

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday January 7, 2013

Present: Leslie Babb, Scott Cunningham, Neal Boyle Selectmen; Josh Shackford, Police Chief Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; Mellisa Seamans, media and several community members.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm.

Babb made a motion for a non public under RSA-A:3 II(a) at 6:45pm returned to open session at 6:52pm.

Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Jack Rose, Chairman Carroll County Transit met with the board to ask again for support for the dial a ride portion of the Blue Loon Bus program. A letter of support from Shari Bence was read aloud. There was much discussion and Babb requested the number of Freedom residents that use the service. Rose will get those figures to the board. Rose indicated that there would be a signed petition forthcoming. With this petition the article would appear on the warrant even if the board did not support.

John Stevens engineer for the cell tower project next met with the board. He reviewed what would be required to finish the storm water drainage that was to be completed in December. Babb stated that they did not meet the deadline and the town could fine up to \$550 per day until they are in compliance.

Babb proposes that the tower be put up and be done for the winter. A fine would be negotiated and a date set in the spring to be completed or the fine starts again. Boyle stated that he wants to call the letter of credit after the town goes up and we contract the work as they don't know what they are doing. Stevens stated that he prefers to finish out the project so that they can realize a profit on the project.

Stevens explained that power and telephone will be the most difficult part of the project but expects the project could be done by June.

Babb requested that he meet this week with Mark Lucy, the town's engineer on this project; Road Agent Scott Brooks who can provide road ban timeline; town council and Stevens. The other Selectmen agreed to this.

Abutters Mr. Briggs and Mr. Root voiced their continued concerns on this project. Babb indicated that would keep them informed of any and all progress with the project.

Babb asked for public comment and Seamans had several questions pertaining to the cell tower. She also questioned the Fire Chief position.

Jack Baltz commented on the ridership of the Blue Loon Busses.

Seamans did ask for an update with Lakeview and Cunningham explained the policy progress that he was making with Dr. Horan.

Chief Shackford at this time stated that the new county attorney Robin Gordon had called him in for discussions on the Lakeview matter and they now have a plan of action for the area departments.

Justin Brooks reported that the scrap iron and TVs and been removed from the Transfer Station. Calls are up a bit from last year for fire and rescue.

Scott Brooks had obtained an additional two bids for the engineering for the culvert on Ossipee Lake Road at Calumet/ Babcock Road.

H.E. Bergeron Engineering	\$7,000-\$8000
CMA Engineers	\$11,000
White Mtn. Survey & Eng.	\$6,500

Boyle made a motion to go with the low bid, seconded by Cunningham, motion passed 2 to 1.

S. Brooks handed out a truck comparison sheet. This had the amount for the proposed warrant article for this year vs the last dump truck the town purchased. There was a lengthy discussion from the need of the truck to the snow removal policy. It was agreed that \$60,000 of the amount would come from capital reserve. Boyle and Cunningham agreed to include in the warrant.

Boyle and Cunningham voted to appoint Babb as the signee for the grant paperwork as submitted by Conservation Commission for the Milfoil Control Grant. This is a state match grant of \$10,430.00 for 2013.

The board voted to include an article for an electronic ballot counting machine. The overall budget was reviewed and will have a final review next week.

The board also voted to encumber 2012 funds for various departments per attached list.

Babb made a motion at 8:48 to enter non public session under RSA-A:3 II(a) for employee reviews.

Returned to open session at 10:20pm and meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Scott M. Cunningham

Neal E. Boyle