

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, September 10, 2018

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; and Nancy Bossi.

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

Babb made a motion at 7:52pm to adjourn and reconvene the meeting at Town Hall; seconded by Fall, voted yes unanimously.

Meeting was reconvened at 6:57pm at Town Hall.

Present along with the Selectmen and Town Administrator was Police Chief Josh Shackford; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks, Zoning Officer Don Harris; Conservation Commission Chair Paul Elie and approximately 16 members of the public.

Babb noted the next item on the agenda was the violators of the town owned lot on Danforth Pond. Those in violation were present. The Zoning Officer was given the floor to give some background. He stated that his job was not to go in search of violations but if a complaint was made his job is to check into it.

There had been a complaint about 4 boats and several docks on the town owned lot on Danforth Pond. He had sent letters to the violators and suggested that they come as a group to meet with the Selectmen.

Harris went on to say that when property has deeded access to water, it does mean they have access through the lot to the water but no docks; they have to own the land and acquire a permit from Department of Environmental Services. And with boat mooring those are acquired through a division of the state police and again you have to be the property owner or an association.

Dave Maidrand along with wife Nancy was present and he asked to speak to the issue. He explained his history with this property starting in 1975 and the work and maintenance that they have done to the town lot for 20 years before other lot owners began helping. He has always had a boat and dock there and eventually shared his dock with another boat owner.

There was more discussion on the moorings and Fall explained that it was considered a "Great Pond" by statute so is governed by the state for moorings. Babb explained that this is town owned property and that anyone can use it.

Maidrand next stated that he was paying an enhanced property value because of the deeded access; Harris explained that he had spoken with the assessor and those property owners were not receiving a higher assessed value.

Another boat owner Jack Hardiman spoke as well stating that he oversees the security of the beach and keeps the access clear. He also stated that it really is not a beach.

Thomas Blinn one of the boat owners indicated that it would be a hardship to not use that access as he is disabled.

Babb stated that because we were at the end of the boating season, he felt the board should meet with the zoning officer for more review and also do additional legal research. They would meet again on this issue as there was 5-6 months to resolve.

One woman did question the specifics of the complaint and Babb responded that the board had not seen the complaint.

The board next met with John Roberts, contractor for Katharine Watts. He reported that the road base into the fork had been completed; the gravel had not been placed as Eversource will have conduit to run later in the house construction process. He also said that the house lot has been stumped.

He indicated that Selectman Day had been down for a site visit. Day reported that he had inspected the site and sufficient progress has been made and his opinion is that the building permit should be issued. Fall still had reservations because of the requirements agreed upon in the letter of agreement.

Roberts did review the timeline of events with the project to have the road finished by December 20, 2018.

Babb made a motion to issue building permits in accordance with agreement with Katharine Watts, in his opinion the road is substantially complete; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously and the necessary paperwork was signed.

Babb asked for public comment. Elliott and Gale Lee thanked the Police Department for relocating the radar trailer to their neighborhoods.

Chief Cunio reported that in the two week period there had been 10 medical aids, several transports and a small brush fire. The recent storm brought down trees and wires and they were available for that. He is meeting tomorrow with road abutters regarding their access, this being a result of the letters he sent.

J. Brooks stated that it was a light Labor Day weekend. October 3rd is when the winter hours will begin.

Chief Shackford reported the usual activity and that someone had dumped TVsø building debris and other items on land of The Nature Conservancy on Ossipee Lake Road. He and J. Brooks cleared it away.

S. Brooks reported that the paving on Moulton Road is complete, still need to do the shoulders and guardrails. Winter sand is now done; and expects to be grading roads after the rains.

Library Trustees Chuck Brooks and Jayne Britton met with the board requesting \$7,410 from their capital reserve fund. Brooks explained that Eversource had done a lighting assessment and with the current issue of the continued replacement of ballasts they felt this would be a worthy project and would eventually save money. Babb referred to the town's purchasing policy and asked that because of the cost they need to get or solicit three bids. Brooks indicated that they would do that and be back.

The board did a quick review of a possible change to the computer bid by Hatch. After discussion Day made a motion to only purchase the 2 wireless points which will provide better security and internet to the second floor; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

The assessor inquired on a penalty to a unit owner at Danforth Bay Campground. The unit did not meet the standards of the campground and they were to remove it. If this was removed with unpaid taxes they are subject to state law and could be arrested.

The cable contract will be reviewed during the week and voted on next week.

The board signed deed waiver forms addressed to the tax collector for Map 1 Lots 2-01, 2-02; Map 41 Lot 41-02; Map 7 Lots 12-01B thru Lots 12-04B and Map 01B Lot 120.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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