

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday April 15 2013

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; 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.

Boyle made a motion at 6:49pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Board returned to open session at 7:03pm. Day made a motion that Selectmen Babb continue as Emergency Management Director and appoint Kevin Wells as Assistant Director; seconded by Boyle; Babb requested himself.

The board next met with Tom Roffey who owns several properties in Freedom. He was seeking input from the board on installing alternative energy for his homes in town. Babb explained that the town already had solar and wind powered homes and that he needed to start the process by speaking with the Zoning Officer.

Boyle asked for public comment and Chairman of Community Club Peter Park announced that Earth Day cleanup would be April 27th. He was hoping to again use the town's one ton and that Justin would waive any fees for items collected from the roadside that day. An effort is being made to get more people involved.

Next were the department head updates and Fire Chief Brooks reported that all turn out gear has been inspected and passed. Trucks have been inspected and pricing of items for the Seagraves has started. He also reported that the Transfer Station is slowly increasing with activity.

Road Agent Brooks announced that the road bans were off with the exception of Scarboro Road, Watson Hill, Burnham Road, Moulton Road and all mountain roads off of Moulton Road.

Hatch reminded the board that a ZBA alternate and a Cemetery Trustee needs to still be appointed. The board will wait to see if Pete Schiller stays as an alternate on Planning Board before seeking someone for the ZBA.

Next was the issue of trading or keeping the 2003 International highway truck. An opinion in writing had been received from Moderator Don Johnson indicating that his recollection was that the voters present believed they were replacing a truck not adding a truck to the fleet. Brooks indicated that he had no additional information that he had already provided the board with truck rental numbers over the past several years and again he believed that it was indicated at town meeting that the truck would be traded. Day made a motion to trade the truck; Boyle seconded.

Babb asked for discussion and stated that he wanted to keep the truck for many reasons. He felt that there was still ample life left in the truck; this would give another vehicle so

in the winter the 5 employees would each have a vehicle during storms; he has questions on insurance coverage of town employees using rented trucks. Day still feels that trading in for \$36,000 is the best option; Boyle indicated we were better off trading and who drives what will be addressed at a later time.

Boyle called for the vote to trade ó he and Day are in favor Babb against.

Next was the bid award for the plow gear and dump body for the new truck. Three bids were received: Viking Cives(USA) - \$53,028; Messer Truck Equipment - \$59,745; Howard P. Fairfield - \$61,989. All quotes were according to the town specifications. After little discussion and consulting with the Road Agent Day made a motion to award the bid to Viking; Babb seconded, so voted.

At this time Peter Park withdrew his request for the use of the town truck on clean up day due to the uncertainty of insurance even though J. Brooks indicated that this would fall under the volunteer clause.

Boyle made a motion at 7:50pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). The board returned to open session at 8:13pm and the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Neal E. Boyle

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.