

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, October 5, 2015**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Police Chief Josh Shackford and residents Lee Allison and R.A. Oram

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

Paving bids for Youngs Hill and Durgin Hill Road were opened and reviewed. Three bids had been received:

F.R. Carroll	\$65.93 per ton
Pike Industries	76.75 per ton
R & D Paving Inc.	74.85 per ton

The board asked the Road Agent to review the bids and give his recommendation later in the meeting.

The board next met with Sandy Brown of the Mount Washington Valley Mobile Clinic. She has scheduled a horse riding event as a fundraiser for the Laura Foundation in Madison. She has submitted an application for use proposal for the Freedom Town Forest where part of this event will pass through. This event is scheduled for October 18th.

Brown stated that she was unaware that there had been a change in procedure and that she now needed a permit. Babb explained the history of why advertised events now need a special use permit and the problems that had been created by her event last year.

Her hope in meeting with the board was to get approval from them to do this event. Babb explained that they did not have the authority to grant approval. She needed to meet with the Forest Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission and the application would need to go to DRED the easement holder.

There was continued discussion and Babb finally reiterated that she needed to follow the process.

Babb next asked the Road Agent for his recommendation on the paving bids. Brooks stated that the bid was for a per ton price and he recommends FR Carroll if the material passed the gradation and state spec testing. Babb made a motion to award the bid to FR Carroll, Day seconded; so voted.

Babb asked for public comment and Oram asked if the new procedure for land use permits were in the Stewardship Plan. A copy of the plan was given to Oram to review.

Department head updates were next with Chief Shackford giving his activities report. He also noted that they had all completed their firearms qualifications.

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Brooks reported that the department had addressed a reoccurring water problem on Haverhill Street. There had been some surface erosion and minor washout on Cold Brook Road from the recent heavy rains which had been fixed.

Babb had attended a Health Insurance Summit and reviewed what had been discussed and the changes that would be coming over the next several years. Babb suggested that we have a representative from HealthTrust come in and review the changes that would be forthcoming.

HealthTrust has provided an updated Application and Membership Agreement for approval. Babb made a motion that the town shall participate as a member in the HealthTrust pooled risk management program for the provision of group medical benefits in accordance with the Application and Membership Agreement and NH RSA 5-B; Day seconded; so voted.

Babb then made a motion that Karen Hatch is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to HealthTrust, on behalf of the town the Application and Membership Agreement in substantially the form presented at the meeting; Day seconded, so voted.

A letter had been received from the Clausens regarding the inspection of Ash Road done by the Road Agent for the maintenance needed for the town to continue with the winter maintenance. Brooks will re inspect the road and speak with the Clausens.

Babb made a motion at 7:59pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) and (e). Hatch left at 8:29pm and the board returned to non public session under 91-A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 8:34 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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