

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 18, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Karen Hatch Town Adm. and several town residents.

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

At 7pm was the fuel bid opening with two bids received. The specifications call for quotes on a fix price and current variable rates

Jesse E. Lyman ó fix rate

#2 heating fuel	\$3.199
K1	3.599
Diesel winter blend	3.379
Diesel summer product	3.179
Mid grade gas	3.1515

Irving Energy ó fix rate

#2 heating fuel	\$3.269
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Irving Energy ó variable

Diesel	\$3.289
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Day made a motion to award the contract to Lyman, Babb seconded; so voted.

John Shipman had canceled prior in the day.

Babb asked for public comment which there was none.

Department Head updates ó Shackford had nothing; Hatch asked about two funding requests from the Community Action Program and if they board would require a petition for both requests; board agreed that they did.

Boyle had asked to have the dog officer discussed and Chief Shackford explained that there was no officer currently and the department is handling the calls.

Babb gave an update on the regional ambulance contract ó the 6 towns are looking at sending request for proposals out with an April 1st proposed date if all towns come to an agreement. Currently we are in a 4 town contract thru 2015. The next meeting will be the 27th.

Chief Brooks discussed with the board the 1997 Engine 7 fire truck. Specifications for replacement demo trucks were handed out for the board's review. They discussed the current issues that engine 7 has and the need to get it replaced. The board agreed to have

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an independent truck inspection done by Valdaris Truck in Conway. Once that report is reviewed then the board will discuss what to do.

No discussion on the Purchasing Policy, Babb still to make proposed changes.

Babb did announce that the State Dept. of Revenue did approve the emergency expenditure from the fund balance for the new backhoe in the amount of \$79,000.00. This expense will not affect our tax rate.

With Krebs not being present yet, Babb explained that they would go into their public session but come out to continue the public session of the meeting.

Babb made a motion at 7:45pm to enter into non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c); returned to open session at 8:07pm.

The board next met with John Krebs regarding the Galton merger form which he had met with the board about on July 28, 2014. The legal opinion from town council had been received and reviewed. The board then voted to make this a public document and gave Krebs a copy. There was little discussion and Day made a motion to restore the lots to the way they were originally; based on legal advice Babb then seconded the motion, Boyle agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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