

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 7, 2017**

Present: Leslie R. Babb Neal E. Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Police Officer Joe Duchesne ; Scott Brooks Road Agent; FCC Chairman Paul Elie, and residents Bill Elliott and Frank Lalumiere.

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

A response had been received the NH Department of Transportation regarding the hearing on the speeding within the village. They had addressed several points with signage at different intersections approaching the village. They did indicate that they would allow the town to install radar feed back signs and gave suggestions and recommendation to get approval from the Bureau of Traffic.

Elliott had information on one of these signs and the location of this was discussed. All present were in favor of having this sign with the exception of Boyle who felt there were too many signs already. The unit will be installed east of Scarboro Road. Elliott to get pricing and there was a brief discussion on where these funds would come from to purchase.

Additional Highway Block Funding had been received for road projects. SB 38 allowed the distribution of these funds for towns to expend on projects not included in our 2017 budget. The road agent will present the project he would like to have funded with these monies. This will be discussed on August 21st and a public hearing scheduled.

Babb asked for public comment and Elie requested an update on the Westward Shores lawsuit. Babb stated that the judge had approved the settlement with Northgate. Ossipee did not sign the document. However, the two Select boards did meet and things are moving forward in a positive direction to see that all FEMA and elements of all approvals are met. Babb personally is very confident that they will see that this is done and the old portion of the campground is to be brought up to FEMA code as well.

Frank Lalumiere introduced himself as a new full time resident willing to participate in town affairs. He will be attending future Selectmen's meetings.

Boyle wanted to officially thank Day for making the contact to get the tree limbs removed that was on the wires at the Church.

Officer Duchene in the Chief's absence gave a brief update of the department. He indicated that they have been monitoring the village for speeders and will continue to do so.

Chief Brooks stated that the activity at the Transfer Station has leveled off. The Fire-Rescue continues to be busy and he reported that he had trouble getting Eversource in

during Wednesday's storm that had Route 25 closed down. Trucks will be pumped tested and get their state inspections.

The Road Agent reported that the roads made out well during the storm; Scarborough Road was the only one with damage and that was minimal. He stated that two of the crew have severe poison ivy and are unable to work. The plant is out of control and he has contacted several tree companies about spraying, they being unable to do so, Brooks will be spraying from the town's obligation on Moulton Road to the top of Swett Hill.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:39pm. The board returned to open session at 8:20pm.

Several emails had been received from Paul Elie one being who was coordinating the meeting with DRED et al. Babb stated the FCC. Elie also recommended that Fish and Game along with the forester should be present which the board agreed.

There had also been a request for the appointment of Barbara McEvoy to complete Greg Bossart's vacated term. There was a brief discussion about board diversity. Day made a motion not to appoint McEvoy, Boyle seconded, so voted. All should continue to pursue candidates.

Babb made a motion to approval minutes from June 31, 2017, Day seconded, so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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