

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, March 18, 2019

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

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

Babb started the meeting by commenting on how well town meeting went this year and thanked both Fall and Day.

Fall made a motion to appoint Ossipee Lake Marina as the boat agent to collect permit fees for 2019; Babb seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Next was the election of officers and Day nominated Babb as Chairman, Fall seconded and Babb accepted.

Library Trustee Chuck Brooks met with the board and reviewed this year's appropriation and the reported \$4,000 error in the budget. This in fact was not an error but a line in the budget that had been doubled budgeted. Laura Robinson's the prior treasurer's numbers were fine and he regrets not speaking with her sooner about the numbers. He has spoken with Terry Knowles at the state for a course of action. After some discussion the trustees will be asking for \$4,000 less than appropriated at town meeting. C. Brooks especially wants to apologize to Laura personally for their oversight in this matter and the board of trustees extends their apologies as well.

Babb asked for public comment and Elliott remarked on how well the board did at town meeting.

Chief Shackford gave his update which included many of the same calls, car vs deer, stray dog, welfare check etc. There were also calls about the road postings and a parking complaint in the village. He had heard that there was a rumor going around about the PD not working weekends which is untrue, he was a bit frustrated with that.

Chief Cunio gave his update that included 4 medical calls 1 transport; 1 fire alarm and 2 mutual aid structural fires. He reported that there is an unhappy resident regarding the cost of the ambulance. Cunio tried to explain and he was not sure if the individual will contact the office.

At the board's request Cunio had spoken with dispatch and Pope alarm inquiring about the alarms here at the office. If there is an actual alarm it does go to dispatch and then to the Fire Dept. If it is a trouble alarm which we have experienced then the call goes to the caretaker list which is Cunio first; McKinley second and Hatch third. The board wants the units replaced that are sending the trouble alarms, Cunio will coordinate with McKinley on this.

J. Brooks currently the Forest Fire Warden would like to go back to being the Deputy Warden and have the Chief the Warden. There is an annual meeting Friday with the State warden and there will be paperwork for the Selectmen to sign for the reassignment.

At the transfer station the demo is picking up. He has spoke with Atlantic Waste and ordered the new compactor. It is expected in early May and he may have to delay the beginning of summer hours by a few days as it gets installed.

Hatch had asked about the town hall sewer expenses coming out of capital reserve; they want to wait to see what the expenses will be going forward before making a decision.

There is a meeting with Action Ambulance next week; they want to introduce themselves and be put on the bid list when our current contract is up. Hatch was asked to email all regional towns in the current contract and invite them to this meeting.

Babb did a quick review of the members up for appointment to the various boards and there was a request for a husband/wife to be alternates on the Heritage Commission. Not sure if this is legal Day will inquire and report back to the board next week.

Babb asked both Matt Tyler and Justin Brooks if they would be interested in serving on the Conservation Commission. They agreed.

The following appointments and reappointments were made and letters signed.

Babb made a motion to appoint Sarah Tabor, Justin Brooks and Matt Tyler to three year terms on the Conservation Commission; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously. Brooks and Tyler letters of appointment will be signed next week.

Day made a motion to appoint to the Forest Advisory Committee John Roman to a 3 year term and Ron Newbury as an alternate for a 3 year term, seconded by Fall, voted yes unanimously.

Fall made a motion to appoint to the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee William Elliott and Gerard Costantino for 3 year terms, Babb seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to appoint to the Heritage Commission for 3 year terms, Gale Morris, Sue Hoople, William Carney and Mark McKinley as an alternate; Fall seconded voted yes unanimously.

Fall made a motion to appoint to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 year terms Karl Ogren and Jacob Stephens; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously. Fall made a motion to appoint Dennis Anderson as an alternate for a 3 year term, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Fall next gave an update on the Danforth Bay Bridge. He reported that he had heard back from the engineer at HE Bergeron Engineers that the state funding was secure until June 30, 2020.

Two timeline schedules had been received from the engineer; the one more realistic was to bid the project this fall with construction next summer. Fall had taken the liberty of asking HEB to move forward to expedite the wetlands application. Delivery will be tomorrow and Fall will take it to the FCC for signatures.

Babb made a motion to further authorize Fall to move forward representing the Board with the Danforth Bay Bridge project; Day seconded, so voted.

Hatch asked about the possibility of construction his summer and Fall stated that realistically not to expect it this summer.

The board did a quick review of the approved warrant articles and the representatives to the various boards. Fall will stay on the Heritage Commission; Day on FAC and Babb will do Planning Board with the exception of July and August and Day will fill in.

A non public was on the agenda and Chief Shackford asked that this be made public; all agreed. An anonymous complaint had been received about a SUV cruiser dropping a student at school in Effingham. Shackford explained that Tyler had asked permission to do this at the beginning of the year. He encouraged this so that a police presence would be seen at the school. Tyler explained why he had asked and felt that perhaps the complaint was personal against him. After a lengthy discussion Babb stated that in trying to remain a small town he feels that Tyler can sign off for a few minutes then sign back on after the child is at school; he thinks it is a good thing. Although at first Fall had reservations about liability he did agree with Babb. Day was against this because of the liability and he does not believe personal business should be done with a town vehicle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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