

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, May 18, 2015**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; Linda Farinella, Admin. Assistant

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm to reconvene at the Town Hall for the remainder of the agenda.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; Linda Farinella, Admin. Assistant; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Josh Shackford, Police Chief; and several citizens.

Babb opened the public hearing for six Discretionary Preservation Easement Applications. Babb explained that these applicants may receive a tax break on the barn and its land. This break allows the homeowner to use the funds that would have gone to taxes to be able to maintain the barn, keeping it from falling into disrepair.

Bickford of 18 Old Portland Road; Tax Map #51 Lot #29: The application was reviewed by the board. Babb asked for public comment or questions, there were none. Motion by Day, seconded by Babb to accept the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for Bickford, the motion passed unanimously.

Plunges of 35 Old Portland Road; Tax Map #52 Lot #20: The application was reviewed by the board. Babb asked for public comment or questions, there were none. Motion by Day, seconded by Babb to accept the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for Plunges, the motion passed unanimously.

Griffin of 43 Old Portland Road; Tax Map #51 Lot #12: The application was reviewed by the board. Babb asked for public comment or questions, there were none. Motion by Day, seconded by Boyle to accept the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for Griffin, the motion passed unanimously.

Tabor of 3 Elm Street; Tax Map #8 Lot #41: The application was reviewed by the board. Babb asked for public comment or questions, there were none. Motion by Boyle, seconded by Babb to accept the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for Tabor, the motion passed unanimously.

Keith of 20 Elm Street; Tax Map #8 Lot #39-1: The application was reviewed by the board. Babb asked for public comment or questions, there were none. Motion by Day, seconded by Babb to accept the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for Keith, the motion passed unanimously.

Bygrave of 123 Village Road; Tax Map #3 Lot #79-1: The application was reviewed by the board. Babb asked for public comment or questions, there were none. Motion by Day, seconded by Boyle to accept the Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for Bygrave, the motion passed unanimously.

Babb asked for Public comments, there were none.

Babb asked for Department Head Updates.

Scott Brooks, Road Agent, updated the Board on the most recent jobs being done by his department. Josh Shackford, Police Chief, updated the Board on the most recent calls for service performed by his department.

The Board reviewed the most recent draft of purchasing policy with changes as recommended by Town Council.

Day asked to see a percentage amount added regarding local advantage in section VI, this request was made to him by two members of the public. Day suggested the addition of may allow 5% up to \$10,000 and may allow 3% over \$10,000. Hatch noted that this language had already been voted to be removed, Babb agreed. Day reiterated that he would like the language back and would like Town Council to review.

Motion by Day, seconded by Boyle to change the wording in section VI back to include the percentage language. The motion passed 2 to 1 with Babb opposed.

Babb asked for copies that include this wording change go to department heads with a June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for comments. This will be on the June 15<sup>th</sup> agenda to review the department head responses then will be sent to Town Council.

Hatch asked if the Board would like to begin working on the Personnel Policy. Babb responded yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Farinella  
Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.