

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday March 25, 2013

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

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

Sherwood Forest LLC a/k/a Camp Robin Hood has submitted a current use application for a portion of the camp. Babb stated that the land was posted no trespassing and would not be eligible for the "recreation" portion. Hatch to check on this, application was not signed.

R.A. Oram, Jim McElroy and Rob Hatch all of the Conservation Commission met with the board regarding a procedural issue. Oram had omitted in getting permission from the Commission to have B.H. Keith look into a conservation easement on a piece of property off Shawtown Road known as the Burt Property. Oram had wanted to have this report in a timely manner to present to the commission. This resulted in an unauthorized expense. Hatch's concern was how to ratify payment to Keith where the Commission had not voted. Several accounts were reviewed and Babb suggested to pay from the land use change tax account.

The board had reviewed the report and there was discussion and comments including that Hatch would not want to integrate this property into the abutting town forest as it would become under the same DRED control as the forest. McElroy did not feel that that this property had any unique environment and Oram projected the forest maintenance monies needing to be used on the forest and to acquire the easement would deplete their monies. Hatch's other concern was the potential of the development of the land as it is about 100 acres.

The Conservation Commission will review this report at their next meeting.

The Pam Keith Town Treasurer reported that our Tax Anticipated Note of 2.4 million would be funded on April 5th. Interest rate this year will be 1.69% down from last year's 1.79%.

Boyle asked for public comment and Susan Marks asked the Fire Chief if the antique fire truck would be ready for Rubber Ducky Day at the end of June. Brooks hopes to have the truck done in early May so there would be no problem.

Bill Elliott asked about the gravel placed on Moulton Road and would the State pay like last year. Road Agent Brooks said no that there was no state funding to buy the gravel. Elliott also questioned the new gate at the town garage. Elliott once again brought up the bidding of the highway truck.

Boyle asked for department head updates and Chief Shackford reported that the burglar which he believes has done the break ins in this areas had turned himself in at Concord today.

Brooks handed out for review and questions the Highway Review Committee report of the 12 month rental breakdown. There was no discussion on this.

Brooks also presented and reviewed the specs that he had presented to both CB Kenworth and Liberty International for the new highway truck. These are identical specs to the one the town currently owns and International was the only type of truck specked. There is no local dealer for sales or service for the type of truck needed. Kenworth is the closest at an hour away. Both companies had also indicated a trade in value of the existing truck.

Brooks also explained that H.P. Fairfield has been sold to Warsaw a/k/a Viking, they are the dealer in the plow, wing, gear and the such.

Brooks also informed the board that there is an early build out of the 2013 that will only be for a few more weeks and then we would have to order a 2014 with the new emissions.

Boyle asked that this be on next week's agenda.

Justin Brooks reported that both the Fire Department and Transfer Station were quiet. He did state that beginning April 1st no matter what the snow cover; no outdoor burning would be allowed without a permit. This information is already on the town's website.

Resignations had been received for Day from Planning Board as he is now a Selectman and Babb is the Selectmen's rep to that board. There was also a resignation from Josh Sandohl as Co Emergency Management Director. Babb made a motion to accept these resignations, Day seconded, so voted.

A request for appointment form for Kevin Wells was reviewed for the position of Emergency Management Director. J. Brooks knew him personally and Wells was currently a member on the fire department and was coming highly recommended by Brooks. Due to the resignation Sandohl this makes Babb the director not a co director. It was agreed to have Wells come meet the board.

On behalf of the Tax Collector Hatch inquired about the continuation of allowing tax payment schedules. The board agreed that this was a positive arrangement and would continue accepting requests.

The board made the following board appointments ó

Library Trustee alternate ó Ann Pierce for a one year term; motion by Day seconded by Babb so voted.

Zoning Board of Adjustment conflict had been researched; even though there is no conflict between serving on Planning Board and ZBA Boyle spoke against anyone serving on two land use boards. Boyle made a motion to deny the appointment of Maynard Thomson and Peter Schiller as alternates to the ZBA; Babb seconded, so voted.

Conservation Commission Sue Hoople was reappointed as an alternate for one year; Day made a motion, Boyle seconded, so voted.

A request for appointment had been received by both Mike Gaudette and John Roman for a seat on the Conservation Commission. Rob Hatch had put in a later request to be reappointed. Babb stated that he would like Hatch to be reappointed as he like the continuity and the way he has handled being on the board. Being that there were two seats on Conservation and an alternate needed for the Forest Advisory Committee, Day made a motion to appoint Hatch and Gaudette to the FCC; Babb seconded, so voted. John Roman had also sent in a request for FAC so that will be passed along to the Conservation Commission as they appoint the FAC members.

Next discussed was the need for additional cameras at the town garage. Chief Shackford would like to see this happen as there are currently two areas not covered. S. Brooks stated that the price is \$1,980 installed. Babb made a motion to authorize the purchase, seconded by Boyle, so voted.

Motion made by Boyle at 8:14pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) with former Selectman Scott Cunningham, seconded by Babb so voted.

At 8:31pm the board returned to open session and Babb made a motion to seal these minutes until the road layout is complete, seconded by Day, so voted. Babb also made a motion to authorize Scott Cunningham to work on behalf of the board with Hambrook Surveying on North Broad Bay Road including the cul-de-sac. Board returned to non public session at 8:35pm.

Board returned to open session at 9:05pm. Returned to non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) with the Fire and Police Chief. At 9:31pm Hatch and Shackford left and the board remained in non public session with Chief Brooks until 9:45pm when they returned to open session and adjourned the meeting.

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