

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, May 20, 2013**

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Josh Shackford, Police Chief; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; and several citizens.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Boyle explained that the cell tower representative was unable to make tonight's meeting for an update. However, Babb reported that he had been updated by Brett Buggeln Chief Operating Officer for Tarpon Towers. They have hired an outside company to set utility poles and run the lines. They have also had another crew move in to assist in meeting the deadline of the first week in June. J. Brooks inquired about the town's repeater and Babb will contact Buggeln on this. Hatch will contact Buggeln to schedule him for their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Boyle announced that the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen's weekly meeting will be held in the gym at the elementary school starting at 1pm.

There was no public comment.

Boyle mentioned the health officer possibly visiting various sites. Babb explained that when health and the zoning position were presented to the taxpayers it was stated that there would be a small operational budget and that this would allow the officers to respond to complaints but it would not be considered a "witch hunt" position.

Department head updates were next with S. Brooks stated that they are working on the dust control preparation and application and this should be done by next week. He has this year's phase of sign replacement complete with the remainder of the town to be finished next year.

Chief Josh Shackford reported that an arrest was made last week for the money stolen at the Transfer Station. \$300 was stolen; \$250 was the town's and \$50 was J. Brooks.

Boone our K9 was been nationally certified for another year. The cruiser should be coming any day and then it will be sent to be outfitted.

Justin Brooks announced the Memorial Day schedule for the Transfer Station. Open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 8am-5pm closed Tuesday and then open Thursday to begin the summer schedule.

Brooks reported that George Stone the station's attendant had put a nail in his foot. No medical care was needed. Brooks is very frustrated with the amount of trash in the metal and compost piles. They are finding it difficult to monitor the piles; it has not been a problem for many years but has become an issue again this year.

Fire danger is down to 1-2; they have not received engine 7 back yet but he is hopeful for this week.

Hatch announced that there had been a bee/wasp treatment done on the town office building. She was sending reminder letters to the landowner and loggers to close out the yield tax year. She also inquired about ordering the modem; it had been discussed but no instruction had been given. Babb inquired about the electrical and if there were monies in the computer support budget. Boyle made a motion to purchase and install the model, Day seconded, so voted.

Boyle announced the Elementary School's Memorial Day Program set for this Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

S. Brooks brought up about adopting a cellular device usage policy to be added to the personnel policy. The board agreed to have the department heads meet to draft a policy and present to them.

Mark McKinley made an inquiry on behalf of others about possible sound insulation for town hall. After a brief discussion both Babb and Day agreed that the hall is fine the way it is.

Mark McKinley met with the board about upgrades to the town office to save on heating costs and comfort during the winter months. He had submitted insulation options along with prices. During discussion it was noted that heat distribution should be looked at also.

The board agreed on three upgrades for an estimated cost of \$4,400.00. This would include insulating the crawl space and duct work and also cap the open return duct upstairs. McKinley was asked to get additional prices on these items, the same as being required for the other departments. He will get back to the board in a few weeks.

Boyle reported that the Fishing Derby went well; however, he doesn't feel that the match of fish had been done by the state.

Boyle made a motion at 8:07pm to enter non public under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Returned to open session at 8:24pm and meeting was adjourned.

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Leslie R. Babb

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