

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2020**

Present were Selectmen Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., and Alan Fall, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Hall and was also available on the Zoom platform. Also, in attendance was Bill Elliott, as well as Rob Cunio, Justin Brooks, Janice Zecher, Ed Barosky, Melissa Florio, Josh Shackford, Terance (?), and Libby Priebe via Zoom.

Chairman Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

The accounts payable and payroll manifests were reviewed as well as the red folder containing correspondence.

White reviewed a webinar she attended on Friday on electronic meetings and suggested the laptop be moved closer to the Selectmen for better audio quality and to turn off the video feature as it is not required to see the meeting, only hear it. Additionally, it is suggested that all motions be accepted by taking a roll call vote.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on April 20, 2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Agenda Items:

Policies & Procedures: Investment Policy Review/Update - A review of the updates to the Investment Policy included an update of the local bank branch location from Conway to Ossipee, a few formatting corrections, and reference to applicable State RSA's including citing the source of recent updates to the RSA's. Babb made a motion to accept the Investment Policy as amended. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The Board received and reviewed recommendations for appointments to the Conservation Commission. Babb made a motion to appoint Robert Oram and Jeff Nicoll to the Conservation Commission. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. White was asked to verify the terms for each.

Public Input:

None presented in person or online.

Department Head Reports:

Justin Brooks, Transfer Station Supervisor, reported that the Transfer Station will be converting over to their summer hours starting this weekend. They will also lift the tipping fee ban at that time and will be taking necessary precautions, utilizing hand sanitizer and gloves.

Rob Cunio, Fire Chief, reported 2 medical aid calls; trees on wires, mutual aid to Tamworth for an outside fire; and still no positive COVID-19 cases in Freedom. In response to email correspondence received from the Town of Effingham regarding ambulance responses to all town toned incidents, Cunio has discussed with Ossipee Corner Chief Adam Riley and they are in agreement that no change

is needed. Current protocol is to call of the ambulance to incidents not requiring ambulance response.

Police Chief Josh Shackford reported that they have been equipped with PPE including sanitizer and gloves by the Fire Department. The MDT's are installed but are not activated with the State or Sheriff's Office as he is experiencing difficulty getting anyone to stop by to finish the setup. There is no update on the new cruiser at this time.

Shackford stated the department has been busy but traffic has been down. The new police cruiser is tentatively scheduled for the end of April but they are awaiting the shipment confirmation.

Agenda Items Continued:

COVID-19 Protocols – Cunio informed the Board of a conversation he had with Dianne Battles at Danforth Bay Campground. They will not be opening immediately and are encouraging seasonal campers to stay home. Guidance received from the campground association is that campgrounds can be stricter than the State guidelines but should be following the Governor's Executive Orders. There is currently no documented plan to deal with a COVID-19 outbreak. Common bathhouses and pools will not be opened, store orders will be delivered, and water will be turned on to sites with septic.

Babb discussed what will happen if there is an outbreak in a campground as there is currently no guidance. Discussion ensued. Cunio offered to contact a few state agencies for guidance. The Board was in agreement. Shackford offered a private contact within DHHS he has access to in the event of a positive case. White discussed the lack of PPE available to the Health Officer in the event of a health inspection. Cunio will gather a package of gear to send out. Discussion took place on email correspondence available through the NH Health Officers Association as well as a weekly conference call that takes place every Thursday from 12-1.

Discussion:

White informed the Board that the excess proceeds from the sale of the 70 Moulton Road property will be filed through an interpleader through Superior Court. Attorney Ratigan has drafted the necessary document and payment of the excess proceeds will be requested to be paid to the Superior Court. An additional payables manifest will be forthcoming.

White presented a sample flyer to be posted at all town beach, town forest, and ballfield locations outlining CDC recommendations for visiting recreational facilities. The Board agreed to post all locations.

Brooks informed the Board that former a former long-time Transfer Station employee Harold Libby has passed away and suggested a letter of condolence be issued from the Town. The Board agreed.

Non-Public Session:

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:20 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter. Fall seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Babb-yes, Fall-yes, Day-yes. All in favor, the motion carried. Fall made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:45 PM. Babb seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Selectmen's Meeting 4/20/2020

Approved

Minutes – Non-Public Session 4/20/2020

Approved

Payroll Manifest – week ending 4/22/2020 Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 4/22/2020 Approved

Correspondence:

Email Correspondence – Regional Ambulance Group regarding ambulance responses to all town incidents	Reviewed
Letter – Freedom Conservation Commission – Requests for Appointment	Reviewed/Acted Upon
Tax Payment Agreement – Notice of payment as agreed	Reviewed
Letter – State of NH DRA – 2020 Cyclical Revaluation/Update Contract	Reviewed
Postcard – Children Unlimited – Thanks for annual appropriation	Reviewed
Letter - State of NH DRA – 2019 Total Equalized Valuations	Reviewed
Letter – Vegetation Control Service, Inc. – NHEC herbicide application	Reviewed
Letter - Forest Land Improvements – change in operations/management	Reviewed
Letter – Northeast Resource Recovery Association – acknowledgement of annual membership renewal	Reviewed
Letter – Suburban Propane – Covid-19 safety procedures	Reviewed
Email – Freedom Village Water Precinct – Public Budget Meeting Notice	Reviewed
Newsletter – Granite State Tree Farmer Publication`	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall