

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 6, 2018**

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

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

The board met with the Tax Collector Ann Babb to review agreement accounts and the updated tax deed list.

Hurley who has a unit in Danforth Bay Campground still has 2014 taxes due; 2015 were abated. No action was taken by the Board on this.

Courtney Sampson had paid off her 2015 taxes and was off the deed list.

Panakis was in Monday and made another payment and signed a payment agreement schedule.

Zins had paid and is finally making progress with her back taxes.

Rita Becotte having no agreement Babb made a motion for Totem Pole Park to take; this being Map 01B Lot 55; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Gerald Conway's property is still in probate; no action by the Board.

Jeffrey Cote another unit in Danforth Bay Campground; Babb made a motion not to take, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously. It was stated that there was nothing to take at this time. Fall questioned this and after a brief discussion Fall will call NHMA to see if there is a way in which the town can do something.

Brian Emmett owes under \$20.00 on 2015 taxes and Babb made a motion not to take Map 19 Lot 32, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Nicole Fauteux and Morgan Labonte have a payment agreement schedule as does Panakis.

PB&J Company Map 51 Lot 33; Babb made a motion to take by deed this property at 11 Elm Street, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Susan Stuart Map 16 Lots 9 & 12; Babb made a motion to take by deed these properties located on Cold Brook Road; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Taxpayers have until noon on September 10th to pay 2015 tax balances or a deed will be drafted for the Board to sign that evening.

On Monday August 27th Garrick Steeves has until noon to pay his timber tax or there will be a lien placed on his property Map 14 Lot 16.

Gordon Cormack representing Katharyn Watts met with the board to obtain her building permit. Fall asked if the road had been started and he said it would be next Monday. A plan had been dropped off earlier in the day with right of way revisions. A different plan was presented as there was a tree in the slope that he had not caught before. He asked the board if this slight relocation be okay, which the board agreed to. The Fire Chief and Road Agent reviewed the plan and there was a change needed to the hammerhead 6 it needed to be extended 10 more feet.

Cormack asked about obtaining the building permit and Fall explained that the road construction had to begin and underway before they were signing the permit. Cormack misunderstood and thought he needed the permit prior to starting the road. It was reiterated that a substantial start be made to the road and then they will issue the permit.

The board asked permission for access to the property which Cormack agreed to and offered a tour.

Cormack agreed to make the change and get the road started perhaps even this week and be back next week.

Being no public comment Chief Shackford reported that there had been 7 burglaries and it was 2 juveniles from Danforth Bay Campground. The Chief arrested Charles Thurston of Square Brooks for disorderly conduct. He had to register in and out a federal sex offender. They will be working for quite awhile on a sexual assault case. Shackford also shared a positive letter for a vehicle stop which Officer Mullen handled.

Chief Cunio reported 11 medical aids with 2 transports. To date there had been no heat related incidents. Cunio explained about the repair of the RAD 57 the CO2 detector, which is now functioning properly. Cunio did inquire about the meeting with the ambulance company and if it was to be non public as requested. The board agreed that they wanted him to resolve matters according to the contract and would meet in non public if it was deemed necessary.

Road Agent Brooks reported that they are now working on the second culvert at Moulton Road. He explained that a crane would be here to set the large pieces. Due to the size of the crane and radius etc. there would not be able to keep one lane open to traffic. Brooks requested that the road be closed on Monday August 13th from 9am until 3pm. The board agreed, they asked that a message board be obtained immediately, posted on the website and published in the paper.

Brooks also said that the roads had faired well with the Saturday storm and roads were graded on Sunday. Brooks also explained that Durgin Hill is now down to base gravel and there needed to be a serious discussion about either keep spending \$60,000 annually

on gravel or spend \$60,000 on gravel and paving. There was a lengthy discussion on this. Babb asked to schedule a meeting in October with the Durgin Hill Residents.

Brooks was looking at doing something at least on Swett Hill Road and explained the issues that are happening with the age of that pavement.

J. Brooks stated that he had been questioned about our recycling. There had been something televised about no longer recycling. He reported that our recycling was staying the same; nothing has changed no matter what people are viewing. He did think that perhaps with the next contract we would be paying more for our recyclables.

Hatch reported that logging had started that day on the Stuart property that they just voted to take by tax deed. She will notify the forester of the September 10th date.

There were still open invoices for several of the winter maintained roads. A letter will accompany the inspection reports stating that if these fees are not paid, the road will not have winter maintenance. The board agreed that Hatch no longer try and pursue a liaison with Fox Run Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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