

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, October 21, 2013**

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Linda Farinella, Administrative Assistant; and Robert Oram.

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

The first item on the agenda was in regards to the Town Auditor. Karen Hatch requested in writing that this discussion be tabled as she cannot be present. Motion by Day, seconded by Babb to table this discussion.

Boyle expressed his concern that he feels Freedom's town portion of the tax rate is high in comparison to other towns in Carroll County. Babb, Day and Brooks made note that it is difficult to get a true picture from just that number, several factors that differentiate towns include miles of roads, services offered and debt; these all must be taken into consideration. Boyle stated that word needs to get out to the department heads that the Board will be taking a hard look at budgets.

Boyle asked for public comment. Oram commented that the discussion tonight is more pertinent than usual.

Day asked if the pile of brush and logs at the base of the cell phone tower property is going to be taken care of. Babb will find out.

Day asked about the status of the repeaters for the cell tower. Babb responded they still being housed in Wolfeboro until they can be made operational.

Mark McKinley sent over two estimates for painting of the Town Hall stage ceiling. There is an approximate \$850 difference. Boyle will get in touch with Mark McKinley and ask him to get references and be sure the lower priced bidder has insurance.

Scott Brooks updated the Board on several projects. The Ossipee Lake Road culvert replacement is going according to schedule. They have been working on fixing road shoulders in Ossipee Lake Village for the last couple of days.

Boyle made a motion to enter non public at 7:51pm under RSA91-A:3 II(e) returned to open session at 7:57pm.

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Motion by Boyle, seconded by Babb to send a check to Sarah Tabor for half of the FX Lyons bill with a letter stating; "Upon further research we have found that there has been no work done by the town in over 21 years involving the waterline. But having made the offer to share the cost we will in good faith honor that and pay half of the FX Lyons bill."

Boyle made a motion to enter non public at 8:11pm under RSA91-A:3 II(c) returned to open session at 8:22pm and the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Neal E. Boyle

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.