

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, September 16, 2013

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

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

Babb inquired if there were any washouts from the latest storm. Brooks reported that the washouts from the Labor Day storm had been fixed so the recent storm was not an issue.

There was no public comment and Brooks continued with his department update.

The new truck is at Viking being mounted; should be here sometime the first half of October.

Day brought up the timeframe for the clean up at the Cell Tower site that had been reported a few weeks ago. Babb will contact their rep Brett Buggeln on that; for a new AT&T contact as the original one has not responded back; and of their intentions of the latest Klumb report.

Boyle reported that they are still making progress at the cleanup at 411 Eaton Road.

Hatch requested a review of the remaining Town Hall upgrades of windows and retro fitting of lights. The board agreed that at this time they will pursue someone who has the ability to repair or replace the windows downstairs so that they work properly. It was also agreed to purchase insulated window treatments that would also help with the acoustics Boyle had mentioned. Boyle will contact building custodian McKinley to work on these. The board also agreed that nothing at this time would be done for retrofitting of the lights.

Next discussed was an inquiry from Becky Nason about the repair of Brookside Lane. Hatch passed on that Justin Brooks had walked the area during one of the recent rainstorms to see where the water flow was. He determined that it was coming from the Nason property and not the town property.

Babb stated that the town cannot expend town funds on private land due to an unfounded complain of water runoff. The board agreed to notify the abutting landowners that the town would be willing to maintain the road to the town's property line if they were to turn the road over to the town. Responses will be needed no later than October 4th and this would be on the Selectmen's agenda October 7th.

Next discussed was the request for proposal for the annual audit. Boyle does want to see it go out to bid. It was agreed that Hatch would contact a few vendors for a price to see if our current baseline is okay.

Babb made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA91-A:3 II(c) at 7:55pm.

Returned to open session at 8:05pm.

The board decided the next public officials meeting will be October 28th at 5pm and Hatch will have budget worksheets and appointments ready for handout.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.

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Neal E. Boyle

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.