

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 7, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Karen Hatch Town Adm.; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief-Transfer Station Manager, Trustee of Trust Fund Paul Olzerowicz and several citizens.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm, manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Treasurer Pam Keith announced to the board that we did not need to use the Tax Anticipated Note for the first half of the year as taxes we in on time to offset the expenditures.

Planning Board Chair Anne Cunningham met with the board to discuss the town having a mailing permit. She stated that other town organizations could also use. There was discussion on how this would work and the cost. Anne pointed out that it would cost less for the permit than regular postage thus keeping her within the budget for the community survey mailing. Board agreed to have Cunningham get the permit.

The board next reviewed the tree replacement proposal for the cell tower site off Moulton Road. The board agreed to the replacement of the dead trees with the American Red Maples and have Mark Lucy inspect the installation upon completion and report back to the board.

Babb asked for public comment and Lee Allison announced again how wonderful the call in program was with the Sheriff's Office and senior residents.

Bill Elliott questions if the issue with the Trustees and the approximately \$47,000 been resolved yet, Babb indicated that it had not and gave his meaning of the oath of office he took and tries to do what is best for the people.

Brooks reported that the compactors are running; it was motor issues. He did report that the 580 Case backhoe he uses the main lift cylinder sheered off; he has taken this for repair as this is the trade in machine towards the new one that we have not yet taken deliver on yet. The new machine will be delivered once the trade in is ready.

Hatch inquired about forwarding the draft purchasing policy to the town attorney for review. Babb suggested they review again and put on next week's agenda prior to being submitted for legal review.

The board discussed the funding of the new backhoe. The Department of Revenue will be petitioned for the full cost of the backhoe from fund balance as the Capital Reserve Fund monies are still in limbo. They had signed the letter (petition) which Hatch will review with DRA prior to submitting.

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Boyle inquired about the half year tax penalty. Bill Elliott mentioned the compliments from DRED last week on our Town Forest.

Next discussed was direct deposit for the town employees and officials. The board agreed to offer this to them, not all are required to sign up.

Discussion went back to public comment and Lee Allison wanted to announce that the Planning Board was having a meeting at 4pm Sunday at Town Hall to discuss the future of Freedom.

Olzerowicz questioned the meaning of the petitioning of the state for fund balance use. Babb explained.

Babb made a motion to enter into non public session at 7:40pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(c).

Board returned to open session at 8:01pm; board then returned to non public until 8:15pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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