

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, January 7, 2019

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

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

The Road Agent briefed the board of a resident on Durgin Hill voicing their concern of the clearing of roads by the time of the bus route. They begin clearing the roads per the winter roads maintenance policy.

There has also been another breakdown of the 2013 International all wheel drive; it now is operating as a two wheel drive with triple chains. The repair is still warranted.

Joining the meeting was the Committee on Aging 6 Chairman Rick Davidson, Anne Cunningham, Cheryl Harris, Cindy Fleming and Sandy Boyle.

A proposed job description for a Town Senior Coordinator was presented and Davidson reviewed how the committee had come up with this. He stated that the welfare and health officers are totally different positions than this one would be. They are asking if this could be on the town meeting warrant. Day supports the article and Fall had initial concerns which Cunningham explained that the coordinator was not a case worker. Fall and Babb also support the article. Town council will assist with the wording.

Babb asked for public comment, being none the Police Chief have his update. Things were fairly quiet and they have been updating the computer systems.

Chief Cunio reported 4 medical aids and 2 motor vehicle accidents. He has obtained a price for oil spray for rust prevention on the trucks. Out of 7 contacts he was able to get a quote for \$615.00 from NAE for hooking up the compressor.

Cunio gave a progress report on the forestry 2 and asked if monies could be encumbered for that for \$8,600.00 and the compressor and electrician for \$10,155.00. The board will review next week when the last manifest for the year is posted.

J. Brooks reported a couple delayed openings at the Transfer Station due to weather. He is working on a compactor article which will also include electrical work.

S. Brooks reported that the sand and salt levels are at the levels usually seen at the beginning of March. He had received a quote for a sander replacement and asked that they consider this for a warrant article.

Brooks reviewed the entire 2019 highway budget with the board. He also asked that monies from his hot top, sealing and crack seal accounts be encumbered to be put towards a chip seal for 2019.

Also attending the meeting were Karen Hudson, Dave Maidrand and James Pacheco who were present for the discussion of the Danforth Bay Beach lot that is town owned. This was a discussion on how the board wanted to proceed.

Day who stated that because the easement holders did not all come together to propose to purchase the lot that it be sold through a public bid with a minimum bid amount. Fall agreed that it was only fair to put out to sealed bids with a minimum; Babb also agreed.

Babb did propose that this be a warrant article to sell as the town owned this lot prior to the warrant article giving the Selectboard permission to sell properties. The others did not feel this necessary and Fall made a motion to sell by public sealed bids under the authority of the 2011 warrant; Day seconded, Babb respectfully disagreed.

Letters to the right of way holders will be sent the last week of February and it will be posted in the paper. Babb made a motion that there be a \$50,000 minimum bid with a bid opening April 15th, Fall seconded voted yes unanimously.

Next reviewed was proposed logging in the Madison town forest which they would like access through our town forest. All were in agreement to enter into an agreement with Madison including the recommendations from the Forester, FCC and FAC.

Babb inquired if Carol Stansell had contacted Janice for the items wanted for the Supervisors. To date nothing had been received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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