

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, April 30, 2018

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

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

Babb made a motion to appoint Maureen Elliott as a Library Trustee Alternate for a 3 year term; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

It was noted that David Straw had been appointed last week to the Conservation Commission with Babb making the motion, Day seconded and voted yes unanimously.

The board also reviewed a request for a change in a property tax payment schedule which they agreed to. Hatch to send new agreement letter.

For the bid opening in attendance was a representative from F.R. Carroll, R&D Paving and Pike Industries.

Babb announced the opening of bids for the Reclaiming Asphalt on Moulton Road:

F.R. Carroll	base bid	\$8,175.96
R & D Paving	base bid	6,918.00
Pike Industries	base bid	8,909.70
All State Asphalt	base bid	8,490.52

The following are bids for the Paving of Moulton Road

F.R. Carroll	base bid	\$156,052.00
R & D Paving	base bid	165,552.58
Pike Industries	base bid	189,475.00

Pike's representative left the meeting.

The bids were turned over to the Road Agent to review and make his recommendation. Babb explained that they would continue with the meeting and revisit the bids in approximately 30 minutes.

Madison Selectman Josh Shackford discussed with the board the proposed logging of the Everett Parker property on the Madison/Freedom town line. He was inquiring about the logger being able to have access within our town forest. Shackford showed on the wall map approximately where the parcel was. He did indicate that this would not be done until late summer. After a discussion which included several concerns with our road; Shackford was instructed to proceed through the proper channels which would be to review with the Forest Advisory Committee and then with the Conservation Commission.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott asked about the radar sign and what were the reasons that it cannot be used on village roads. Shackford explained the blinking lights on the message board. Elliott indicated that he had talked to the manufacturer and they could be shut off; Shackford agreed that it could be installed with those features shut off.

Shackford also went on to explain that he gets just as many complaints on the Ossipee Lake and Bennett Roads. After more discussion Fall suggested and it stay as voted for the summer with the radar trailer being used for village roads. He shared that a letter was going to the Traffic Bureau inquiring about having signs the same as the one on Route 153 near Purity Springs.

Department head updates were next and Shackford reported on a runaway from Freedom House; burglary at Danforth Bay Campground; suspicious activity, and the usual dog and motor vehicle complaints. He also shared that he was made aware of a new scam involving VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owner) house rentals and information being stolen and used to sell vacation weeks on the same house on Craig's list.

Cunio reported that hose testing was scheduled for Friday. He was inquiring about the funds from the town for the fishing derby. \$125.00 was in the budget and he was requesting \$100.00 from the Parks & Rec gift account. Fall made a motion to spend \$100.00 from the gift account; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Cunio also reported that he was still trying to acquire 3 quotes on the repair of the forestry truck. Cunio explained that his ACLS runs out at the end of June and the class is in Tuftonboro on Friday May 11th. The board agreed that he attend.

Brooks gave an update on the new truck and the retrofitting that was being done. It will get the plow June 1st and the sander has been ordered. He also reported that they have painted the plows and are working on other equipment. All road bans are now off.

The Road Agent submitted his recommendations to the Selectmen for the Moulton Road bids opened earlier. Babb made a motion to award the paving bid to F.R. Carroll; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously. Babb then made a motion to award the reclaiming bid to R & D Paving; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

There was a brief review of the personnel policy, information on computers and networking had been received from NH Municipal and will be reviewed.

The board discussed and agreed to have Dave Wells contacted to come in and review his proposal for the IT assessment.

Motion was made and meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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