

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 27, 2015

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Linda Farinella, Adm. Assistant; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; several town residents.

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

Ron Champagne was in to see the board regarding the hauling of materials from the pit across the street from them. The G.W. Brooks & Son trucks have been starting at 5:00am and he believes because this is a residential area there should be an ordinance where they can't start before 7am. Dave Kibby of Brook & Son was present and is trying to minimize the impact to the neighbors and has been aiming for a 6am start time as the material needs to be at the job at 7am. He stated that they would only be hauling for another 3-4 days top.

Jean Marshall was present as the town's representative to Lakes Region Planning Commission and she spoke about the actual gravel pit itself. Owner of the pit Devin Bolduc was present and explained the history of the commercial pit and the excavation of materials for agricultural purposes. Mary Pinkham Langer with the state will be contacted just to check out the site.

Addressing the noise issue Babb, although not in favor, suggested that a petition could be submitted for a noise ordinance. Boyle hoped that this could be resolved through negotiation. Kibby stated that he would be mindful of the start time in the future.

Babb asked for public comment and Bill Elliott reported that the Welcome to Freedom signs were installed Thursday. He wanted to thank the Highway Dept. for the installation. The sign in the village was also replaced.

Marge Amico thanked the board and police for the speed detector sign on Pequawket Trail; it was working well.

Champagne asked for more enforcement on Pequawket Trail. There are numerous golf carts, dirt bikes and atvs being used in the road.

Babb next asked for department head updates and Justin Brooks reported that the landfill numbers were down this year. At the fire station all the trucks pumps had passed inspection and the fire danger sign has been installed outside the Public Safety Building.

Police Chief Shackford reported that in the past week there had been 24 motor vehicle stops and numerous other calls with varying issues had come in. He also noted that he and Brooks had signed a commercial fireworks permit. This is for a 20 minute show at Pine Landing Condos on August 8th.

Boyle brought up a safety issue with the bush at the end of the driveway at the Town Office that has grown to now cause a safety issue. Hatch reported that she had gotten Mary Ellen Cade's approval to trim but has not heard back from the Masons.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:28pm under RSA 91A:3 II(a) with Hatch and Farinella. Farinella left the meeting at 7:37pm.

At 7:41 the board entered non public session under RSA 91A:3 II(c) regarding a tax payment schedule.

Returned to open session at 7:46pm and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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