

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, May 7, 2018

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Assistant Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Joyce Watson

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Day made a motion for the Chairman Babb to sign the Lake Host grant paperwork, Fall seconded.

Chuck Brooks, Library Trustee Chairman met with the board and asked that Maureen Elliott be considered for appointment as a Library Trustee alternate. Babb stated that they had appointed her last week. He thanked the board.

Joyce Fall a director of Lakeview Cemetery Association met with the board. She thanked the board for supporting the warrant article and Fall for speaking at Town Meeting in favor of it. She informed the board that the directors were still moving forward with their annual fundraising. She also inquired about the agreement that the cemetery has with the town regarding providing a burial place if needed as the town currently has no open cemetery of their own. She was not sure if a verbal agreement was fine or if there should be something in writing. It was discussed and Fall, as a Cemetery Trustee, will work with her on getting something in writing.

Babb asked for public comment and Watson not being at town meeting was asking about the funding of the Fire Chief position. Babb explained that it was the monies from the warrant article, the part time chief and duty crew budget lines that would be used towards the chief's salary.

Chief Shackford gave his department update which included two burglaries, vehicle stops, vin verifications and alarms.

Chief Cunio reported assisting West Ossipee with a woods fire. A few medical calls were received. Fire hose was tested and nothing failed and he is still waiting for a quote from Rowe. Babb made a motion that if Rowe's quote is less than the others received, then move forward with repairs; seconded by Fall, voted yes unanimously.

J. Brooks stated that the Transfer Station was now on their summer schedule. Activity has picked up with summer residents back and with yard clean up.

S. Brooks reported that the body has been mounted and painted on the new truck. They will be finishing up the street sweeping and next week start with ditch cleaning.

Hatch stated that Janice the Adm. Assistant would be on vacation June 7th thru the 14th. The auditors will be here the last week of June to bring the 2017 audit.

Hatch also asked about an email from the acting Chairman of the Conservation Commission stating that they would like to have the two current alternates appointed as full members. The Selectmen had two weeks prior made an appointment to one of the vacant seats. Hatch to contact the Chairman for her and the commission make a recommendation of just one.

The Red Cross had emailed a request for their annual appropriation. Because there had been no request received for this year's town meeting, the board agreed that they would not be funding their request.

There was also a discussion on a deed that had been forwarded from the Tax Collector. This was a warranty deed from one family member to another. How did this impact the town liens in place prior to this deed transfer? Hatch to contact town council.

Next was the public hearing for a barn preservation easement on Map 51 Lot 8. This is the property of Kate Darlington on Elm Street. There was a short discussion regarding what this is. Fall made a motion to accept the application, Babb seconded, voted yes unanimously. Application and Easement Deed were signed.

Building Custodian Mark McKinley came in and asked the board about the bulbs that needed to be changed at the public safety building. Due to the cost involved with the changeover to LED he is asking to hold off for another 5 years and go with the regular bulbs. He explained that he had not budgeted for this expense that would include renting a lift. The board agreed to hold off on the changeover.

There was a brief discussion about changing over the town buildings through the Eversource program. Babb will send email to Eversource.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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