

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 21, 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; FCC Chairman Paul Elie; along with approximately 8 general public members.

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

Scott Brooks Road Agent reviewed with the board projects that might be used with the additional Highway Block Grant funding. These projects include paving in Ossipee Lake Village; possible upgrade to the village sidewalks and the balance towards the matching funds for the Danforth Bay Bridge replacement. The Board agreed with the suggestions, however, there was some question as to if the monies could be used towards the bridge. Brooks to check with the state on this and then a public hearing will be scheduled.

Babb asked for public comment and Chairman Elie stated that the Conservation Commission is limited with up to 7 members and 2 alternates; could they assign volunteers or advisors to a subcommittee. Babb was not sure and would get back to him.

Anne Cunningham was in regarding Westward Shores Campground and wanted to update the donors of the Ossipee Lake Protection Fund. She presented a draft letter that she asked the board to review. Babb did state that he would like to add that the whole campground will be brought into compliance. This came from a meeting with the Selectmen of Ossipee. Cunningham will revise and send out to the board for final approval.

There was a concern of the soil testing. Babb gave his opinion of the meeting with Ossipee and the positive outcome and feels that Ossipee and the state will monitor the project to meet all requirements.

Cunningham reported that the Planning Board Master Plan meeting on Sunday was well attended with approximately 72 in attendance.

Officer Jon Evans spoke of the speeding in the community and the monitoring that was still being done by the Police Dept. He wanted to remind citizens that anyone was welcome to sit in the cruiser and run radar with them. What he did state was a concern about was those that are out walking and they encounter an alleged speeder, that they not yell at them as this could escalate the situation in a negative way.

There was a brief discussion on the radar sign; Chief Shackford stated that it would cost \$2,500 not installed. The Board will have to look to see where in the budget this can be paid from.

Justin Brooks reported that winter hours starting this year will begin with the first Saturday in September. The Mack fire truck is out of service with electrical issues; the call volume of the Fire/Rescue is staying the same.

Scott Brooks reported they were still replacing culverts on Moulton-Sweet Hill Roads. He is still waiting for state approval for the box culverts. Grading will also be done this week.

Chief Shackford gave his department update which included the usual calls along with a theft at Cody and a new email scam. Shackford then introduced Mark Ciarfella who works part time with both the Towns of Madison and Effingham. Shackford would like to hire him as a part time officer; the Selectmen agreed to hire him.

Hatch asked about the regional electric being researched by Lakes Region Planning Commission and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Babb wanted to speak with Eversource as he doesn't want there to be a change of relationship with them during storm events. Document was not signed.

Elie stated that the most have responded to the meeting with FCC, FAC, DRED et al would the Selectmen prefer day or evening, board agreed either was fine.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:36pm. Returned to open session at 8:10pm.

A request for appointment form had been received from Frank Lalumiere who was interested on serving on the Conservation Commission. Day also reported that John (J.P.) McVitty was interested in serving as well. After review and discussion of both candidates Day made a motion to appoint J.P. McVitty as a member to the Conservation Commission to fill the remaining term of Kyle Johnson; Babb seconded; Boyle no as he did not know McVitty. Day then made a motion to appoint Frank Lalumiere as an alternate member to fill the remaining term of Greg Bossart; Babb seconded, so voted.

Babb made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2017, Day seconded, so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.