

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, April 28, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Scott Brooks, Road Agent; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator, and several citizens. Selectman Boyle was not in attendance.

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

Pam Clemons-Keith Town Treasurer met with the board regarding this year's Tax Anticipation Note. Because this is our first year with taxing twice she is looking at a TAN for \$750,000 which would be due July 31st.

The interest rate for Bank of New Hampshire is 1.44%; TD Bank is 1.59%. TD Bank would require bond council for several thousand dollars. Pam was uncertain with Bank of NH but would check. If we were to accept Bank of NH then we would need to change over all our accounts that are currently with TD Bank. Babb made a motion to accept Bank of New Hampshire's rate if they don't require bond council otherwise stay with TD Bank; Day seconded.

Next was the bid opening for the mowing of ballfield and at town buildings and the bids were as follows:

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| Welch Landscaping | \$4,267.00 |
| Freedom Landscaping | 3,765.00 |

Day made a motion to award the bid to Freedom Landscaping; Babb seconded.

Babb then opened the request for proposals for shrub pruning and/or removal at the Town Hall and Office, these bids were as follows:

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| Freedom Landscaping | \$ 680.00 |
| Welch Landscaping | 1,290.00 |

Day made a motion of award the work to Freedom Landscaping; Babb seconded.

Babb asked for public comment and Bill Elliott commented on the retirement party recently held for retired postmistress Janet Meyers.

The Road Agent reported that the road bans were off the roads west of Route 153, Loon Lake, Round Pond and Freedom Point Roads. All others would be off in another week or so.

Mark McKinley joined the meeting and reported that the windows at Town Hall are now complete and the price worked out to be \$450.00 per window.

Greg Bossart and Rob Hatch members representing the Conservation Commission were present asking the Selectmen to consider that if the town was to take large parcels of land that the FCC would like them to consider restricting the deed for no subdivisions and or consider it for conservation purposes.

Hatch then spoke specifically to the Cold Brook Road property recently taken for back taxes. They would like to see a deed restriction on the house lot just taken and a conservation easement on the future open tracts in that area. He gave statistics on tax revenue versus tax burden if the land was developed.

Babb stated that we have become a homogenized society, our Zoning Regulations and due to an active group pursuing parcels of land to promote young families moving in, he was not in favor of a deed restriction or easement at this time for this particular piece based just on tax burden. Day agreed with Babb.

Babb did go on to explain if there were reasons other than tax burden such as topography, endangered species and the like, then he could reconsider. Bossart did mention that the State of NH is working on a Wildlife Action Plan and will look into that.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:34pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for an employee review. Returned to open at 7:45pm.

The board reviewed with McKinley the work needed at town hall including the chimney leak. The board instructed him to move forward with the chimney repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.