

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 3, 2013 – Freedom Elementary School

Present: Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; several citizens; students and teachers. Selectman Babb was unable to attend.

Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:06pm and welcomed everyone and made introductions.

First on the agenda was the ground water quality presentation given by the 5th grade class. They gave a slide presentation of what the water was being tested for, where the test sites were and the results.

Brett Buggeln Chief Operating Officer of Tarpon Towers met with the board to give an update on the cell tower project. He reported that it would be two weeks to complete the work which would be on or before June 17, 2013. This would exclude Public Service and Fairpoint's work.

All utility poles are up and they are hanging wires this week. He stated that they are not planting trees that will interfere with the utility lines.

Buggeln asked again for a release of funds from the letter of credit as the project he felt was 75% complete. Day made a motion to keep in place the full letter of credit, Boyle seconded and stated it would not be released until the project is done.

There was discussion on the town's repeaters that are to be placed on the cell tower. Although this was thought to have been addressed Buggeln was not aware of it and Chief Brooks will have our radio representative contact Buggeln.

Boyle stated that erosion control is a very important issue to him. He also asked Buggeln when cell service would be available. Buggeln was unable to answer that. Teacher Todd Giles asked if everyone would get service and Buggeln stated that the only carrier to date is AT&T and it would be up to the other carrier customers to ask that they provide service on this tower.

Boyle next asked for public comment and a student thanked the board for the upgrades to the basketball court.

Jane Luke representative from Global Awareness, Local Action explained to the students that they have been awarded a grant to build veggie gardens out back of the school. The students had lots of questions and they will have an assembly on Friday to learn all the details.

Mark McKinley met with the board about the upgrades to the tennis court along Loon Lake Road. It will be the same company as last year and the cost will be \$5,800.00. The court will be closed for 2-3 days.

A student inquired about the old court and there are no definite plans for that yet. However, Boyle did explain about petition articles and how they could get this presented to the Board and it appear on the warrant at Town Meeting.

Teacher Lori Palmer asked about a skate park. It was brought up last year. Laconia has one and maybe we could contact them. Boyle explained about the liability insurance being cost prohibitive. John Shipman asked what the cost impact was and had we asked the insurance company. Boyle responded that they had not and Hatch will find out the cost.

Next was department head updates and Chief Brooks reported that engine 7 had been returned but that the life to pass inspection was only another 3-4 years as the chasis frame was rotting. He suggested the need to start a capital reserve fund on a replacement. He noted that the call rate is up but that the transfer station is off due to the weather.

Boyle thanked the students for their presentation and stated that they are so far ahead than when he was young.

Boyle made a motion to appoint Dennis Anderson for a 3 year term on ZBA and appoint John Roman for a 3 year term to the Conservation Commission; Day seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.