

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, July 24, 2017**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle; Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; FCC Chair Paul Elie; Emergency Management Director Kevin Wells and Arlene Knight.

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

Babb asked for public comment and Ron Champagne was inquiring about a policy allowing golf carts on Pequawket Trail. After a brief discussion Babb recommended that he be put on a future agenda for a formal review of the complaint.

Elie indicated that there were unpaid legal fees that were more than the funds in the Ossipee Lake Protection Fund. Babb stated that this would be discussed later in the meeting. Elie also reported that they have a potential full member for the Conservation Commission but are still looking for an alternate.

Shackford reported that there had been a rollover on Route 25 they had covered; there had been a theft of the contractor's tools who had been working at the School. He believes he has a viable lead. Shackford also attended training in regards to firearms and the constitution carry; the department now has to follow federal guidelines because of the state law change. Shackford also stated that he would be hiring a part time patrol officer as Officer Evans would be retiring. He would like to keep it local if possible and if anyone knew of someone interested to let him know.

Brooks reported that the Fire/Rescue has been very busy round the clock with both medical calls and fires. The transfer station is busy as usual for the time of year.

Wells is looking for approval from the board for a \$91,000 federal grant. This is Assistance to Firefighter Grant which has a match of \$4,566.00. These monies would be used to replace 10 MSA airpaks which are now 13 years old with 14 new units with newer technology. Babb was concerned with the conditions of the grant. Wells indicated that he had reviewed the grant and we are required to have the units mounted. Babb made a motion to approve the acceptance of the grant; seconded by Day, so voted. Babb did ask that Wells reaffirm the conditions.

Babb had put on the agenda the scene lighting and the difficulty it was seeing those that were directing traffic. Babb asked the Fire Chief if the department could get light stop/slow signs. Brooks reported that the assistant chief was looking into pricing. The department is also considering better reflective gear to wear on accident scenes.

A letter had been received from Kurt Therrien of 505 Huckins Road and in attendance were his neighbors at 507 Huckins Road, Rick and Regan Beaudet. There are issues with drainage in that area which washes out the base of their driveways. The board agreed

that a culvert should be installed to redirect the water. Day will speak with the road agent regarding the issue.

Babb also spoke to the proposed rule change for submittal of Zoning Applications. He gave the history of why there should now be a deadline of when the applications should be reviewed by the zoning officer for review. Hatch indicated that the Adm. Assistant had spoken with Lakes Region Planning Commission on this and there may be additional changes to other documents. Babb said he would contact LRPC and then the Legal Government Center regarding this.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e & c) at 7:28pm.

The board returned to open session at 7:50pm. Day made a motion to hire CPA Greg Colby per his professional services agreement; Boyle seconded, so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

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Leslie R. Babb

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Neal E. Boyle

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.