

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 10, 2017

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle Selectmen; (Day was absent) Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Road Agent Scott Brooks, Fire Chief Justin Brooks; FCC Chair Paul Elie; Roberta MacCarthy, Jean Marshall, Laura Robinson, Mike and Ann Gaudette.

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

Jeff Hayes of the Lakes Regional Planning Commission met with the board to review regional purchase of electricity. He was just asking at this point to collect data from Eversource on our town accounts. These numbers would be combined with the towns that have all ready agreed to look into a regional purchase. Then these numbers would go out to bid to a licensed supplier.

There were questions and concerns regarding the programs that we now have with Eversource and Hayes stated that those would not change. Eversource would still maintain their poles/lines and be responsible for outages.

Once a bid is received then a town could opt in or not at that point. It would be for a contract for no more than 12 month. LRPC would monitor this program and the billing would be directly done through Eversource.

The board agreed to share our account information.

Babb asked for public comment and Ann Gaudette reported that the Village Store was having a fundraiser garden tour. She anticipated increased traffic in and around the village and shared with the Police Chief the locations of the gardens.

Paul Elie asked for an update with Westward Shores. Babb stated that the settlement agreement with Northgate has been filed with the court.

Chief Shackford gave his update of the usual motor vehicle stops and accidents involving deer. They have had several calls into Totem Pole. He did report that August 15th is the decriminalization of marijuana.

Fire Chief reported that both the Transfer Station and Fire/Rescue have been busy. The state fire marshall is investigating a fire which involved a dock, boat and jet skis.

S. Brooks reported that the application renewals for the box culverts for Moulton and Swett Hill Rods were being sent to the state this week and work will begin on the culvert replacement soon.

A letter has been received from the Chairman of the FAC informing the board that the forester had still not submitted for review the update to the Stewardship Plan which was due two years ago. A letter will be mailed to Forester Barry Keith regarding this.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e) at 7:45pm. Meeting returned to open session at 8:00pm.

Babb indicated that he would not be in August 14th and would not be available August 10th through the 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle