

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, March 24, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator, and several citizens. Police Chief Josh Shackford and Fire Chief Justin Brooks joined the meeting after 7pm.

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

The warrant was reviewed to finalize any work pending. Brooks has ordered the loader but is uncertain of the delivery date. There was discussion on the remaining diesel gallons. Brooks also stated that CAT had tested the fuel with inconclusive results from an earlier problem experienced by some town equipment.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Trustees of Trust Funds and it was agreed by the board to meet with them to review a few items.

The board continued and assignment to boards and committees were made:

Les Babb will remain the Selectmen's Rep to the Planning Board

Ernie Day will be the rep to the Heritage Commission

Neal Boyle will be the rep to the Forest Advisory Committee.

Babb asked for public comment and Day indicated that he would like to be replaced on the Economic Council. Scott Cunningham indicated that he would like to be appointed; so a motion was made by Babb and seconded by Day and so voted. Hatch to do the necessary paperwork.

Babb asked to be the town's representative to an information meeting with our ambulance carrier CarePlus. There will be a meeting Thursday at 7pm with surrounding towns to look into a multi town contract. Although we currently have a contract this could involve additional towns and possibly prevent huge increases when our current contract expires.

Hatch reported on meeting with the tax collector, representatives from a local bank along with a credit card company rep. to look into the feasibility of offering credit card service for tax payments. Both the tax collector and treasurer had given reasons for not providing the service at this time and there was also the reduction in revenue to the town which we get from interest and penalties. That revenue this year was in excess of \$70,000. The board agreed to hold off and look into again next year.

Chief Brooks reported that his trucks were in rotation for their annual inspections. The CO detector has been ordered.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 7:26pm.

The board returned to open session at 8:15pm. The board voted and approved that if a vacant position becomes available on the Highway Department, it would be offered to Lance Bolduc who is currently a seasonal employee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.