

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, September 8, 2014**

Present: Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Les Babb was absent. Road Agent Scott Brooks; Karen Hatch Town Adm., several town residents and residents of North Broad Bay Road.

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

A written request had been received from the president of the North Broad Bay Association asking the Selectmen to budget for paving the first portion of North Broad Bay Road that gets the most traffic.

Many of the residents of that road spoke in favor of this as the road has become very rough. The Road Agent explained the contributing factors that cause this washboard on all town dirt roads at times during the year.

Brooks also went on to explain the past criteria the Selectmen have looked at when reviewing a road for paving. This included if the road was a connecting road with through traffic, certain density requirements, and year round residents along with other factors. Cost and maintenance of doing this was also discussed.

Abutter Karen Damery inquired about the process for moving forward on this and Boyle explained the petition process for getting it on the Town Meeting Warrant.

There was additional discussion on an area with drainage issues and Brooks indicated that he has ordered and will be installing catch basins that should alleviate this problem.

Day made a motion to deny the paving request to see how the new drainage might work.

The Board discussed a letter received from an abutter regarding 205 West Bay Road. It was noted that Hatch had mistyped the 205 West Bay Road property on the agenda as 207 West Bay Road. The reason for the letter was a possible encroachment of the existing building on her property and she would like to know the town's plan for recognizing the proper property lines. Hatch explained that she was uncertain how quickly a survey could be done; she also explained that the process had begun on selling this property with time sensitive deadlines which also include an agreed upon terms of sale. She would have to consult with legal counsel on this. Day made a motion that if the town can be reimbursed for doing a survey of this property then do it otherwise no. Boyle agreed.

Boyle next asked for public comment and Lee Allison asked for more clarification with the Trustees and the Water Precinct. Trustee of Trust Funds Paul Olzerowicz was present; he along with Boyle and Hatch spoke to this.

The Road Agent gave an update for the highway department and their transitioning from summer to fall maintenance.

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Olzerowicz inquired about the audit and if it was complete, Hatch was uncertain what the status of this was but would inquire.

Next discussed was the topic of Welcome Signs; Boyle was not present when this was first discussed. Bill Elliott who had been appointed to work on this with John Shipman spoke on the progress to date. He indicated that they had been asked to present something in November for a warrant article.

Elliott has spoken to the State Department of Transportation Bureau of Traffic on this issue. They need to approve if signs are placed along a state road. Elliott had drafted a sample letter to the Bureau making a request; this letter would need to be signed by the Selectmen once the letter was finalized. Hatch inquired about approval on private lands. Elliott explained that this letter was needed regardless of where the sign actual was erected along the state road. Preliminary costs were \$900 for three signs; \$300 for posts and there would be an installation cost.

The damage at Parsons Cemetery was discussed next. There had been notification that the individual responsible for this damage was not insured at the time of the accident. This would result in the town billing directly to that individual when the repair work was complete. Ellie Stokes had a few concerns with rails missing and she was hopeful that at least the entire front of the cemetery be improved. Hatch explained that the quote was only for work to complete the damage. Boyle asked Brooks if he could look over the repairs.

Although there would not be a full discussion on the proposed purchasing policy Boyle wanted to make a few points. He stated that there was not a provision for multi town purchasing and that should be added along with making email an option when submitting bids.

There was a brief discussion on the future repair of the Danforth Bay Bridge.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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