

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 1, 2013

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Josh Shackford, Police Chief; Linda Farinella, Administrative Assistant; and several citizens.

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

Mrs. Ellie Stokes asked the Board to submit an application to PSNH for permission to have an American flag located on the pole just over the bridge as one would come into town via Route 153N. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Stokes would be happy to pay the cost incurred for this project. Mrs. Stokes stated that this is not a personal request but a request to have the Town do it. The Board agreed that Chairman Boyle will get the paperwork in order this week. The flag will hang from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

Bill Elliott extended thanks on behalf of the Old Home Week Committee to the Board of Selectmen, Dusty Boewe, Scott Brooks, Justin Brooks and the Fire Department for having the Seagraves at the Rubber Ducky Day. Thanks were also extended to Sarah Tabor, Patrick Miele and the Beedle Family for the use of their properties.

Mark McKinley, Facilities Custodian, presented estimates and budget figures to the Board for repairing the ceiling over the stage at Town Hall. Mark will call Todd Desmarais and ask him to look at the estimates.

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter to Chief Shackford and his department for their assistance with a wellness check for a Freedom resident.

Chief Shackford informed the Board that there will be two patrol cars running at each shift over the 4th of July weekend. Chief Shackford also wanted the Board to be aware that he will be requesting a new cruiser next year. The oldest cruiser was the only 4-wheel drive vehicle at one point and was used more often resulting in higher than average mileage. The 2006 Crown Vic cruiser will be sold through a sealed bid process.

Justin Brooks stated that the transfer station will be open from 8am to 5pm July 4th through 7th. Babb asked Brooks if the repeater equipment for the cell tower is in the works. Brooks will ask Cunio to call for the latest update on Tuesday.

Scott Brooks will be renting a steel plate for Ossipee Lake Road near Calumet. Brooks is also ready to order the precast concrete to replace the failing culvert near Calumet. Brooks will send out specifications that include hardware and crew to three vendors. Brooks will have the figures for the meeting on July 15th.

The Board reviewed the draft Personal Cell Phone Policy. Karen Hatch has sent it for legal review but has not heard back. Boyle will contact the attorney reviewing the policy.

Boyle made a motion to enter non public session under RSA91-A:3 II(c) at 8:10pm for tax payment schedules. Returned to open session at 8:28pm and the meeting was adjourned.

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Leslie R. Babb

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