

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, November 4, 2013

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie R. Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Linda Farinella, Adm. Assistant; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator; and several citizens.

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

Boyle asked about the Ossipee Lake Road paving and Road Agent Brooks reported that they would be paving Thursday.

Treasurer Pam Keith informed the board that the money market was down to \$458K and she is talking with George Downs of TD Bank about an emergency loan. She is a bit nervous as the tax rate has not been set and wanted to ensure that we had sufficient funds.

The board next reviewed the Fire Dept budget. Fire Chief Brooks projected that his budget would be over approximately \$4,000 due to Engine 2 repairs. Babb recommended withdrawing monies from the Capital Reserve Fund, all agreed. Brooks to finalize the number and a request will be made to the trustees.

Babb has talked with Eric Damon owner of the ambulance company. Effingham and Ossipee need to have a contract with an ambulance company and could all the towns get together again. Babb liked the idea of a new agreement with gradual price steps over the next 5 years rather than a high increase when our current contract is up. Damon to speak to the other towns about meeting, however, Boyle thought the contact should be from the board and Babb agreed to contact them.

Mark McKinley along with Colby Weisman Manager of Granite State Glass met with the board to review the option of window replacement at town hall. Also in attendance for this portion of the meeting was Peg Scully and Scott Cunningham from the Heritage Commission and John Shipman from the Historical Society.

After much discussion Babb suggested a hearing to get more input from town's people on what they would like to see done. All agreed and the hearing was set for December 5, 2014 at Town Hall beginning at 6:30pm.

Colby did point out that the paint around the windows tested positive for lead and he left literature regarding the effects of lead. This would be a cost factor if the windows were to be replaced.

Boyle next spoke about the auditor. Hatch had received a proposal for a financial consultant which would assist with the request for proposal for the auditor along with quarterly duties. There was much discussion on this. It was agreed that Hatch would try to have the proposals in for their review on the 23rd of December.

Babb made a motion to hire Carol Coppola & Associates with Greg Colby to assist in writing the request for proposal for the new auditing firm, seconded by Day; so voted.

Boyle made a motion to enter non public session at 8:20pm under RSA 91-A:II(c).
Returned to open session at 9:04pm and meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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