

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 1, 2016

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Police Chief Josh Shackford, Custodian Mark McKinley; Fire Chief Justin Brooks and resident Lee Allison.

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

Marge Amico, Jean Marshall and Mark McConkey met with the board to review and update the board of the Pequawket Trail Bike Path. There was background given by both Amico and McConkey. Currently they are still soliciting donations which will cover the cost of the survey which is slated to begin August 22, 2016. The bikepath is to be open project ready when NHDOT selects who will be awarded a grant.

Amico did attend a workshop hosted by the NHDOT which was very beneficial. Currently she is trying to find a 20% grant which would be the town's share of the DOT grant. The 20% will be voted on at Town Meeting if no other grant is awarded. McConkey stated that this project could fail if these monies were not raised. Applications must be submitted by September 2, 2016 and the bikepath committee is looking for a minimum of \$400,000.00.

McConkey spoke in favor of this bikepath; he had worked on the Ossipee Lake Road Bikepath and knew the benefits of providing one.

Babb accepted comments from abutters Pete & Cathy Nerndon who live on Pequawket Trail. They have concerns about property being taken. McConkey explained that the survey will map out the right of ways for abutting land. It was also noted that a letter of intent will go out to all abutters upon completion of the survey.

There was more discussion on the right of way and Brooks stated that it was 50 feet. Surveys had been done on both sides of the road and pins set as property corners back from the road so that makes the road right of way to that surveyed line. He only knew of one problem area by Clark's Drive for any land taking.

McConkey also stated that if there is a problem at all there would be no penalty if the application was withdrawn.

Babb asked for public comment and McConkey as State Representative just wanted to touch base on any other issues or concerns.

Department updates were given. Chief Shackford gave a brief overview of calls for the week; the department had been very busy.

Chief Brooks had a sample of a house number sign that the association was selling for cost. There had been ongoing issues with finding houses in an emergency. Brooks asked

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if this could be advertised on the town's website. Board agreed. Brooks also reviewed the recent repairs of \$14,000 on the compactors at the Transfer Station. There is only \$20,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund and wanted to wait until closer to the end of the year to see how much of those monies to transfer out.

The Road Agent gave an update on the work on the Ossipee Lake Road. He would like to close a portion of the road to thru traffic from August 11th to 24th in preparation of the box culvert to be set on the 22nd at Square Brook. Both the Police and Fire Chief had no objections. The board agreed to allow the road closure. Shim will start on Thursday and the overlay will be done mid September.

McKinley reported that the septic tank at town hall had been pumped. Hoping to hear soon on the roller shed grant. The Town Office has had the fire alarm tested. New monitors will need to be replaced next year and we will have to budget accordingly.

Selectman Day read aloud a letter of appreciation to Boyle for his role in running the fishing derby for many years.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:52pm under RSA 91-A:3 (c). Returned to open session at 7:57pm. Babb made a motion that the LaScola properties needed to be on the market for sale by September 5th and they would forgo any action until November 1st; Day seconded, so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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