

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, May 11, 2015**

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

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

There was a brief discussion regarding Verizon still not working on the cell tower.

Grace Brooks and Bud Hadley of the Greater Ossipee Rotary met with the board with a proposal of "Free Little Libraries" and placing two in Freedom. Hadley explained the concept; stated that these were built by students at Kingswood High School and they were asking if the Selectmen would allow these on town property. The Board supported the idea; one will be placed at the Transfer Station and the other site still to be determined.

Babb asked for public comment and Bill Elliott reported that he has picked up the new Welcome to Freedom Signs. He will be consulting with Mike Gaudette and Scott Brooks regarding their installation.

Paul Elie commended the Fire Department on a job well done when reporting to his brush fire.

Police Chief Josh Shackford gave an update of department activities and calls. One item was the change in ownership of the homes once owned by Lakeview Rehabilitation Center. There had been reports of clients out of control. Scott Cunningham suggested that the new owners or their representative should meet with the board. The board decided to send a copy of the Planning Board approval with the conditions to the new owners first.

The Road Agent stated that due to the depth of frost this year the road postings did not come down until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently they are cleaning ditches and grading. The dust control should be applied by mid June.

Hatch asked for the Tax Collector if her deputy needed to be from town. This will be deferred to the NH Municipal Association.

Hatch reported that there would be new financial software later this year and would require training for those using it. The road bills for the winter maintained roads have been sent out. The auditors will be here both Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Next week will be the public hearings for the Discretionary Preservation Easement Applications; meeting will be held at Town Hall during the regular Selectmen's meeting.

J. Brooks reported he had spent 4 days at the recent forest fire in Ossipee, other members had spent several shifts there also. There is currently a ban on burning in town. He also stated that there had been many medical calls.

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At the Transfer Station the new fence will start to be installed on Wednesday and will be completed by Memorial Day.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 7:35pm returned to open session as their appointment did not arrive.

The board next filled out and signed the questionnaire from the auditors on fraud.

Although not present the assessor had inquired about the new RSA:7-d and if the board wanted to tax campgrounds. This would include Wabanaki; board stated yes and to also look at the campers at Calumet. This will be for the 2016 tax year.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 8:48pm 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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