

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, June 29, 2015**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Linda Farinella, Administrative Assistant; Justin Brooks, Transfer Station Manager/Fire Chief; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Mark McKinley, Facilities Custodian

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

McKinley, Facilities Custodian, updated the Board on recent carpet cleaning at the Town Office and Public Safety Building. The elevator has been inspected and windows are being washed and re-glazing painted at the Town Hall. McKinley suggested painting walls and ceiling on second floor, new stage curtains and plastering the paneling as possible improvements to make.

Babb would like plastering over the existing paneling as a warrant article for a vote because it could change the character of the building. Babb suggested, and Day agreed, that they would like to see \$1,200 - \$1,500 spent each year over the next five years on improvements. McKinley will bring this back to the board closer to the end of the year.

McKinley informed the Board that the disbanded Durgin Hill Owner Association donated \$500 for use on the Town Hall.

Babb began the review of updates made by McKinley to the Town Hall Use Policy. The Board thought it looked good. Discussion of fees brought up the suggestion to charge \$250 versus the current \$50 for out of town users. The Board agreed to make that change. A final copy will be drawn up with the changes for the Board to adopt at a future meeting.

Marge Amico approached the Board with a request for the Town to pay half the cost of a \$110 traffic counter on Pequawket Trail; the other half would be funded by Lakes Region Planning Commission. Amico is heading a project to have 1.1 miles of walking/biking path long both sides of Pequawket Trail near the entrance of Totem Pole Park.

The Board agreed that the Town will pay half and will have Scott Brooks, Road Agent, arrange to coordinate with other road/locations to be done in town. Amico gave Brooks the request form.

Babb asked for department head updates. S Brooks, Road Agent, stated the crew is cleaning up shoulder erosion from recent rain events and performing tree clean up on Beach Club Drive.

J Brooks, Transfer Station Manager, stated that May numbers are down from last year and expects this weekend to be the peak of the year. As Fire Chief, Brooks noted that calls are over by 33 at this same time last year and added that the trucks will have pump tests on Thursday.

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Babb asked for public comment. Laura Robinson, Library Trustee, asked the Board to appoint Paul Mathieu as a Library Trustee to take over for Paul Tung, Tung resigned. The open position will be placed on the March ballot. The Board agreed to the appointment and will ask Hatch to draw up the appropriate paperwork.

Babb brought up the final approval of the Purchasing Policy. Motion by Babb, seconded by Day to adopt the Purchasing Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board next discussed the Bike Path decision. Attorney Nix sent information that the Board would like to meet with him about. A meeting will be set up with Attorney Nix.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 8:28pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). The board returned to open session at 8:45pm.

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The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, July 13, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Farinella
Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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