

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, April 8, 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; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Jeffrey Towle, Janice Zecher and Bill Elliott.

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

Ned Kucera organizer of the Old Home Week Rubber Ducky day met with the board regarding a state permit to close a portion of Old Portland Road at the Mill Pond bridge during the event. This year it will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>. His request is to be shut down for 5 hours. He felt that this would alleviate a space issue and for safety purposes. Chief Shackford indicated that he could apply for it but changes are the permit would indicate a 10 minute max.

There was discussion on the concerns that the board and the Fire Chief had for safety vehicles and over all inconvenience to the general public. The board agreed that they were against this proposal and did not sign the paperwork.

Babb asked for public comment and Dale McConkey of McConkey Associates wanted to better understand the procedure of the ZBA deadlines. He explained his last two submittals that had been received after the 3:00pm deadline. He stated of a hardship with the first submittal and that he has a right to a hearing within 30 days but that it had been pushed out to the following month.

Babb stated that this should be an agenda item and not discussed under public comment. McConkey also questioned alternates and stated the difficulty in conducting business here. He hoped that this month's submittal would be on the ZBA agenda.

Zecher left the meeting; the board agreed that this would be an agenda item next week and the ZBA members would be asked to attend. McConkey left the meeting.

Babb asked for other public comment; being none Chief Shackford gave a brief report with most being weather related incidents.

Chief Cunio gave his report which included 5 medical aid calls; trees on wires; along with updates on vehicles etc. There was a brief discussion on the email from the ambulance company being cited for out dated items on their paramedic truck.

J. Brooks – still waiting on the weather so as to begin projects at the Transfer Station.

S. Brooks reported that with today's snow some of the dirt roads were plowed and some were not. The paved roads were salted three times. Explained the challenging spring with the ice not melting in the road ditches and the issues it has caused.

Hatch updated the board on the easements needed for the Danforth Bay Bridge that are being done by town council.

The Committee on Aging has appointed Linda Habif and Cheryl Harris to serve on the search committee for the Senior Coordinator. Day updated the board of that meeting. Babb stated that he would like to see someone young to fill the position.

A follow-up contact was made with Dave Wells regarding the office system upgrades and he sated that we should have a contract soon.

Hatch and Zecher will be meeting with Porter Office Machines tomorrow regarding a new copier. A rep from Canon had been in before the end of last year to present their machine.

J. Brooks explained the Transfer Station Operating Plan the board adopted and signed it.

Chief Shackford did ask that if anyone has a complaint or wants to report something don't post on facebook with his name....please call.

Babb asked Cunio to review the ambulance contract for any changes, terms or conditions that he recommends for the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

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

The board entered non public session at 8:27pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:29pm and meeting was adjourned.

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