

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, November 3, 2014

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

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

The board met with the bidder for 205 West Bay Road. She presented the final payment and the board signed the deed. The town locks had been removed from the property.

Mike Gaudette and Mike Douglas of Durgin Hill Road were present for the discussion between the road agent and the board. The road agent was having problems matching up landowners and road culverts; he has asked that a surveyor be hired to locate them with GPS so that the town could get the correct property owners on the outlet side.

Babb stated that this needs to be on a plan before we move forward. Hatch is to consult with Town Council regarding who is liable for the expense and if there could be a betterment assessment to the Durgin Hill landowners if it is their burden.

Babb asked for public comment and Bill Elliott thanked the board for sending the letter to the State regarding the Welcome to Freedom signs. Approval from the State has been received with stipulations.

Mike Gaudette gave an update on the ambulance company in regards to payment and how they work with clients.

John Shipman questioned the Town Hall roof and why the repairs had not moved forward. McKinley has experienced contractors who just were not interested in the job. Gaudette gave good comment on why contractors might not be interested. Chief Brooks suggested that he try Limerick Steeplejacks, they had the equipment for working at tall heights. This recommendation will be passed along to McKinley.

Babb asked for Department Head updates and Chief Brooks reported that from the recent storm there was only one line down on Albert Godfrey Road.

Boyle passed around an email from Jim Shuff who had indicated that there was a state site showing lost fund and there were two entries for the Freedom Fire Department. Chief Brooks will look into this.

Road Agent Scott Brooks reported that they town had faired well in the storm with only a few branches down.

John Shipman inquired if a petition would be needed for the new welcome signs. The board agreed to put the cost of this into the Parks & Rec budget for 2015.

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The board next addressed the Kidder Drive Cistern and after discussion with the Chief and Road Agent it was agreed to put out to bid again.

Babb announced that the board would be going into non public session; however after review of the RSAs it was determined that they had remain in open session. The board was all in agreement to place \$20,000 into the overlay account and to use \$50,000 from the fund balance. Board signed the overlay paperwork and Hatch will forward to DRA so that the final tax rate can be set.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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