

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 4, 2014

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Road Agent, Scott Brooks; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Karen Hatch Town Adm. and town resident Lee Allison.

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

The Road Agent reported that the new backhoe had been received last Thursday; the old one was taken for trade in. J. Brooks is in the process of learning the machine at the Transfer Station.

The board met with Susan Collins and her son Joe who owns property at 327 West Bay Road. They are experiencing storm runoff which is eroding their boat ramp. They inquired if there was any work scheduled for West Bay Road. After a lengthy discussion the Road Agent reminded them of the suggestions over the past several years as to things that they could try. There is no scheduled work in that area of West Bay Road as the road width prohibits this. The son agreed to try the suggestions of the Road Agent.

Mrs. Collins did question the end of Sherwood Forest Way stating that the town's right of way is blocked. Babb was aware that the town has a cable across, but did not know that it was still blocked.

There was discussion on minor washouts on various town roads due to recent storms; these have all been fixed.

The board reviewed the proposed state road signage and felt that there needed to be no action as this was just replacement of signs under the new reflective requirements.

J. Brooks reported that Engine 7 is now back in service and that insurance had covered all but the deductible of \$1000.00.

Michelle Clark of DRA had called Hatch and said that she was hoping for approval next week for our request for the emergency expenditure of the purchase of the backhoe. Hatch also stated that Clark has been assigned 30 more towns and this could impact us at the time of setting the tax rate.

Hatch informed the board of an accident that has damaged the granite/metal fence at Parsons Cemetery. A police report has been filed and the responsible party's insurance will be paying to fix the damage.

The board reviewed briefly the tree replanting at the cell tower site off Moulton Road. The board has agreed to continue to support the recommendations of the town's engineer Mark Lucy.

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

The board next reviewed the bidding of heating and road fuels. Babb had been approached by the chairman of the School Board asking if we would like to join them in their bidding. After a brief discussion it was agreed to do our own this year but could possibly look into a regional bid for next year. Babb will check on this at the upcoming regional ambulance meeting.

The Road Agent did explain that he needed to switch from bio diesel to low sulfur diesel. It is apparent that the fuel systems on the new equipment can't use bio diesel. Babb asked that this go out to bid this week with bids due on the 18th.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:52pm under RSA 91-A:3 (a). Returned to open session at 8:56pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.