

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday August 5, 2013**

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

Boyle made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e) with town council at 5:30pm, returned to open session at 6:36pm.

Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Water commissioner Ned Hatfield jointed the meeting along with Fire Chief Justin Brooks at the request of Sarah Tabor who met with the board about an invoice for a repair to a water line break to her residence on Old Portland Road. This line runs over the top of the dry hydrant pipe that was upgraded several years ago. The connector that failed was pvc and should have been metal to prevent this water leak. She doesn't feel she is responsible for the bill. She also reminded the board again about the dam break and it was her family that had it repaired when the town said no and how vital the Mill Pond is.

Hatfield presented the connector. It was believed that Dig N Doze was the contractor and this was done when Gene Doe was Fire Chief. Justin Brooks was a bit upset with Tabor's comments and thought perhaps the water precinct should have inspected the site prior to burying the pipes.

Tabor indicated that she wanted to work with the board on this and did not want to involve the courts and such. The board agreed to discuss and get back to her.

Boyle asked Hatfield for an update as Zoning Officer and he reported normal activity. He had been in discussion with planning board on a few items within the zoning ordinance.

Scott Brooks asked about the boat ramp and Hatfield indicated as long as it was maintenance it could be done from where the sign is to Loon Lake Road. The board reaffirmed their vote of last week to have Brooks lay the stone.

Justin Brooks reported that Engine 2's repairs were more than budgeted and was asking the board whether to take money out of capital reserve for the overage now or to wait until later in the year. He has put a spending freeze on purchases except for emergency items. It was agreed to wait until the end of October and revisit the issue.

Hatch reported that a complaint had been received at the office of garbage and stench at 411 Eaton Road. She had contacted the Health Officer and was waiting for a call back.

Babb stated that Town council was working of the cell tower site letter of credit reduction for the board to sign.

Selectman Babb, Road Agent Brooks and Administrator Hatch will meet Wednesday morning at 8am to draft the request for proposal for the cistern at Kidder Drive.

At 7:30pm the bid opening for the 2013 paving on roads were opened and read:

R & D Paving	\$79,729.00
FR Carroll	88,884.00
Pike Industries	92,545.00

Babb made a motion recommending that the Road Agent review and make a recommendation back to the board.

The board next met with Custodian Mark McKinley regarding the fire alarm system at the town hall. Two options were given; clean and service for \$430.00 or replace and upgrade the existing system for \$4,752.75. The board agreed to have it cleaned and serviced at this time and put an article on the warrant for 2014.

The Road Agent after reviewing the bid pricing recommends R & D Paving. Babb made a motion to go with the Road Agent's recommendation and the lowest bidder; Day seconded, so voted. Babb also recommends we let the Masons know of the proposed paving.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:05pm for a tax payment schedule. They returned to open session at 8:25pm.

Road Agent Brooks inquired of the board - in an effort to save money towards the unbudgeted replacement of the culvert near Camp Calumet; he proposes working a hour each day for awhile. Brooks would do his paperwork and assign daily duties to the department. The board agreed that this was acceptable.

Boyle made a motion to return to non public under the same RSA at 8:30pm and returned to open session at 8:50pm.

The board next reviewed three properties that are up for Tax Deed. Landowner of Map 16 Lots 9 & 12 Susan Stuart had contacted the office and was sending partial payment and a request for a payment schedule. Babb made a motion to wait at least a week to see if payment arrived; Day seconded, so voted.

The last lot Map 22 Lot 9 is owned by James Despathy located in Mountview; Babb made a motion to direct the Tax Collector to do up the deed, Day seconded, so voted.

The board agreed to offer to pay half of the water line repair bill that Sarah Tabor had submitted; and if there is any luck with the contractor that will be passed along.

Boyle brought up about needing another cemetery trustee; Day to check with Janice Zecker to see if she would fill the position.

Babb made a motion to adjourn at 9:06pm, so voted.

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