

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836  
Monday, July 14, 2014**

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief-Transfer Station Manager; Josh Shackford, Police Chief; Linda Farinella, Admin. Asst.; Don Johnson, Town Moderator; and several citizens.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm, manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Don Johnson, Town Moderator, came to the Board to discuss the vote last March for a bifurcated Town Meeting. Johnson asked the Board to decide when the second session will be held.

The date of Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:00pm was suggested by Babb. Boyle wanted to wait and make a decision in September or October. Johnson seemed to think that the second session cannot happen prior to elections on March 10, 2015, if that is so, the Board discussed that the meeting would be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion by Babb seconded by Day to hold the deliberative portion of the 2015 Town Meeting on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The motion passed with Boyle opposed. A call will be made to the town attorney confirming the ability to hold it before Town Meeting.

Babb asked for public comment.

John Shipman made a recommendation regarding the Purchasing policy that is on the agenda. Shipman suggested offering a percentage discount of 3-5% as a local contractor benefit.

Babb asked for department head updates.

Chief Shackford noted a quiet 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Chief Shackford attended the Emergency Management meeting held that afternoon, it went well.

Justin Brooks, Fire Chief-Transfer Station Manager, is still dealing with a hydraulic hose assembly problem at the Transfer Station. Engine 7 had a fire in the main electrical panel. The engine is currently at Lakes Region Fire Apparatus. Babb directed to Brooks to notify the Town's insurance company regarding the Engine 7 and keep the Board updated.

Farinella stated that the Town of Tamworth is asking for suggestions on a date and place to hold a multi-town Selectmen meeting regarding the ambulance service contract. Babb suggested July 24<sup>th</sup> at our Town Hall. Farinella will respond to Tamworth.

The Board discussed the draft purchasing policy. Day likes the idea of giving a local advantage when bidding projects. Day cited the discussion of supporting local business at a master plan meeting he attended the day before. Shipman explained how the percentage discount for local contractors would work.

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Babb suggested adding Request for Proposals (RFP) in the major purchase section. Babb likes the percentage discount idea for local contractors though he would like to see a dollar cap put in place. The Board members will submit proposed changes to Karen Hatch for a revised draft. This will be placed on the July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Farinella  
Administrative Assistant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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