

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, March 25, 2019

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Scott Brooks, Road Agent and Bill Elliott.

Meeting was called to order at 6:25pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Day did question the current ambulance and the date it was to expire; two different dates appeared in the contract.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:48pm to move to Town Hall for the remainder of the meeting.

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Fire Chief, Rob Cunio; Justin Brooks, Transfer Station Manager; Peg Scully, Darwin Moulton and Bill Elliott. Also in attendance were Madison Fire Chief Clark; Eaton Selectman Richard Fortin and several others.

Babb called the meeting to order at 7pm and invited Action Ambulance to introduce themselves. Executive Vice President John Hatch was present along with Brian Gleason in marketing.

A slide presentation was used to introduce the company and what services they provide. Although housed in Massachusetts they do service southern NH and want to expand to the north.

They are currently in talks with Memorial Hospital and would like to be given an opportunity to bid on our upcoming renewal.

J. Hatch explained the fleet along with education and training that they provide after his in depth presentation he took questions from the audience. At this time most all visitors left the meeting.

The board next met with representatives from the Committee on Aging, Rick Davidson and Anne Cunningham. They were inquiring on what the next step would be to hire the senior coordinator. It was agreed that a selection committee will be created to include one Selectman, two committee members and one community volunteer. At the Aging Committee meeting next week they will draft up an ad for finding this community member and then make their recommendation to the Selectmen. Once that is done then the job will be posted.

Babb asked for public comment and there being none asked Chief Cunio for his update. Cunio reported 4 med calls with 2 transports, fire alarm, lift assist and a motorcycle accident. He also gave a brief overview of his contact with Pope Security regarding the town office fire alarm system.

J. Brooks reported that he is waiting for snow to leave as he has cleanup projects he wants to start.

S. Brooks stated that they are trying to grade roads but it is difficult with the ice that is still in the ditches and culverts.

Chief Shackford questioned the date of the ambulance and when it was to expire. In reviewing with Eaton Selectman Fortin there had been a one year extension at the same price if the towns were to renew their contract. So the actual date to expire is 2020.

It was decided that we will contact the other towns and start the process of renewing our ambulance contract.

An organization meeting was set for April 22nd, 6pm at the town hall. The invitation will also include fire chiefs as well. Hatch to contact the participating towns.

Hatch reported that the town accountant was working on the issue of election workers and their pay. He is currently waiting for a copy of a section 218 agreement that has been in effect since 1955. This does not exclude election workers and taxes would need to be withheld. However, there are amendments that can be made by the Selectmen and Hatch will be getting that paperwork.

Hatch also reminded everyone of the safety meeting tomorrow at noon at the town garage.

The board next discussed the proposed appointments to the heritage committee. Day had talked with a NH Municipal attorney and it is legal that a husband and wife serve on the same committee, however, they highly recommend against it. The board agreed to this and will only appoint one. Scully Chairman of Heritage Commission will find out which one would like to serve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Ernest F. Day, Jr.