

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 28, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch Town Adm. and town resident Bill Elliott.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm, manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Babb gave an update on the regional meeting regarding ambulance service that was held last Thursday. He stated that a quorum from each town was present (Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Eaton, Tamworth and Ossipee). They discussed asking for a request for proposal for all 6 towns. They will meet again August 6th 6pm at the Ossipee Train Station to review a draft proposal and a vote will be taken to send out.

It was agreed to move to another agenda item as only two of the three Trustees of Trust Funds were in attendance and they were expecting Trustee Kim Reiss.

The board discussed briefly the purchasing policy, there had been confusion regarding the proposed changes from last meeting so the draft had not been updated. Hatch will work with Farinella on this. Boyle would like to see included not just department heads, but also chairmen of boards, committees and elected officials. All agreed to that proposed change. The draft review will be on next week's agenda.

Farinella had checked into the allowable date for the deliberative portion of Town Meeting and it cannot be held prior to the second Tuesday in March. The board then agreed to hold the meeting on Saturday afternoon March 14, 2015 at 1pm.

The board also discussed an information meeting; having one will be determined once the warrant is known.

The board moved on and met with the two trustees in attendance Pat McCoy and Paul Olzerowicz. They had requested this meeting to wrap up the issue of the Highway Capital Reserve Fund and monies not spent. The board had already been informed of the conversation with Michelle Clark of the Department of Revenue and the confusion to the issue and that the unspent monies were to be added to the town's Fund Balance. The Trustees had requested again an email from Clark in order to close out their file on the issue.

McCoy also suggested that the board become agents of the Highway Capital Reserve Fund like all the other funds. This can be done with a warrant article in March.

McCoy also wanted to point out that when warrant articles are worded they have to be exactly as they were originally voted to establish.

Olzerowicz had questions about the fund balance that Babb then reviewed. Olzerowicz then brought up the ongoing issue of establishing a Trust Fund for the water precinct.

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Recently found state paperwork confirming the precinct as a town entity was presented to the trustees for their review. Hatch was assuming that the Precinct Commissioners would be providing this documentation to the Trustees once it had been located. Olzerowicz stated that based on this document the trustees will now accept those monies and establish a fund and it would be illegal if the precinct continues to hold them.

There was more discussion about the precinct and its operations under the umbrella of the town; Hatch will review with Town Financial Advisor Greg Colby and if necessary Michelle Clark at DRA.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:00pm under RSA 91-A:3 (e) returned to open session at 8:10pm.

Hatch reported the damage to Parsons Cemetery which was due to a trailer crashing into the posts. It was agreed to have Road Agent Brooks give a price to repair for insurance purposes. This incident had been documented by the Freedom Police.

Babb made a motion at 8:15pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 (c), returned to open session at 8:51pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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