

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, October 27, 2014

Present: Leslie Babb, Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr., Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Road Agent, Scott Brooks and several town residents.

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

Facilities Custodian Mark McKinley met with the board regarding the current issues with the town hall windows. These windows had been repaired earlier this year by Granite State Glass. McKinley reported that Granite Glass would stand behind their work and there was no charge for work done today. There is concern that they could fail next spring when the windows are used again. The board instructed McKinley to write a draft letter to the company, the board would review and then it would be sent asking for warranty of work.

Boyle had received an email inquiry from Carolyn Olzerowicz seeing if the town would like a gift of a grand piano to replace the piano at the Town Hall. The board agreed not to accept the gift as this could create a space issue and a piano is not used all that often.

Babb asked for department head updates and McKinley reported that the damaged railing at the Town Hall had been repaired, he inquired about shortening it to prevent people hitting it. It was explained that we could not do that as it would be not then be ADA compliant.

Discussed next was the roof leak at Town Hall and McKinley has talked to a roofer. Because of any potential unknown issues with the roof around the chimney the board agreed to have McKinley get a budget number with the possibility of raising the money through a warrant article if necessary.

Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks reported that we had received \$1,800 from the scrap metal recycled. He also stated that all machines have been serviced for winter.

Road Agent Brooks reported that the paving for the year is done, they are putting up winter sand and finishing the ditching.

Boyle questioned the paving of Loon Lake Road; Brooks explained that it had not been included in the most recent master plan although it had been on his list.

Hatch reported that the Stuart property on Cold Brook Road was closing and that 75 Cold Brook road was to be redeemed. The board signed the deed back to Stuart and will be recorded upon receipt of all monies due the town.

There was no public comment.

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Maynard Thomson Candidate for State Representative briefly spoke and did give an update of the Verizon coverage issue that he has been trying to address. This has been sent on to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Bureau.

The board next reviewed the 2015 workman's comp and liability insurances. Although we had been offered a multi year agreement Day questioned this going out to bid. These insurances are in a state pool as recommended to the town years ago when the private insurance company dropped coverage. Babb made a motion to approve agreement for one year and authorize Day to look into rates for next year (2016); Boyle seconded, so voted.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:38pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(a).

Returned to open session at 8:01pm.

Hatch did mention the culvert location and water easements that town council had asked the road agent about. Brooks was having problems locating all the culverts on the map to notify the correct property owners and had suggested a surveyor be hired to do this. After a brief discussion the board agreed that it would be a smart idea and then no one in the future could come forward and complain about changes to the water courses. Hatch will contact town council regarding the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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