

Board of Selectmen
Town of Freedom, NH 03836
November 21, 2016

Members Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day Jr.

Others Present: Dianne Park-Recording Secretary, Josh Shackford-Police Chief, Justin Brooks-Fire Chief, Robert Cunio-Fire Fighter, Anne Cunningham-Planning Board Chair, Paul Elie-Conservation Commission Chair, Glenn Davis-Owner Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Members of the Public-Michael Gaudette, Sylvia Carney, Bill Elliott

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Lakes Region Fire Apparatus

The board met with Glenn Davis, Owner Lakes Region Fire Apparatus and Justin Brooks, Fire Chief along with Rob Cunio, Freedom Fire Fighter on Fire Engine #7. Glenn passed out a Fact Sheet for Engine 7 and reviewed all pages. The feeling of the Fire Department and Glenn was that engine 7 should be considered for replacement. Neal asked what would be done with engine 7 if it was replaced and Glenn said it would be given to a broker for sale but the sale depended on the market at the time of sale. All problems with the engine must be disclosed at the time of sale. The parts could be marketed separately. Neal then asked for a high/low cost of resale value. Glenn gave a guess of a low value of \$15,000.00 and a high value of \$20,000.00. Also brought up was the current insurance rating of engine 7 being 9 and 10 being non-insurable. Ernie felt the safety of the fire fighters and the public should be the first thought with the taxpayers being the second. Rob explained the process of looking at all options for a new truck and have come to a decision of only 4 options above a bare bones truck. Glenn explained the ballpark figure for a new truck would be \$465,000.00 further explaining the website HDACBUY.ORG to research new trucks.

Planning Board 2017 Budget

Anne Cunningham-Chairman Freedom Planning Board stepped forward and explained the 2017 budget request. The Planning Board would like to encumber \$2,850.89 into 2017 and is asking for the same budget as last year.

Department Head Updates

Police Department-Josh Shackford, Freedom Police Chief

Josh explained the incident of 2 pit bulls attacking a dog and owner with serious injuries. At the owners request the pit bulls were put down. The owners of the pit bulls were summons a year ago for the dogs biting a jogger. Other police calls:

House checks, medical assistance calls, citizen assistance calls, girl fell off horse, sex registry, department assistance, welfare checks, and domestic assaults. Under Domestic Assaults, Josh related an incident of a citizen being transported to the hospital and the police cruiser getting into an accident on the way there.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.

Conservation Commission 2017 Budget

Paul Elie-Chairman Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) stepped forward and explained the 2017 budget request. Paul passed out a budget projection for 2016/2017. They are requesting level funding for 2017 with figures moving to different headings along with a request to encumber \$350.00 to be moved from Operating Supplies to Mailing. Also the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) is asking that \$2,500.00 be encumbered into 2017.

Westward Shores Campground

Anne Cunningham and Paul Elie came forward with an update. They passed out a Fundraising Appeal Process Sheet and stated to date they have raised \$8,600.00. Les explained he has been in touch with town attorney, John Rattigan who was filing a Cease & Desist motion today for Westward Shores. All selectmen agreed that clean water is important to Freedom.

Roller Shed Update

Mike Gaudette explained that wood is being delivered tomorrow (11/22/16). Tar paper was harder to remove than originally thought. He started shoring up the inside walls. The roofers would be coming early next week. Mid-December is still the completion date.

Meeting ended at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Park
Recording Secretary

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