

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, February 10, 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.

Road Agent Brooks reported that there had been a bid opening at 2pm for the proposed 4x4 wheeled loader. Three bids had been submitted; Anderson Equipment Company had not bid as the specifications were too restrictive. Chadwick-BaRoss was the low bid of \$131,750.00 with a trade in of the old loader at \$28,000.00. Milton Cat Inc. bid was \$149,000.00 with a trade in of \$40,000.00 for the old loader. Brooks stated that the bid review against the checklist still needed to be done. There was a brief discussion on the purchase of forks and whether to amend the article.

Day gave an update on the installation of the town's equipment on the cell tower. This is 99% complete on site, the radio frequency has to be completed and one more trip to the site. AT&T has agreed to let the town use their power and generator for this equipment which is a minimal cost. This antenna would enhance the radio coverage throughout the town for emergency services.

It was also noted that the logs and debris had been removed from the site near Moulton Road; however, there is still preexisting blow down that was not part of this agreement that is visible. Based on a recent request from Tarpon Towers, Day made a motion to reduce the letter of credit from \$100,000 down to \$40,000; Babb seconded, so voted. It is noted that the Briggs (abutter) has obtained a lawyer to look out for their interests.

The board next appointed the remaining members of the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee; Ned Kucera for a three year term; Gerard Constantino for a 2 year term and Bruce Howlett for a 1 year term. All member appointment letters and oath of office forms were signed by the board.

The board agreed to have Babb be the signee once again for the state grant paperwork which he signed for the 2014 milfoil treatments.

It was noted that there would be no meeting next Monday due to the President's Day holiday.

Road Agent Brooks inquired about maintenance of Cemetery Road. This being a private road he was not certain if he should be sanding this as requested by the Village Precinct. Spring maintenance is done as this road is access to the town beach lot. A letter will be sent indicating that the town is responsible for spring maintenance but their responsibility in the winter. If they feel otherwise, then they need to meet with the Board to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm to the Town Hall for the 2014 Budget Hearing.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Neal E. Boyle

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.