

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, August 19, 2019**

Present: Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall Selectmen; Leslie Babb absent; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks; Zoning Officer Don Harris; Bill Elliott, Paul Elie.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding 70 Moulton Road. The board agreed that the attorneys' need to continue with the process of acquire the probate file and notifying the heirs.

Fall also reported on speaking with State Rep. Jerry Knirk regarding the local group in the area looking into broadband. Freedom does not have a representative at this time. Fall suggested that Knirk get on a September agenda to discuss this. It was noted that when cable came into Freedom the Selectmen at that time contracted that everyone has access to cable. We don't have the same issues as other area towns.

Day announced the bid opening for Transportation & Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste. In attendance for the opening was Peter Lachapelle of Waste Management and Erica Bayley of Casella Waste Services.

Pine Tree Waste d/b/a Casella Waste Services:

Transportation:

MSW	\$425.00 single haul (not stated tandem \$750.00)
C & D	\$370.00 single haul
Single Stream Recycling	\$425.00 single haul (not stated tandem \$750.00)

Disposal:

MSW	\$82.00/ton
C & D	\$79.00/ton
Single Stream Recycling	\$135.00/ton currently; this will be a variable each month

Bayley explained the formula for the charge increase for the recycling. She also stated that there are programs and education that they can offer to the public regarding the recycling.

Waste Management of NH, Inc.

Transportation:

MSW	\$500.00 single haul – tandem haul \$850.00
C & D	\$500.00 single haul – tandem haul \$850.00
Single Stream Recycling	\$500.00 single haul – tandem haul \$850.00

Disposal:

MSW	\$75.00/ton
C & D	\$78.00/ton
Single Stream Recycling	\$120.19/ton currently; this will be a variable each month

The board asked Brooks to review the numbers and make his recommendation later in the meeting.

FAISC Chairman Ned Kucera gave the board an update on the Lake Hosting program. Donations were being made from Gerard Costantino and Bruce Howlett to cover the town's share of the program.

Kucera had received notification from Amy Smagula of the state DES that this has been a big growth year. Updated maps were handed out showing where new areas of growth were found. The cost of the treatment would be over \$21,000 and due to budget restraints, an alternate map showed where treatment would be to stay within budget. He indicated that the bulk of the herbicide treatment would be saved until next year. He indicated that more monies would have to be budgeted for in 2020.

Day asked for public comment and it was noted that the radar trailer had been moved to Old Portland Road.

Chief Cunio gave his update. He reported that it had been a slow week with two medical aids, a stove fire. He stated that FEMA would be in this week to inspect the air packs. He also reported that he has learned that 6 out of 10 days the ambulance is at the basic level and not the advanced and he did have to do one of the transports. A log is being kept of these activities.

Hatch reported that CN Brown is offering an employee program this year for heating fuel.

McKinley had asked if they had found the monies for the upgrade to the building lighting and the board stated that it would come from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Next Monday the board will be meeting in Madison to receive and open the ambulance request for proposals.

Neal Boyle had a speeding complaint for Bennett Road; Day will contact the Police Chief to let him know.

Having reviewed the numbers Brooks recommends that Casella be awarded the contract for the Transportation & Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste. He had used last year's tonnage to determine that the cost difference mostly it would be in the hauling. Casella also has a 3% increase each year and Waste Management 3.5%. Fall made a motion to award the bid to Casella, Day seconded.

Cunio did give a quick update on the upcoming annual inspection and service on the trucks and pumps.

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

Ernest Day Jr.	yes
Alan Fall	yes

The board entered non public session at 7:40pm. The board reconvened the public session at 7:52pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

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Ernest F. Day, Jr

Alan G. Fall