

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, February 23, 2015**

Present: Neal Boyle, Ernest Day, Jr. Selectmen; Leslie Babb being absent; Justin Brooks, Fire Chief; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; several town residents.

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

Moderator Donald Johnson met with the board for the annual town meeting elections and deliberative meeting review.

It was noted that voting started this year at 8am and not the usual 9am. This was an oversight when the warrant was crafted but the moderator indicated that this was the same times as all other elections and would allow addition time for more voters.

Johnson covered the setting up of the town hall for these events and uniformed police coverage.

In the event of inclement weather, Johnson has set a bad weather schedule; these functions would have to be cancelled two hours prior to the start time. He suggested that there be an official opening of the meeting with several voters present and then vote to adjourn to the designated backup date. He also stated that he would consult with the Road Agent and Selectmen prior to cancelling. The following schedule has been set; Voting would be on March 11th; deliberative portion of town meeting would be the next business day which would be March 16th at 7pm; and the School District Meeting would be held March 12th.

Johnson also pointed out that there needs to be appointments of election inspectors. This practice is one that has not been done, but needs to be addressed moving forward. Whereas neither of the parties, Democrat or Republican, has made these appointments as of October 15, 2014, it is up to the Board of Selectmen to appoint two from each party. Day made a motion to nominate from the Democrat Party Alice Haslett and Charles Brooks; from the Republican Party Rochelle Brooks and Howard Bouve for a term ending November 1, 2016; Boyle seconded the motion.

Johnson will be attending the informational meeting on the 7th; however, this meeting is run by the Selectmen.

Johnson also brought up in the event that something requires the sitting Moderator to be absent, it is his responsibility to appoint a Moderator pro tem. For this election period he would be appointing Charles Brooks.

Next reviewed were the various articles of the warrant including two petitioned articles. Johnson suggested that perhaps town council could explain that the bike path article would be non binding as it has no monies and no monies can be added at the time of the meeting.

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The board next met with Surveyor Alan Fall regarding the perambulation of town lines. We had received correspondence from Madison that they were looking to do this with Eaton and had gotten a price from another local surveyor for doing Madison/ Freedom as well.

Fall explained the need for doing this and that he is not certain when the last one was ever done. The board agreed that this was something that needed to be done and asked Fall to submit a proposal.

There was no public comment. Fire Chief Brooks indicated that there had been a dumpster fire at the transfer station on Sunday. Someone had climbed the fence with wood fire debris and disposed of it into the dumpster. He indicated that something needed to be done with the lower gates to make the facility more secure.

The board asked that he get prices on replacing the chain link fence and for new gates.

Hatch reported that she had spoke with White Mountain Oil and Propane last week regarding the propane tanks that are not town owned. The representative stated that they would stand behind their bid as submitted. Bid award letter was sent out to them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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