

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, October 20, 2014

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Karen Hatch Town Adm. and several town residents.

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

Babb requested himself from the board to represent Sherwood Forest LLC a/k/a Robin Hood. The camp is requesting that two of their lots be taken out of current use for the expansion of camp activities and to ensure the safety of the children.

There were general questions regarding current use itself. It was also noted that there is a penalty when property is removed from current use and Babb did explain that they would be requesting an abatement on a portion of the penalty. Day made a motion to approve the removal of these lots from current use, Boyle seconded.

Babb asked for Department Head updates and moderator Don Johnson spoke with the board about the upcoming election on November 4th. Polls are open from 8am until 7pm; absentee ballot processing will begin at 1pm.

Johnson reported that at the primary election there was an inspection done from a representative of the Attorney General's office. It is in the State Constitution that when a governor, senator and representatives are voted on there must be a quorum of Selectmen on hand. He had spoken with the Secretary of State and they don't consider this a big thing, however, when speaking with the AG's office they were emphatic that if we were warned and they could take action if they find we do not comply. Both Day and Boyle will begin the day in attendance; Babb will attend later in the afternoon.

Babb stated that he would like to meet with the state representatives to explain this and so that the Selectmen can explain the hardship this causes the board.

Babb went to public comment; Susan Marks stated that she was unable to attend the recent Ossipee Lake Dam Authority meeting and was questioning if she is still a town representative. She is and will continue in the position.

Bob Smart reported that the bronze plaques for the buildings on the historical register are in production and should be shipped next week.

Bill Elliott inquired if we had heard back from the state regarding the request for erecting "Welcome to Freedom" signs.

Babb asked Hatch for her update and the only item was the successful bidder for 205 West Bay Road had asked to reschedule the closing until November 3rd due to a work conflict, board agreed to reschedule.

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Town Forester Barry Keith had dropped off a quote for brontosaurus work within the town forest. He was unable to obtain three bids per the state/town requirements because of the uniqueness of the machinery. The state indicated that the one bid was sufficient for their grant requirements and Keith wanted to make sure that the Selectmen approved as well. Babb made a motion to accept the brontosaurus work as submitted, seconded by Day, so voted.

It was agreed to place Fauver at the end of the agenda as it will be a non public.

Hatch gave the update of the progress in setting the tax rate. One of the issues is that DRA is still waiting for the county reporting. They encourage the Selectmen to push the commissions to get the paperwork in. Once received, they will set the rate for all towns within Carroll County.

Next reviewed was the purchasing policy, Babb had more verbiage to be included in the "procedure" portion of the policy. The policy should be ready soon for Department Head review.

Babb made a motion at 7:38pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c).

Returned to open session at 8:27pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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