

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 22, 2016**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Police Chief Josh Shackford, Fire Chief Justin Brooks and residents Paul Elie and Bill Elliott.

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

Babb asked for public comment and several in the audience would be heard as other items later in the meeting.

Bill Elliott did question the yellow line that was discussed to be painted on Pequawket Trail and was it going to be done. Babb indicated that it will be done when the other roads are stripped.

Next were department head updates and Custodian Mark McKinley reported that the carpet at the Town Office was cleaned and he had washed and buffed the tile at Town Hall.

Chief Shackford did not get a call log from the Sheriff's office; however, they continue to be very busy. They have been down 2 cruisers still and they were to get one back on Tuesday.

Hatch passed along a report about the maple tree at Town Hall that has gotten talker and branches are now laying on the roof, McKinley to look into this.

Road fuel and heating oil will be put out to bid with bids due and opened September 12th.

Peg Scully of the Heritage Commission reported that the Moose Plate Grant for the refurbishing of the Roller Shed had been awarded for \$10,000.00. There were several documents that needed signing; one needed to be done with the Town Clerk who was not available. Babb made a motion to accept the grant agreement voted on at Town Meeting, Day seconded, so voted. The agreement will be signed Wednesday at 10:30am when the Town Clerk is available. Peg was thanked for all her hard work on obtaining this grant.

Marge Amico, Jean Marshall and Mark McConkey were in regarding a letter of support from the Selectmen on the Pequawket Trail bike path. One had been drafted, however, Babb wanted to redo and would email it to the office to be signed on Wednesday by the other two Selectmen.

Babb started to make a motion for a non public with the Police Chief; the Chief asked that this remain public. After discussion and the Chief assuring the board that the officer involved did want the complaint against him heard in public. Babb explained that a complaint had been received against Officer Jon Evans for his conduct at a call which involved a civil dispute. Shackford gave the history of the dispute that had been ongoing

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for about a year and there was a heated exchange between Evans and the landowner who had filed the complaint. The Chief was aware of the situation on only from his officer but it had been discussed all over town by the complainant. Babb wrapped it up letting the Chief know that they had gotten the complaint and had now passed it along to the Chief.

Jean Marshall wanted to share with the board that she had walked down to the Square Brook project and was very impressed with the work the highway department was doing.

There was a brief nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 (c) from 7:30pm until 7:35pm with the Town Administrator.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:40pm under RSA 91-A-3: (a) with the Fire Chief.

Returned to open session at 7:50pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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