

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, February 24, 2014**

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

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

Moderator Don Johnson met with the board to review the Town Warrant and the procedure for Town Meeting Day. He did announce that the polls open at 8am instead of the usual 9am because of the state race for executive council and that is their mandate.

Mark McKinley met with the board to review the progress of the window repair at Town Hall. He suggested that in lieu of doing all downstairs windows that the meeting room upstairs and down be done first as those rooms house the thermostats to the building. Board agreed that this was fine.

There was no public comment and Boyle asked for Department Head updates. Hatch stated that the Tax Collector has asked that post cards be mailed to all taxpayers to inform them of the taxing twice a year. This had been priced out and it would be cheapest to do most work in house but the cost would still be approximately \$900.00.

Hatch also inquired about Planning Board's Chairman Anne Cunningham's email request on pursuing to work on the Capital Improvement Plan. There was much discuss on this and Boyle would like to see people of financial backing also assist. It was explained that the plan is just a projection of future town expenditures on large equipment and buildings. Shackford shared that Madison has one and it is a great planning tool for their town. Motion made by Babb and seconded by Day to have Cunningham work on this. Babb and Day both stated that they are willing to work with her on this plan.

Chief Shackford reported that the conditions of the roads had deteriorated due to potholes. He also stated that there had been several instances of wildlife being struck and killed.

Chief Brooks had nothing new regarding the Transfer Station. He did report that the Fire Department had assisted with several mutual aid calls for structure fires and reports of carbon monoxide.

The board next reviewed a lot in Square Brook appearing as Map 41 Lot 55 on the tax maps. This lot had been taken by tax deed in 2010. An abutter has shown an interest in acquiring this lot over the years. The board agreed that if they are willing to merge this lot with theirs then they would sell the property for \$2,500.00. If not then the lot would be put out to bid to all abutters. Hatch to contact interested abutter.

Boyle made a motion to enter non public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 7:54pm.
Returned to open session at 9:10pm.

Due to non payment of past due property taxes, Babb made a motion to take by tax deed the property known as Tax Map 16 Lot 09, seconded by Day, so voted.

Boyle questioned having the information meeting on the warrant this year. Babb indicated that there were no special warrant articles that would require providing additional information as in past years. Day indicated that a budget hearing had already been held and felt no need for another meeting. Babb made a motion not to have the meeting, Day seconded, Boyle voted yes. No meeting will be held.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Neal E. Boyle

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.