid this year. There is not a minimum set for the bidding process.

Lisa Lee asked about the overview of spending and wants to see a better out put of information prior to town meeting.

Babb reported that former Selectman Cunningham has offered to continue on the path of finishing the Capital Improvement Plan. Currently there is just one for the highway department.

There was additional discussion on what the Selectmen do currently through special meetings prior to town meeting to inform the public. Boyle stated that there is a limit as to how much can be done and it still is up to the taxpayer to attend these meetings along with weekly Selectmen's meeting. Elliott complimented the board on what they did to inform the public and that all meetings are advertised.

Hatch reported that she has spoken with the Department of Revenue regarding the purchasing of the highway truck and there would be no problem purchasing the one that had been proposed to the Selectmen to replace the current truck. The minutes would reflect the intent of the people.

A request was made by Bill White to revise the February 25, 2013 Selectmen's meeting minutes. The Board voted unanimously to retain the minutes as previously approved.

The following boards needing Selectmen's representatives were decided; Babb will stay on Planning Board; Boyle will be on the Heritage Commission and Day will sit on the Forest Advisory Committee.

Boyle made a motion to reappoint for another three year term to Zoning Board of Adjustment Karl Ogren and Jacob Stephan; Todd Desmarais for a three year term as alternate; seconded by Babb, so voted.

Boyle questioned the appointment of Maynard Thomson as an alternate. He didn't know if there would be a conflict as Thomson was just elected to the Planning Board. Hatch to contact Chairman Scott Less on this and to also pass along a request for appointment that had been received from Dennis Anderson.

Babb made a motion to reappoint Gale Morris for another term on Heritage Commission and Jean Marshall as an alternate; seconded by Boyle, so voted.

Chief Shackford will be giving the board an update on recent training he and Hatch had attended.

The new cruiser has been ordered and is expected the end of April. This was all through the state bid.

There have been more burglaries, four just that day in Ossipee, however, they now have a suspect they hope to apprehend soon. Although the Road Agent was not in attendance to speak on this Shackford did recommend that the highway garage get camera coverage on the two sides of the town garage that are not covered. He asked that we all keep our eyes open and report anything suspicious.

Day asked for an update on Highwatch (a/k/a Lakeview) and Shackford reported that there had been meetings with the Sheriff and Effingham Police Chief. Monies have been spent and they are currently working on revised procedures and has asked for a bit more time.

Babb asked that Cunningham come in for a non public meeting with the board. Hatch to contact Cunningham.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 8:24pm. Returned to open session at 8:35pm and meeting was adjourned.

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Leslie R. Babb

Ernest Day Jr.

Neal E. Boyle