

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, July 29, 2013**

Present: Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; and several citizens. Selectman Boyle was not in attendance.

Babb chaired the meeting which opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Day reported his inquiry with the zoning officer Ned Hatfield about the upgrade to the Loon Lake boat ramp. No permit is needed as long as they are 50ø from the water. The board agreed to have the Road Agent lay the stone he had earlier offered at \$2.00/yard.

Next was the bid opening on the 2006 K-9 Police Cruiser. Babb recused himself as he had placed a bid.

The only bid received was from Freedom Automotive for \$800.00. Day placed a phone call to Boyle for his vote on awarding the bid or not. Day made a motion to accept the bid; Boyle seconded.

Becky Nason was in again regarding the washout of Brookside Lane which abuts the town property where the public safety building is. She inquired as to when the town would fix the driveway. Babb stated that it got less water now than in prior years. Babb asked if they wanted to give a portion of Brookside Lane to the town. Nason threatened that she could take the town to court. She states that the town never fixed her driveway and showed the board the report that had been received by White Mountain Survey regarding the site.

Road Agent Scott Brooks, Selectman Day and past selectman Scott Cunningham will meet at 8am Tuesday morning to view the road.

Babb asked for public comment and Mike Gaudette requested no parking during some of the Old Home Week events. They would like to post Loon Lake Road from Elm Street to the Highway Garage both August 9<sup>th</sup> and the morning of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Babb made a motion to allow the posting; Day seconded.

Gaudette also asked about posting the length of Elm Street on the evening of August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> parade day. Babb made a motion for temporary no parking on August 3<sup>rd</sup> until the conclusion of the parade; Day seconded.

Bill and Willow Briggs residents of Moulton Road inquired about the condition of the cell tower access from the gate to Moulton Road. They were questioning a large boulder there and asking that the large tree cut be cleaned up and chipped. After a brief discussion Babb indicated that he would bring it to the tower company's attention.

Bill Elliott inquired if anything had been done about the Kidder Drive cistern. Babb reported that there had not been. He had been unable to attend the scheduled meeting with Road Agent; this will be rescheduled.

Brett Buggeln Chief Operations Officer of Tarpon Towers met with the board as they reviewed again the letter of credit reduction dated July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Babb explained the complaints just received from the Briggs that needed to be addressed. Invoices for Town Engineer Mark Lucy's time needed to be reimbursed and there was discussion on the tree planting and possible percentage of survival.

Babb made a motion to contact the town's Attorney John Ratigan requesting he draft the necessary paperwork for the reduction of the letter of credit to \$100,000; Day seconded.

Buggeln stated he will have these items addressed but also reported that the silt fence was staying for now. He also said that 1200 saplings were planted across the site with three extra large trees had also been planted.

There was discussion on the final holdback but this will be addressed as we get closer to the expiration of the letter of credit on December 8, 2013.

Road Agent Scott Brooks reported that the Cold Brook Road culvert was complete and they were able to open the road at 4pm on Friday which was ahead of schedule.

Brooks also inquired about the policy in place for driveway permits which he believed to be that no building permit would be issued until an approval for a driveway had been granted or if a change from a gravel drive to a paved drive a permit would be needed.

He reported that a driveway had been roughed in off Packard Drive; they had cleared the lot and started work on the foundation. There had been minor damage to the gravel road. Brooks also said the application had been incorrectly filled out so there was no owner contact information available to him. Brooks inquired about what the course of action to be taken now. Babb did state that the policy was correct and had been in place for many years. He recommended that the building inspector be made aware or reminded of this policy. Day will follow up on this.

Hatch mentioned that the fuel bids needed to go out and would do so shortly. She reminded them that the office would be closed for insulating Thursday, Friday and the offices would be closed Saturday for the Old Home Week celebration.

Scott Cunningham reported that the North Bay Road survey should be wrapped up soon.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:43pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c); returned to open session at 8:43pm and meeting was adjourned.

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Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.