

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, May 15, 2017

Present: Leslie R. Babb Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Scott Brooks Road Agent; Daymond Steer and residents Sylvia Carney, John Quigley and Bill Elliott.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed. Babb made a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2017 as presented, seconded by Day so voted.

Steer asked what the board had decided regarding Westward Shores after the denial for a rehearing last week. Babb gave a brief synopsis of his option (not the board's) of what he had taken away from that meeting. He stated that negotiations are now in progress and the Board will discuss in non public later in the meeting.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott thanked the board for the meeting last week with Mark McConkey and other state officials. He did inquire if the Route 25 end of Loon Lake Road could be posted as "not a thru way". The town keeps the road in great shape and thought it would help with those using it as a shortcut by Maine residents to access Route 153. Chief Shackford stated that we can't pick and chose who uses roads so nothing could ever be enforced.

Shackford gave his department update, which included the motor vehicle accidents, welfare checks, domestic calls etc.

C. Brooks reported that the Transfer Station is now on the summer hour schedule, this started at the beginning of May. He reported that there was no money in metal recycling but would start having it removed. The executed sales agreement for the new truck had been returned from the company and given to Hatch. The date of the agreement was April 17th so the timeline for completion would be January. Brooks also reported that the fishing derby was a success with approximately 30 kids participating.

S. Brooks gave his update which included road ditching and preparing for dust control which will start Friday.

Hatch reported of upcoming seminars that she and others would be attending over the next several weeks.

The engineer Jason Ross for the Danforth Baby Bridge replacement had sent in a report of his meeting with the abutter that had not signed off on the project which was holding it up. There were several items listed regarding his driveway and right of way. After a brief discussion, Babb made a motion to approve the engineering work to move the bridge project forward; Day seconded, so voted.

Babb made a motion to enter non public at 7:16pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Returned to open session at 7:40pm; Steer and Elliott rejoined the meeting. Babb reported that there would be no change to the course of action at this time; will be consulting with town council and would be readdressed at their next meeting.

Babb made a motion to reenter non public at 7:48pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Returned to open session at 8pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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