

**Minutes of Selectmen’s Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, May 6, 2019**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan Fall, Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Road Agent Scott Brooks; and Bill Elliott.

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

Fall gave an update on the Danforth Bay Bridge request for more information. He will set a meeting with the engineers and road agent to work on this.

Next was the bid opening for the road improvements of the Ossipee Lake Village Roads. A representative from R & D Paving was present for the bid opening. Three bids had been received. The bids were as follows:

	<u>Item no. 403.11</u>	<u>Item 417</u>	<u>Total</u>
R. & D. Paving Inc.	\$137,474.96	\$ 703.80	\$138,178.76
Pike Industries	144,018.00	3,400.00	147,018.00
All States Asphalt, Inc	133,261.10	2,805.00	136,066.10

Board agreed to have the road agent review the bids for his recommendations.

The board next met with Planning Board Chairman Anne Cunningham to review the facilities chapter of the master plan. Whereas nothing had been done since the last update with the Town Office she suggested something at least be in the plan and presented suggested wording. Board agreed to the wording.

Mark McKinley had joined the meeting. There was a quick review of the proposed wording for the Parks & Recreation section which the board agreed to as well. McKinley did note that on his update he will be contacting NH Saves regarding changing the lights over to the LED units and will also get information on grants for this.

Cunningham was also present representing the Committee on Aging. A Request for Appointment had been received from Bobbie McCracken for the member at large position on the search committee for the Senior Coordinator. The board reviewed her background and experience pertaining to the committee and agreed to her being on the search committee.

There was no public comment. Chief Shackford reported things as usual. He did explain about off road tours that have happened in the past in the town forest which have happened during mud season when there should be no activity on this road. Although this can't be stopped as it is a municipal trail, Madison had voted to put a gate up on their end to keep vehicular traffic out. Shackford stated that Madison had purchased another gate and was willing to install for Freedom. The off road vehicles have been using the access through Danforth Bay. Fall made a motion to gate the road, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously. This will be installed at the "T" junction.

The Chief reported that there appeared to be no burglaries this winter, however, there has been an increase in civil disputes.

J. Brooks reported that he was very busy at the transfer station. They were now on summer hours and new permits are required this year.

Road Agent reported that all road bans will be lifted on Wednesday.

An invoice for additional charges pertaining to the stewardship update for the town forest had been submitted by Barry H. Keith who had done the update. Day made a motion to pay Keith, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously. Monies will come from the Stewardship gift account.

Day made a motion for the Chairman to sign the auditor's questionnaire, Fall seconded; Babb agreed and signed.

The Road Agent had reviewed the bids and reported that All States Asphalt had quoted liquid asphalt but didn't appear to have anticipated an increase which he believes the other two bidders had. He will call them as they would have to hold the price until June 30th. Bid award will be at next weeks meeting.

The Fire Chief had submitted proposed ambulance contract adjustments which the board reviewed, discussed and agreed to.

Day made a motion to reappoint Scott Cunningham to the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to request \$5,360.18 for the repairs to the rescue from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Eric Damon of CarePlus ambulance service was stopping in Tuesday to see Hatch. The board wanted him asked if he could attend next week's meeting. If he can, then notify all ambulance regional towns of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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