

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 12, 2015

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

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

Jason Ross of H.E.Bergeron Engineers met with the board for a Danforth Bay Bridge replacement update. He introduced Chris Fornier who is head of the structural team now that Ed Bergeron has retired. Also present was Mrs. George Conroy a project abutter.

The project is still set for the 2019 fiscal year with a start date of July 2018. Ross explained with the new gas tax that perhaps the Selectmen might like to request the project be moved forward. Board agreed to a possible start date of 2017 as the town still needs to raise funds.

The board also agreed for them to move forward resubmitting the wetlands application with the drainage revisions and then approval from the Department of Transportation.

Jim McElroy questioned how long the waterway would be closed during the project and they estimate about 16 weeks and would look at doing in the off season.

Jim McElroy, Chairman of the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee reviewed again with the board monies that were available for the eradication of milfoil. We will be getting a state grant for 2015 but at only 25% reimbursement. With gift monies also being down, McElroy asked the board to amend his original request up to \$8,000. It was decided to leave the \$6,500 but to have a warrant article asking to remove \$1,500 from the capital reserve fund to make up the difference.

Laura Robinson, Library Trustee explained that she was asking for a \$1500 warrant article for outside grounds/maintenance work, not monies for their trust fund. Wording for the article is due in to the office.

Printing of the town reports had been received from two of the three asked to submit.

Minute Man Press - North Conway, NH	\$1,798.44
Select Print Solutions - N. Brookfield, MA	1,461.00

Board agreed to have Minute Man Press, being local and having done the prior books and other printing for the town.

Although the offices will be closed for holiday next Monday, the board will be having their regular meeting that evening.

Next Babb explained that the board had met on Thursday and explained the new budget proposals and funding of the Capital Reserve Funds. There will be a new fund created for infrastructure for \$250,000 with \$100,000 coming from fund balance. This fund will be used for roads and bridges.

He explained that the board did not feel that the town was in a position to add another bond with the current bond and lease that are being paid.

The next regional ambulance will be Thursday at 6pm in Ossipee.

The board agreed to meet with the Road Agent to review his budget and the new capital improvements on Thursday morning at 8am at the Town Office.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:05pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Returned to open session at 8:15pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle