

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, December 4, 2017**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Neal E. Boyle Selectmen (Ernest Day, Jr. absent); Police Chief Josh Shackford; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; and Larry Claveau.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed. At Day's request Hatch inquired why the Tax Collector and Town Clerk were not on the list of employees getting performance rewards. They are elected officials and have not received them prior.

There was a brief discussion with the road agent regarding two abutters that have not responded with an easement agreement so that these can be passed on for the culvert replacement application renewal. Brooks to contact the engineer about possible apron revision.

Scrub Oak Scramblers had sent in their renewal request asking permission to cross town roads. Babb questioned Brooks about Young's Hill Road and stated that only an issue on the Corson Hill ditch compacting and that has to be fixed from time to time but no real issues overall. Boyle asked that this be an agenda item; it will be placed on next week's agenda.

Being no public comment Department Head updates began with Chief Shackford reporting of several deer vs vehicle accidents, alarms being activated, medical calls etc. Camp Calumet had donated tote bags to the P.D. with stuff animals and things.

Shackford also reviewed pricing for radar units with and without software. He also reviewed the repair of the existing trailer we have, he will get a price and look to encumber those monies.

Brooks reported that the winter sand and salt are all piled up. The oil spill damage is almost complete.

Hatch asked if the office could close early on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> for Albert Godfrey's funeral. The board agreed and would like posted immediately.

Conservation Commission Chairman John Roman was in for the budget review. He reported that the Forest Advisory Committee will not be asking for an article this year but will want to encumber any remaining monies. He also reviewed the general FCC budget which is going down a bit.

Brooks then stated that there would be no changes to his budget with the exception of increasing the repaving on town roads up to \$75,000 and the crack and seal up to \$17,000. This is due to increased pricing of materials. He is working to get the invoicing

on the crack/seal that was not done and the gravel crushing so that these monies can be encumbered.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:38pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) returned to open session at 7:48pm.

Janice Zecher approached the board to ask permission for the town seal to be embroidered on the inside of her father's coffin. The funeral director would need written permission from the board in order to do this. Babb made a motion for the use of the town seal for anything requested or desired for Albert Godfrey, Boyle seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Leslie R. Babb

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Neal E. Boyle