

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

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

Sheriff Richardi and Chief Deputy Rich Young met with the board to review the Communications Grant that the Carroll County Sheriff's Office has applied for from Homeland Security. The board had sent a letter of support for this and is still willing to do what they can.

The board next met with R.A. Oram former Chairman of the Conservation Commission who asked that perhaps the Selectboard could adopt a code of ethics as this would be a valuable insert for the Commission's rules of procedure. This will be addressed at a future meeting as currently time is being spent preparing for Town Meeting.

Next was the review of the wheeled loader that had been put out to bid. Joining the meeting was Mike Ouellet from Chadwick-BaRoss bidding on a Volvo loader and Steve Tedstone from Southworth-Milton who was bidding on a CAT loader. The bids were as follows:

Volvo	\$131,750	CAT	\$149,000
trade in	<u>28,000</u>	trade in	<u>40,000</u>
Balance	\$103,750	Balance	\$109,000

The specs wrote were for nothing less than what the town currently has for a loader. When the comparison of the specs was done on the two machines it was determined that 5 items of the Volvo did not meet. The biggest was the tires. The stock tire for both loaders matched but did not meet spec, Steve Tedstone from Southworth-Milton explained that the stock tires on the pricing sheet were \$9,230 and the spec tires \$14,660. The Volvo was unable to offer spec tires. Brooks explained that the town owns tire chains for the size tire in the spec and durability was better. After a brief discussion the Road Agent recommended that we stay with CAT. Day made a motion to present to the people at Town Meeting the CAT wheeled loader; seconded by Boyle, so voted.

Boyle asked for public comment and Mike Gaudette of Community Club stated that they had voted to give \$300 for the Police K-9. They are also going to be spending \$1,000 for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to handout. There was discussion on liability if they were to install them. Board agrees that it is not a good idea and then liability would not be an issue.

They also want to purchase for the Town Hall an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator. They also know of a couple of individuals who are willing to donate to this cost. Board gave permission for this and Gaudette will work with the custodian on placement.

Boyle asked for public comment and the Road Agent asked about getting a number on forks for the loader or if approved will they purchase without. The board agreed not to include the forks.

There was discussion on the Capital Reserve Fund for the Danforth Bay Bridge which no monies had been appropriated for this year so a larger amount would have to be raised next year as the bridge is schedule to begin in 2016.

Also discussed was resurfacing the Ossipee Lake Road and Bennett Road. The board will meet at the Town Garage at 8am on Friday and do an inspection of those two roads.

Brooks also inquired if the board had an opinion on Article 26 which pertains to the acceptance of Durgin Hill Road which is a private road. This was discussed with varying opinions.

The board signed the tax deed for Map 16 Lot 9 (75 Cold Brook Road) for non payment of property taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.