

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday April 1, 2013

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

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

Building custodian Mark McKinley met with the board regarding the Town Hall entry way carpet. Day made a motion to accept the bid of \$1169.64 from Charrette Flooring, Babb seconded, so voted.

McKinley has spoken with Tim Ferry regarding the upstairs ceiling repair, Ferry will be submitting an estimate.

The board signed the annual Fire and Rescue Agreement with the Town of Eaton.

Treasurer Pam Keith met with the Board of Selectmen about the Tax Anticipated Note for 2013. This year we are seeking 2.4 million. This year's interest rate is 1.69% down from 1.79% last year. The monies will be held in a money market account at an earning rate of 2%.

Leslie Babb made a motion to accept the rate and authorize the issuance of tax notes for 2013, Ernest Day Jr. seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Boyle asked for public comment and Bill Elliott inquired about an uninhabited residential property. Can the town do anything? This is the old Eldridge place. There was some discussion about the back subdivision and if there were any stipulations about that building coming down, Linda Farinella will be asked to research this. The town may not have any authority on this.

Next discussed was the highway truck purchase. There was a very lengthy discussion on this. The road agent gave a very in depth presentation on the International truck that he is looking to purchase to replace the current International. Brooks reported that this is the top municipal truck in the country and service and parts are the closest to us distance wise. Members of the audience felt the truck should go out to bid. The board was mixed on this.

Also discussed was the trade in of the current truck. Brooks felt that the town meeting minutes would reflect that the truck would be traded.

It was finally agreed that Brooks would get additional bids and to also get a copy of the state bid. A quick meeting will be held to review the bids on Thursday April 4, 2013, 8am at the Town Office.

Next were department head updates ó J. Brooks reported no changes in his departments. S. Brooks said that the road posting will stay on until May 1st.

Hatch had an inquiry about the food pantry article having to be a petitioned article again. Boyle wants to place this as an agenda item.

The board abated the taxes on a tax bill for Map 60 Lot 1-YLA31 as they were not the owners as of 4-1-12. They also agreed not to bill the current owners at this late date.

After discussion the board agreed on draft minutes being emailed to the board prior to Monday for their personal use only. Babb again mentioned that we could video tape the meetings.

The State of NH Division of Emergency Services and Communications has notified the town of a reverse 911 program that they will be activating and are asking municipalities if they wish to be a part of this. They will be contacting the towns again on this program. Babb made a motion to participate and Day seconded.

The board next reviewed the articles passed at town meeting to schedule what needed to be done.

Brooks reported that we have the invoice for the grader but he has an issue with the wing and wants that resolved before approving for payment.

Babb, S. Brooks and Hatch will review the cistern specs on April 17th.

Babb will contact Mark McKinley regarding the tennis court painting and repair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Neal E. Boyle

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.