

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

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

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

Board entered non public at 6:10pm. The board reconvened the public session at 6:45pm. Hatch left the meeting when the board entered and rejoined after they had reconvened.

Joining the meeting was Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Rich Gray and Bill Elliott.

Tax Collector Ann Babb met with the board to review all tax payment agreements to determine which were still current. Those that have not paid according to the agreement are now void and will be liened in April.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott did give an update on the cell phone coverage exercise he and Day will be doing in conjunction with Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Chief Shackford gave his department update which included an OHRV accident, scam phone calls, motor vehicle vs bus accident due to icy conditions. They have also recovered two snow machines and a trailer that had been stolen from Mt. View in November.

Chief Cunio report two medical calls with one transport; wires down, chimney issue and assist with the OHRV accident.

J. Brooks stated that it is average mid winter activity at the Transfer Station. He did want to thank S. Brooks and the road crew for sanding the facility when requested.

The Road Agent explained the issues with the fuel pump and that the gas portion of the pump had been disabled in order to keep the diesel running. It should be repaired by the end of the week but he is also getting prices for an update on the software. Brooks also stated that he would be getting prices to replace the all wheel truck that would need to be replaced in 4 years so the board could plan accordingly for payments into the Capital Reserve Fund.

Jim McElroy chairman of the FAISC was present to review this year's grant application to the state. There is more area to treat with the same grant monies. He also reported that the lake host program is changing to include all three towns this year.

Day made a motion to have the chairman sign the state application for milfoil removal; Fall seconded. Babb signed the necessary papers.

Rick Davidson the Chairman of the Committee on Aging had forwarded a report to be included in the town report and another for the website. The board agreed to both.

Day inquired about the status of the Danforth Bay Bridge and Brooks stated that DES won't approve the permit without signed approval from the abutting landowners. After a brief discussion Babb made a motion that if the easements were not signed to have this go back to the town attorney, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Treasurer Jayne Britton explained that she was in the process of setting up a new bank account to be used in conjunction with the Trustees of the Trust Funds so that those monies did not directly funnel through the town operating account. She will get more information and meet with the board again.

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

The board entered non public session at 8:00pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:12pm. Motion was made by Babb, seconded by Fall and agreed by Day to increase the Police Salaries as follows: Chief Shackford \$80,000.00; Sergeant Tyler \$72,000; part time officers \$24.00 per hour. Increase the part time budget line by \$2,000.00.

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

The board entered non public session at 8:16pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:30pm. Babb made a motion to increase Chief Cunio's salary to \$65,000.00; seconded by Day, voted yes unanimously.

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

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

The board entered non public session at 8:32pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:39pm. Fall made a motion to increase Justin Brooksø salary to \$45,000.00 per year and increase George Stone to \$16.00 per hour, seconded by Day, voted yes unanimously.

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

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

The board entered non public session at 8:42pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:53pm. Motion by Babb, seconded by Day and agreed by Fall to increase the highway crew as follows: No increase for the road agent; Glenn Mason \$25,00; Jim MacDonald \$21.00; Lance Bolduc \$20.70; Harland MacDonald \$14.00. This will be a budget increase of \$11,000.00

Day made a motion that all raises be retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>; seconded by Fall, voted yes unanimously.

The board discussed the budget results impact.

Fall had looked into fire proof safes; a 43 cu.ft. safe weights 1600 lbs and costs \$6,000; three manufacturing options were reviewed.

Discussed building article, Day made a motion to wait one year; Fall seconded. Babb abstained.

Day brought up imposing a deadline for the stewardship plan and the board agreed to a deadline of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Hatch  
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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Alan G. Fall