

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, August 10, 2015**

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

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

Boyle brought up the ongoing issue of no Verizon cell service for many of the town's people. He will try to find a contact person with Verizon and try to get some answers.

Babb asked for public comment and Mark McKinley stated the need for a handicap access off the side of the gate at the ballfield. Babb explained that this had already been discussed and Brooks gave an update that the highway crew would be installing one over the next 2-3 weeks.

Bill Elliott reported that Old Home Week events had been great with no major problems.

Department head updates followed: Chief Shackford gave an update for the Police Department. He also noted a system upgrade for them starting October 1<sup>st</sup>. The speed trailer would next be located in the village. He had to have a door panel fixed in his cruiser and had gotten 2 prices. This has now been done.

Road Agent Brooks stated that the crew is continuing with roadside mowing and fixing rain washouts. Those had been completed the end of last week.

Laura Robinson inquired about Moulton Road; Brooks explained that culverts were being replaced and just a shim not a full paving would be done.

Hatch inquired about the road fuels and heating fuel bids. Board agreed to put out to bid even if it was not for a full year.

Hatch reported that the Building Inspector Robert Babine has indicated that he will be unavailable from October 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. He has contacted Madison's inspector Bob Boyd who is willing to fill in during Babine's absence. If the Selectmen wanted they could also consider replacing him. The board agreed to have Boyd fill in. If the winter activity got too busy then they would consider hiring someone.

The board next signed deed waivers for those that they are in agreement with for tax payment schedules. These waivers are filed with the Tax Collector. Also discussed were two other delinquent properties; board voted to abate the one in Danforth Bay Campground and the other property would proceed with the 30 day notification of the taking of the property.

The 2015 updated Hazard Mitigation Plan had been received. Babb made a motion to adopt the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan; seconded by Day, so voted and document was signed.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:26pm under RSA 91A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 8:00pm.

The board agreed not to hire Cultural Chemistry to oversee the hiring of the Administrative Assistant due to the cost and the timeframe.

The board agreed to meet next week only under non public session to review and interview applicants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.