

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, October 28, 2019; Freedom Town Hall**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall, Selectmen; Janice Zecher, Administrative Assistant; Rob Cunio, Fire Chief; Josh Shackford, Police Chief; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Justin Brooks, Transfer Station Manager; Bill Elliott

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

The meeting was moved to the Town Hall at 6:50 pm as the number of people present was over the limit for the room.

Danforth Bay Concerned Citizens regarding the replacement of the bridge going over the Danforth river.

Frank Mancuso asked for a timeline of the construction, what was in place for emergency plans, and if there would be access to the big lake. Les responded that one lane of the bridge will remain open at all times for traffic and emergency vehicles. There will be no access to the big lake by boat for the duration of construction. The town has funding through June 30, 2020.

Frank Lalumiere – people will be losing revenue from summer rentals etc. Asked who gave the timelines and if the town could add to the bid that “favorable consideration would be given to contractors who could start earlier and finish faster”. Alan Fall responded that HEB Engineers listed the timelines and that the town could not add the statement to any request for bids.

Tom Blinn, Abenaki Drive – HEB Engineers told people that the bridge will be closed for at least one 48 hour stretch given that the contractor is able to work round the clock. Alan responded that if that happens, emergency services will be coordinated so that responses will come from the opposite side of Ossipee Lake Road.

Audrey Mancuso – Why can't the project be started in April. Alan explained that if we have a late spring with a lot of melt, the project could not be started.

Scott Brooks said that the permit states the job must be done during low flow. Low flow is from June through October. Audrey Mancuso requested a copy of the permit.

Patrica Laspisa requested that Marine Patrol have a boat assigned to Danforth Bay. The campground has many boats on the bay. Les said that the town can request one but has no authority.

Karen Hudson expressed concern about the safety of people carrying full gas cans in their car.

Audrey Mancuso asked about the work schedule. Les told her that it would be 5 days per week.

Dianne Battles asked what the one lane would accept for weight and width. Les said that they would get the exact limits so that the campgrounds could redirect campers if necessary.

Frank Lalumiere asked if the bridge be closed during the entire time of construction. The response was yes, and there would be no boat traffic during this time either.

Audrey Mancuso asked if the town advertised only locally. Alan said they advertised in every professional publication for the area. HEB Engineers have been involved in many bridge projects. He also noted that all bidders had to attend a pre-bid conference. Only 4 contractors went to this conference so they are the only ones who can bid on this job.

Barry Rollins – 27 Houle Drive

Barry Rollins was before the board to ask about a series of building permits issued for 27 Houle Drive that should not have been issued. He reviewed the dates of the applications and permits as well as the condominium declarations. His request is that the town reverse all existing living space from the garage, review and explain in writing within ten days how the change was legally made and what corrective course of action the Town of Freedom is going to take.

Don Harris, Zoning Officer stood and reviewed the process that had been used. He said he did not feel it was fair to not allow a person to finish what he started and that he stood behind his decision not to penalize the homeowner for past mistakes.

Chairman Babb said all materials would be forwarded to the Town Attorney, John Ratigan for Review.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Josh Shackford – Nothing to report.

Fire Chief Rob Cunio – The Fire Dept has been having fundraisers to buy a 6 wheel Mule for the department. They currently have two 4 wheelers and are willing to use one in partial trade. Selectmen unanimously approved.

Road Agent Scott Brooks - Salt is being delivered this week. Plows and trucks are ready for winter.

Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks – One compactor went down for a few days. It is fixed now. He also called Ricker's to get scrap metal picked up.

Motion was made by Alan, seconded by Les to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A3II(a) at 7:54 pm. Resumed public session at 8:11pm

Motion was made by Les, seconded by Alan to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A3II (a) at 8:12 pm. Resumed public session at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Zecher
Administrative Assistant

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