

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020**

Present were Selectmen Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., and Alan Fall, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office. Also, in attendance was Josh Shackford and Rob Cunio.

Selectman Day called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Public Comment:

None presented.

Department Head Reporting:

Police Department – Chief Josh Shackford informed the Board that the tasers came in but they still need to be charged and setup.

Fire Department - Chief Rob Cunio reported one mutual aid, one fire alarm activation, and two mutual aid calls for structure fires. The tank truck was returned last Monday and sat idling for awhile at the Ossipee apartment building fire with no issues. Discussion ensued on the fire. The application for grant funds for extrication tools has been submitted to the State. Cunio announced the gates at the Town Forest have been closed. Shackford added that all snowmobile trails are now closed for the season. Cunio presented the final invoice for the tank truck repairs totaling \$100 more than quoted even with the fan replacement. Babb made a motion to pay the invoice totaling \$5,485.40 and withdraw the amount from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Discussion:

Discussion took place on an amendment to the operating budget to cover the unanticipated purchase of the new tasers. Babb made a motion to pay for the purchase totaling \$7,200 with a withdrawal from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

White presented the grant agreement for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update due to be completed in 2020. Fall made a motion to accept the terms of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program as presented in the amount of \$7,500.00 to update the Town of Freedom Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$10,000.00, in which the town will be responsible for 25% match \$2,500.00. Babb seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Fall made a motion to authorize Les Babb as Chairman to sign all documents related to the grant. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Brief discussion took place on information needed to prepare for questions that may be presented at Town Meeting. White will provide a breakdown on the cost-sharing of the Danforth Bay Bridge project.

Fall volunteered to open the 70 Moulton Road property for viewing at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 3/11/2020.

White was asked to follow up with Assessor Rod Wood regarding the new construction pickups.

Agenda Items:

Not applicable.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

Consent Agenda:

<u>Item Description:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting 3/2/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Session 3/2/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest week ending 3/4/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest week ending 3/4/2020	Approved
Animal Shelter Agreement - Conway Area Humane Society	Approved
Parade Permit – Reach the Beach Race September 18-19, 2020	Approved
Forest Management Agreement regarding properties with State of NH easement	Approved

Correspondence Received:

NHMA Legislative Bulletin #10	Reviewed
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Being no further input, Day made a motion to adjourn. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb	Ernest F. Day, Jr.	Alan G. Fall
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