

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday January 14, 2013

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

Meeting opened at 6:30pm.

Babb made a motion for a non public under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) at 6:30pm returned to open session at 6:55pm.

Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

The board held a public hearing at 7pm to adopt the revised flood insurance rate maps. Farinella had been working on the process over the last several years of getting these adopted according to federal guidelines. Babb stated that if the maps were not adopted the town would not be eligible for FEMA aid after a storm event.

The effective date of the maps would be March 19, 2013. Babb made a motion to accept the maps as submitted, Cunningham seconded, voted yes unanimously. Farinella was thanked for her work on this.

Babb asked for public comment, Bill Elliott inquired about the two samples over the town hall windows and has there been a discussion, Babb replied no. Elliott reported that the plastic still had not been put up and he still wants to help with this.

Babb asked for department head updates and Fire Chief Brooks reported that the older overhead door installed in 2001 had been damaged at the fire station. It would take two weeks to get the door at a cost of \$2500 and \$1000 to install. An insurance claim will be submitted on this.

Brooks also stated that the Public Safety Building has been rekeyed to the town master key with sub keys to the separate offices.

Road Agent Brooks had nothing to report.

Police Chief Shackford reported that there had been an arrest in the village for a DWI.

The board next reviewed the proposed operating budget and special articles for the 2013 Town Meeting. Cunningham stated he would like to see that work gets done on the Seagraves fire engine. This will become a special warrant article and Chief Brooks will provide an amount for that article.

There was much discussion on various capital reserve funds, equipment repair projections along with large equipment purchases and if monies should be set aside and for which departments.

Babb next reported that the Board had signed an agreement to be presented to the Tower Company. This agreement is for the completion of the erection of the cell tower and site work. They have been assessed a fine of \$20,000 for non compliance. The agreement will take effect after it has been signed by the tower company and the check has been received by the town. At that time work can once again commence on the project.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:56pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) for tax payment schedules. The board remained in non public under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for employee reviews.

Returned to open session at 8:55pm and meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Scott M. Cunningham

Neal E. Boyle