

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, February 24, 2020**

Present were Selectmen Ernest Day, Jr., and Alan Fall, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Selectman Leslie Babb was absent. This meeting was held at the Town Office. Also, in attendance was Rob Cunio, Justin Brooks, and Josh Shackford.

Selectman Day called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

White confirmed that driveway permits for logging operations go to the Road Agent and not to the Selectmen for approval. Day stated that driveway permits are also required before a building permit is to be issued.

Discussion took place on boiler and mechanical inspections and the history behind why the Building Inspector completes these inspections. A letter of complaint was reviewed. The Board requested a copy be given to the Building Inspector and a follow-up meeting be scheduled at a later date.

Day stated that he visited the Highway Garage last week and was very dissatisfied with the phone installation completed by Spectrum. He will be stopping in at the Conway office to request they clean up the installation. Further discussion took place on the transition of phone service at all Town buildings from Consolidated to Spectrum.

**Public Comment:**

None presented.

**Department Head Reporting:**

Fire Department - Chief Rob Cunio reported on the past two weeks including 5 medicals, a motor vehicle accident, mutual aid in Madison for a snowmobile fire, CO2 alarm, wood stove issue, smoke investigation, snowmobile fire, PD standby, 6 mutual aid structure fires, and attendance at the snowmobile event at the Town Forest. Overall, the department is 17 calls ahead of last year. Cunio stated that although membership is strong and experienced, availability remains an issue. CarePlus Ambulance is now fully converted over to Brewster Ambulance which is now licensed in the State of NH. The tank truck was taken to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus following alarms present from antifreeze spill over from a bad radiator. The cost to repair is \$5,300 and cannot wait. The radiator alone is \$2,500 and will need to be ordered with a two-day turnaround. The truck was noted to be 6-years old with approximately 20k miles. Discussion ensued on funding the repair. Fall and Day agreed to proceed with completing the repair.

Police Department – Chief Josh Shackford reported several calls for the week including a drug-related untimely death on Sunday morning, dead deer on Ossipee Lake Road, recovery of stolen bicycles from Huckins Road, an aggressive skunk, suspicious lights at a home, motor vehicle accident on Cushing Corner Road, repeated alarm activation at one location, and community assistance. Shackford also reported receipt of a letter from the Attorney General's Office in agreement with charges on a case. The new tasers were ordered last week and should be received by Town Meeting.

Transfer Station – Justin Brooks reported a slow winter. The invoice received for recycling in January was charged out at \$150/ton, up from \$20/ton as billed in December. Discussion took place on recycling. Brooks stated that Pine Tree Waste will be presenting on the topic in May.

Town Office – Town Administrator Ellen White reported that a monitor from the Department of Revenue will be in the field doing cyclical inspections at various properties tomorrow. The vehicle information and areas to be visited were passed on to Chief Shackford. Shackford stated that NH Electric Co-Op is also in the process of updating meters in the area.

White presented a request for account access to the NH Retirement System. Fall made a motion to approve the request. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

White reviewed a request for an abatement received from Lori Mann presented on 2/17/2020 requesting forgiveness on a late fee applied to her property taxes. This request was denied by the Selectmen but the property owner was not notified before the lien notices were issued by the Tax Collector causing an additional lien penalty to be applied to the account. Day and Fall agreed to abate the lien penalty.

**Agenda Items:**

OLR Bridge - Construction Administration Scope & Fee Review and Notice to Proceed & Agreement: White reviewed the Danforth Bay Bridge funding status including the cost of the construction engineering with CMA Engineers estimated at \$68,413.37. She confirmed with NH DOT that this portion is also reimbursable from State Bridge Aid funds at 80%. The Town's portion at 20% will be \$13,682.67. Attorney Ratigan is in the process of amending the language in the terms and conditions of the contract with CMA. Fall made a motion to sign the contract once the terms and conditions are amenable to Attorney Ratigan. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Fall made a motion to sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement with Northeast Earth Mechanics, Inc. once the agreement with CMA has been executed. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

**Consent Agenda:**

<u>Item Description:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Minutes – Selectmen's Meeting 2/17/2020	Approved
Minutes – Budget Hearing 2/17/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest week ending 2/12/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest week ending 2/12/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest week ending 2/19/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest week ending 2/19/2020	Approved
Minutes – Planning Board 1/16/2020	Reviewed
Minutes – Planning Board 2/20/2020	Reviewed
Intent to Cut – The Nature Conservancy, Map 10, Lot 3 – Ossipee Lake Road	Approved

**Correspondence Received:**

State of NH DOT – Biennial Inspection of Municipally Owned Bridges	Reviewed
State of NH Dept of Revenue – Confirmation of Assessment Review Year Change	Reviewed
Tax Payment Agreement – Payment Received as Agreed	Reviewed

Charter Communications – Notice of Franchise Fee Reviewed  
Town of Eaton Zoning Board of Adjustment – Notice of Motion for Rehearing Reviewed  
Letter of Appreciation – Camp Calumet for meals donated for the Primary Election Reviewed  
Letter of Compliant – Federal Piping - Inspection Process Reviewed

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen White  
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_:

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ABSENT  
Leslie R. Babb Ernest F. Day, Jr. Alan G. Fall