

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836**  
**Monday, February 3, 2014**

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

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

The board first met with Jim McElroy to form the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. Babb made a motion to accept the Mission Statement; Day seconded, so voted. Next discussed was the membership and meeting date.

Jim McElroy presented a list of those asked that declined and those who have agreed to serve. There were still a few vacant spots. It was agreed to appoint two members and they will provide three more recommendations at a future meeting.

Babb made a motion to appoint Jim McElroy to a three year term; Boyle seconded, so voted. Babb then made a motion to appoint Bill Elliott to a 2 year term; Boyle seconded, so voted.

McElroy did report that the state had awarded the town a second milfoil grant. Both herbicide treatment and DASH are 40% match grants.

Boyle next asked for public comment and Lee Allison questioned the call in service for the elderly; J Brooks feels that there is already one in place but she would need to check with the Police Chief.

Day wanted noted that Janet Meyers was retiring after 16 years with the Postal Service. Peter Park announced that there would be a retirement party for her on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Road Agent Brooks handed out loader spec sheets. This has been put out to bid and bids are due next Monday at 2pm.

Justin Brooks reported no issues regarding the Transfer Station. He did report and they have responded to three out of town structure fires. He also said that the Forestry 1 truck is having the foam system properly installed.

Brooks also reviewed the RAD 57 pulse co-oximeter warrant article and stated that there was only one manufacturer for this item.

Brooks also thanked Scott Cunningham for all the research he had done and drafting the proposed warrant article to legally form a municipal fire department.

Before the review of the entire budget and warrant articles Hatch explained about remaining monies from the dump truck article of 2013. Where there had been a significant unused balance remaining, Hatch contacted Department of Revenue and she

stated that these monies could be returned to the trustees for the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

Upon review of the articles Babb made a motion that Article 14 (to legally form a municipal fire department) be presented as written; Day seconded, so voted.

Road Agent Brooks did question the petitioned warrant article for the acceptance of Durgin Hill Road as a public road. The road does not meet current subdivision regulations and the concern is that how can they not hold to the same standard as developers. He felt that this road was not grandfathered as it had been voted on three times prior and not accepted. Brooks stated that he just wanted the taxpayers to know all the facts prior to voting.

Boyle made a motion to enter non public session at 8:26pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Returned to open session at 8:57pm and meeting was adjourned.

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