

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 16, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Chief Justin Brooks; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Karen Hatch Town Adm.; several members of the public.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed. The minutes of June 2nd were reviewed and Boyle noted that he wanted "fair market value" not a set price for the sale of the property at 205 West Bay Road.

At 7pm was the bid openings for this years paving on town roads. Babb opened and read as follows:

| | <u>Patriots Way</u> | <u>Fife and Drum</u> | <u>Loon Lake Rd</u> | <u>Town Garage</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| F.R. Carroll, Inc. | \$25,780.00 | \$48,550.00 | \$37,500.00 | \$37,145.00 |
| R&D Paving | 21,489.00 | 46,728.00 | 32,848.00 | no price |
| Pike Industries | 26,940.00 | 54,960.00 | 39,705.00 | 57,500.00 |

The board agreed to hold for the arrival of the Road Agent for his review and recommendation. At 7:11pm the Road Agent arrived and was given the bids for his review.

The board next discussed the closure plan of the cell tower site. Tarpon Towers has proposed to replant the trees that had died on site, around the village area. Boyle felt they should be planted on site and Babb agreed.

They discussed what might be planted that the deer would not eat. Hatch to email the town's engineer for him to recommend what bush or tree would survive the wildlife and terrain and this information would be passed along to Tarpon Towers.

Next the Road Agent reviewed with the board the pavement bids. R&D Paving was the cheapest but there was no price for the town garage project. Brooks pointed out that the budget was for only \$68,000 and not all projects could be done.

The board agreed to see if R&D Paving would submit a bid on the garage and will award the bid next week. S. Brooks to contact R&D Paving.

Babb asked for public comment, being none they moved on to department head updates and Brooks reported that both Beauregard Equipment and Milton Cat had viewed the old backhoe but he has not received any pricing for a new or used replacement. There was also discussion on putting the old backhoe out to bid ourselves.

Brooks also shared that they are working on upgrades to Durgin Hill Road; they also had a culvert fail on Swett Hill Road that was replaced.

Hatch inquired about the deeds for Durgin Hill Road and previously accepted Kidder Drive; Hatch will make the appropriate contacts to get these deeds.

Justin Brooks reported that one compactor at the Transfer Station is not operational but it is being looked at for repair. The Fire/Rescue had a very busy weekend.

Hatch stated that the auditors would be in the office this week. Hatch also said that DRED had confirmed the meeting on the 30th and I was questioning what time they wanted to meet to sign the manifest and review the mail. The Board agreed to meet at 6pm at the Town Offices and then reconvene at Town Hall for 6:30pm.

There was a brief review of the Village Precinct. S. Brooks stated that Ned Hatfield had asked him to place gravel on the access road which went to the holding tank across the Baltz property on Moulton Road. He indicated that they needed to meet with the Selectmen as this is private property.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:40pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) returned to open session at 7:50pm and meeting adjourned.

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.