

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, January 9, 2017**

Present: Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm. and Libby Priebe.

Meeting called to order at 6:17pm and Day made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 6:24pm.

The following were present for the remainder of the meeting, Chairman Babb; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Bill Elliott and Laura Robinson.

There was no public comment and Chief Shackford gave his department update for the prior week.

Chief Brooks reported that he had received the final quote on the proposed fire truck for \$425,000.00. A meeting was set with the Selectmen, Brooks and Rob Cunio to review specifications and quotes in preparation for an article for Town Meeting. This will be a 1pm on Thursday at the Public Safety Building.

The board next reviewed the 2016 encumbrances; Babb made a motion to encumber the following Conservation Commission \$350.00; Forester Town Forest \$2,425.00; Town Forest Maintenance \$1,379.00; Roller Shed \$6,360.00. For Fire Department, Dry Hydrant \$1,000.00; Seagraves Repair \$1,000.00; Transfer Station Engineering \$1,555.00; Highway Department Sander Purchase \$12,123.00; culverts/drainage \$15,262.00, for a total of \$13,262.00, seconded by Day, so voted. Brooks did ask that they encumber from the Forest Fire Equipment the purchase of mop up kits for \$2,000.00. Babb made a motion to encumber the \$2,000.00, Day seconded, so voted.

Babb made a motion to re encumber the following - Planning Board Master Plan \$2,851.00; Town Forest Stewardship Plan update \$4,875.00; Town Forest Maintenance \$486.00; Danforth Bay Bridge \$11,809.00; Kidder Drive cistern \$11,809.00 for a total of \$20,021.00; Day seconded, Boyle stated that he was against the cistern. There was a discussion with the Fire Chief and Brooks stated that he would prefer a standpipe in Round Pond but need to study the depth prior to saying no to the cistern. It was discussed to add \$20,000.00 to the dry hydrant line in the fire budget. Babb changed his motion to re encumber the list again without the cistern, Day seconded, so voted.

The board agreed to meet Monday, which is a holiday, at 8:30am for a budget workshop, there will be no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

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Leslie R. Babb

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Neal E. Boyle

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