

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 19, 2013**

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

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

Babb announced that he would be out of the area October 8th through the 13th.

Babb also complimented Brooks on the rock and plaque for School House Hill, which brought up a brief discussion of adding some planting around it. Also discussed were the shrubs that were overgrown at the war memorial. Hatch indicated that she was looking into this and may want additional monies in next year's budget to address this.

The board signed various tax deed waivers for taxpayers that were in payment arrangements with the Selectmen.

The board met with John Roberts of John E. Roberts Excavation LLC regarding the utility poles at the cell tower drive on Moulton Road. Abutters Briggs and Root also joined the meeting. Roberts explained that he was the subcontractor for Public Service; he had set the first of two poles up the driveway. He had heard that there was an issue with reported erosion and was questioning the board on this.

Babb explained the engineers monitoring of the site and the requirements of the Planning Board. So when there is an issue the town is requiring Tarpon Towers to address any of the problems.

Roberts did state that Asplundh cut the big tree for Public Service and it had nothing to do with his company. He did say that he could pass along the concerns to Public Service. Abutter Briggs spoke to the issue of the tree and brush along with a large bolder. Babb explained that the original contractor was gone and the tower company was trying to hire someone locally to address the problems as they arose.

Because Ms. Plunges did not make her appointment there was only a brief discussion on what Boyle stated was her issue with the street light outside the building.

Boyle asked for department head updates but first thanked Brooks for erecting the flag pole that the Stokes had approved by the utility company.

Brooks reported that they had been screening sand and gravel at Watt's pit. The culvert at Calumet will be replaced mid October.

Hatch inquired about who was contacting the Masons about the proposed paving in front of the temple. Brooks will be contacting them.

Janice Zecher has agreed to fill the empty position of Cemetery Trustee; Babb made a motion to appoint Zecher to the position; Day seconded, so voted.

The board next signed the tax deed for a lot in Mountview being Map 22 Lot 9. The deed will be mailed in to be recorded at the registry.

Health Officer Frank Evitts reported on 411 Eaton Road. The landowner is in Oregon and Evitts has not heard back from him yet; the letter stated that he had 30 days. Evitts did say that the house is open and there is trash everywhere. Because of potential ground contamination Babb recommended he contact the Local Government Center for advice and proceed in the interim.

The board next discussed the Economic Council. Babb has been the town's representative and has been unable to make the daytime meetings; he needs to resign and is looking for either Boyle or Day to be appointed to fill the position. Day agreed to do for a year to start. Boyle made a motion to appoint Day; seconded by Babb.

Boyle shared that the bike path court case has had a first judgment in the town's favor and there now had been a notice of appeal submitted to the court.

Boyle asked for public comment and Sylvia Carney inquired about the cistern, Babb stated that there would be a bid opening next Monday for the upgrades. She also inquired about the cell phone tower which we are still waiting to become operational.

Boyle brought up the idea of a skate park and where it is not a town liability he would like to discuss again. Babb would like contact made with other towns that have them for any input they might have.

Bill Elliott stated that the school population was going down and wanted to know why. Babb stated that we had become homogenized because of our zoning and was now more of a retirement community. Elliott did say that there was a joint meeting with the SAU towns tomorrow night as this is a problem in other schools.

Boyle made a motion to enter non public at 7:53pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Returned to open session at 8:25pm and meeting was adjourned.

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