

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 29, 2016**

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

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

The board met with Moderator Don Johnson to review the upcoming elections in September and November. He also reviewed a new law change which allows for inspectors. Each party is allowed three; the Democrat Party is the only one who has filed the proper paperwork. He also stated that Charles Bojus would be the assistant moderator at the September election as Chuck Brooks would be shadowing him as he will be the moderator pro tem for the November elections.

It was asked that Mark McKinley be contacted to setup town hall for elections. Boyle questioned if there was a map layout of the town hall. Johnson said there is nothing as of now.

The board agreed by majority vote to hold the 2017 deliberative portion of Town Meeting on Saturday March 18, 2017 at 1pm at Town Hall.

Babb asked for public comment Dave Cribbie along with Scott Brooks Jr. of G.W. Brooks & Son were in regarding the new road built in Robin Hood. Cribbie was asking for help to dispel rumors around town that the road was not meeting the specifications. Day did state that one board had concerns about the road grade. Cribbie stated that he had all the sign offs from the engineers and everything was build to approved plans and specifications.

Babb next spoke not as a Selectmen but as an employee of Robin Hood; he said that no payments were made to Brooks until all reports and inspections required where received. Babb stated that there was still the wearing coarse to go and that would then bring the road up to the appropriate grade.

Conservation Commission Chair/Planning Board member Paul Elie gave an update on the proposed expansion to the Westward Shores Campground in Ossipee. He will be attending the Ossipee Planning Board meetings and monitoring the situation as this expansion has potential for a huge impact on the lake. The next meeting is on September 6th.

Chief Brooks reported that the call volume is still up. The upcoming weekend being the holiday the Transfer Station will be open Monday, closed Tuesday and the winter hours will start on Saturday September 10th.

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Chief Shackford gave his department update which included motor vehicle stops, thefts and disturbances. One disturbance complaint was on Rice Hill where it was determined that tannerite was being used. Shackford reported that he has been experiencing computer issues and has been advised that the department should now have a server, he will look to include in next year's budget. Still have cruiser repair issues.

The Road Agent also gave his department's update. They have been trying to grade roads. The Ossipee Lake Road opened last Friday and he gave the update on that culvert replacement. He stated that area would be paved then guardrails would be placed and hoped to have complete by the beginning to middle of October.

The board next reviewed the proposed Assessing Contract from R.B. Wood & Associates for 2017 thru 2021. The board asked Shackford, who is a Madison Selectmen, what their cost was and who did their work. He stated that they use Avitar. The board agreed to have Hatch contact them for a price.

Babb made a motion at 7:50pm to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 (C); returned to open session at 7:56pm.

The board agreed to wait a few weeks before taking any action on property owned by the Zins.

Hatch presented just two veteran's exemptions that had not sent back their qualifying letters as required as part of the Town Certification. The assessor had indicated that the Selectmen could vote to still allow the exemptions if they know they still live and town. Babb made a motion to continue the exemption for Steven Ward; seconded by Day so voted. Day made a motion to continue the exemption for Lisa MacLeod, Boyle seconded, so voted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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