

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 2, 2014

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch Town Administrator; Road Agent Scott Brooks; along with many town citizens.

The meeting opened at 1pm at the Freedom Elementary School with the teachers and students in grades 3-6.

Lead Teacher Todd Giles welcomed the board and public; Babb then next did town official introductions.

Several members of the Heritage Commission were present and Bob Smart spoke on behalf of the commission. Smart explained to the students their work and mission regarding the older buildings in the village. Today the commission is asking the Selectmen to allow bronze plaques to be placed on the Town Hall and Town Office. He had a prototype of the plaque and explained where they would place it on Town Hall but asked the board to let them know of the location they wanted on the Town Office. He also indicated that the Masonic Temple would also be having a plaque. Smart indicated that they cost \$500 each but these would be paid for by donated funds. Day made a motion to accept the gift and to place the plaques on the buildings, Babb seconded, so voted.

Several members of the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee were present and their Chairman Jim McElroy updated the board of their ongoing progress. McElroy had brought samples of milfoil that were passed around. He also explained what their committee does and about invasive species and how it gets in our waterways. He indicated that the herbicide treatment was scheduled for June 4th and there would be a 24 hour restriction on swimmers. Divers would be hand pulling from June 30th through July 4th. He had provided a map of the areas being worked on.

McElroy also explained the Lake Host Grant of \$1300 which the town had received. They would be doing the boat inspections at the marina again. Someone questioned Danforth Bay Campground and those boats coming in and it was explained that the campground charged a \$10.00 launch fee which was used towards milfoil control.

The committee is also working on community outreach and is proposing to have an educational brochure.

Babb next asked for student comments which there were none so he asked for public comment. Lee Allison shared a sign up program through the Sheriff and Police Department where citizens can call in each morning between 6-10am to let them know they are alright. She feels this is a wonderful program and should get more publicity.

There was an inquiry about milfoil on the big lake and McElroy explained the efforts there as well.

The board agreed to skip over the Message Board as the speaker had not yet arrived.

Babb asked for department head updates and Brooks stated that they were still grading and applying dust control. Once this was complete then they would start on the maintenance items.

Hatch inquired about a public officials meeting; the board agreed there would be one scheduled in the fall.

Lakeview Cemetery Association had inquired about the renaming of "Cemetery Road" as this has caused confusion in the past. They asked that the name be changed to either Al Godfrey or Godfrey Road. Babb gave a bit of history on Mr. Godfrey and what he has done in the past for the town. The board agreed to Al Godfrey Road, Brooks will order the new road sign.

The board next reviewed the Conservation Commission's decision regarding Jackman Ridge Road in the Town Forest. Babb stated that they had reviewed and approved the project not the bid process. There was discussion about sending this onto DRED (Department of Resources and Economic Development). Babb then explained they were the easement holder of the town forest and how we had acquired this land.

Babb made a motion to direct the Town Administrator to contact DRED to resolve the issue and to meet with officials; seconded by Day. Boyle was against as he was standing by his original vote of awarding the bid locally.

Teacher Laurie Palmer asked that the position of Selectman be explained to the students which Babb did.

At this time Life Scout Benjamin Couture of Troop 313 of Berwick Maine read his request to erect a message board at the Ossipee Lake Beach for his Eagle Scout service project. His grandparents have a camp across from this beach and he felt the public could benefit from a message board there. The board agreed that this was a great idea and Mark McKinley's contact information will be forwarded to Couture. McKinley will be responsible for the postings and have a key.

The board next reviewed a written inquiry from Town Engineer Mark Lucy about how they would like to see the close out of the Cell Tower project. The board agreed that they wanted Lucy to review and write the report, submit to the Board and then meet with them on this.

Next discussed by the board was the recent property acquired by tax deed at 205 West Bay Road. Babb stated that due to the liability of the building he felt the town should not hold onto this property. It would be put out to bid; the board can set a minimum bid. As

this is a process with letters and timeframes for responses the board agreed to have Hatch start this process. Babb also noted that the other town owned property on Cold Brook Road should be on a future agenda.

Babb discussed the signing of meeting minutes and he still wants to sign them. If the board agrees with the draft they will sign otherwise corrections to the minutes will be noted in the next meeting minutes.

Babb made a motion at 2:29pm to enter a non public session under RSA91-A:I(e). The board returned to open session at 2:35pm where it was voted to move to the town garage a nonpublic there.

The Selectmen's meeting reconvened at the Town Garage at 2:41pm with the following present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch Town Administrator; Road Agent Scott Brooks.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 2:42pm under RSA91-A:I(e). Returned to open session at 2:48pm. As a result of the non public the board agreed to only have Scott Brooks or Justin Brooks run the town backhoe until the safety is fixed or machine replaced.

Brooks also reviewed a proposal for paving out front of the garage for the sand pile. Paving proposals have been put out to bid and will be opened at the Selectmen's meeting on June 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.