

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, April 25, 2016**

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

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

Babb questioned Brooks about the NH bridge red list which Brooks gave the history on the Ossipee Lake Bridge and why it was not on the list. Boyle inquired about when the bridge work was to be done and Brooks stated that last fall the state changed the date to 2019.

The board met with ClaimLinx representative Jonny Burgess and Aflac Diane Currier regarding the change in health insurance carrier. The proposed rates and savings were again reviewed. Brooks inquired about the employee deduction and Babb stated that if it fell under the cap there would not longer be one. The board had voted last week to change to ClaimLinx and they asked the reps for a July 1st start date. A contract will be forthcoming. If at anytime we stop using them there will be no penalty.

Being no public comment Chief Shackford gave an update on the police department. Brooks also gave an update on the highway department.

A quote had been received from CMP to oversee the installation of the Square Brook culvert along with all tasks necessary to put this out to bid. The price for this was \$20,000.00. This is one of many culverts that will be replaced with the upgrade of the Ossipee Lake Road this summer. The timeframe for bidding etc. would be September and Brooks felt that this timeframe was not acceptable.

Brooks asked the board to consider having the Highway Dept. do these culvert replacements rather than being part of the bidding process. The department has been replacing culverts on various roads throughout town as part of the highway maintenance each summer. He also stated that with the current employees they have the talent to take on the task.

Elliott questioned if this would impact other projects being done this summer and Brooks reported that it would not.

Due to the time constraints and cost of CMP, and having the current road crew; Day made a motion for the Road Agent to replace all culverts including the Square Brook culvert, Boyle seconded; so voted. Brooks indicated that he would need to purchase plan copies of the Square Brook culvert.

Babb stated that there was a letter from the Old Home Week Committee requesting the use of 50 Eaton Road for the storage of their table, tents etc. until the Roller Shed is available in another year. Boyle felt there was ample space on the second floor of the

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town hall for the tables. This did not, however, address the other items they need to store. Babb made a motion to allow use of space at 50 Eaton Road, seconded by Day; Boyle voted against. Elliott thanked the board.

Next was the review of the readoption of the Investment Policy. This has to be done annually and was not done in 2015. No changes have been made to the policy. Babb made a motion to readopt, Day seconded, so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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