

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 9, 2018

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Justin Brooks, Transfer Station Manager; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Cindy Fleming, Bill Elliott and Laura Robinson

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

Geraldine Lippincott met with the board first inquiring if the town had a cooling shelter for those who have no means at home. She suggested the school but Babb stated that was not air conditioned. There is nothing other than the lakes in town and Lippincott recommends we look into something.

Her next issue was the need for support in the area for elderly and for caregivers. She is the primary care giver for her husband and shared some of his medical issues along with her work schedule. She stated that she got furious at a recent incident with a town police officer and an EMT ordering her what to do. Babb addressed her concerns explaining that there is currently a committee on aging and is working along with a regional group to address these types of issues. He suggested that contact be made with the welfare officer as she has a wealth of information that might aid in her situation. Babb also stated that the town personnel issues would be discussed later in a non public.

A legal opinion has been received regarding Freedom Shores Road and this will be discussed during a non public.

Babb asked for public comment and Bill Elliott wanted to thank the installation crew for the sign on Ossipee Lake Road.

Chief Shackford gave his department updated. He has been notified that there will be no State Police at Troop E from 2am until 5am going forward. This has happened before in the past. Activity was up due to the holiday with the usual motor vehicle stops, one major accident on Route 153; Loon Lake Town Beach open container violation; reports of shooting and fire works complaints. The fire works were within the posted hours. There were kids with fire works in the town forest and they came back the next day to clean up.

Chief Cunio reported that there were 14 medical calls with one transport. They responded to the motor vehicle accident Shackford mention which had entrapment. He gave an update on vehicle repairs and improvements being made to the newer forest truck.

Brooks reported that one of the compactors was broke. He was looking to get pricing for possible future replacement. Brooks made a recommendation that the town hire a per diem third person to work in the event either he or his attendant are out. As it was he had been out sick and a volunteer had assisted in his absence. After a brief discussion Day made a motion to create a per diem on call position; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously. It was agreed that the volunteer get paid for the hours worked. Brooks will recommend to the board someone to fill the position and the pay rate.

Hatch asked to address several items the first being the appointment of David Straw to be the Conservation Commission's representative to the Forestry Advisory Committee. Babb made a motion to appoint Straw; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

There were two taxpayers with agreements to pay past due taxes; one was denied the reinstatement of their agreement due to missing several payments. The other one will resume monthly payments for 2016 to current as they are positive payments toward their back taxes.

The Tax Collector had given the board a memorandum regarding a pay increase to \$16.00 for the deputy tax collector position. Board agreed to increase.

Cunio asked to speak to the accusations made earlier in the meeting. Both he and the officer had made recommendations to Mrs. Lippincott to help alleviate some of the ongoing issues. Those had not been received well by her.

Last week Cunio had brought concerns to the board regarding ambulance service. He had drawn up his formal complaint. Babb made a recommendation that the complaints be put on Selectmen letter head and be mailed to the ambulance company; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously. A copy of the letter will be sent to the other towns of the contract and a meeting was set for August 13th, 7pm at town hall to review the issues with the company.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e); seconded by Day.

Roll Call Vote:	Leslie Babb	yes
	Ernest Day Jr.	yes
	Alan Fall	yes

The board entered non public session at 7:51pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:12pm.

Babb made a motion for the Town Administrator to craft a letter to Katharine Watts, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Day asked that the oil bids be sent out soon as the contract expires at the end of August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch, Town Administrator

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