

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 22, 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 Office and was also available on the Zoom platform. Also, in attendance was Rob Cunio, Matt Tyler, Bill Elliott and Mary Steel 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.

A broken window at the 50 Eaton Road property was reported to the Board. The Board requested it be boarded up rather than have the window replaced.

Babb and White discussed an inquiry received from the Conway Daily Sun regarding fireworks and 4th of July festivities. White will respond that there are none per usual and Babb referenced the Fireworks Ordinance adopted by the Town.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/15/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Sessions held on 6/15/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Bill Elliott questioned if flags could be placed on the poles along Elm Street. Day referred him to seek permission from Eversource as nothing is to be placed upon utility poles without permission from the utility company.

Department Head Reports:

Police Department – Sgt. Matt Tyler announced Chief Shackford is a new grandfather – congratulations! Tyler reported a busy week with several dog complaints and parking complaints at the beaches; Loon Lake, Pequawket Trail and Albert Godfrey Road, several speed complaints of 20+ mph over the posted limits, and a report of broken window at the town's 50 Eaton Road property. Tyler discussed a fraud issue reported of a non-resident seeking to get a beach permit from a resident in exchange for \$50. Tyler stated the attendance at the beach has been very heavy and people are social distancing as best they can. Tyler will be reviewing the invoice received from Ossipee Mountain Electronics for the new cruiser to verify it is in line with the quote he received.

Fire Department - Rob Cunio, Fire Chief, reported 5 medical aid calls, mostly over the weekend, but a slow week other than that. The mule has been dropped off for warranty service and should be ready by the end of the week. The ATV is in service in its absence. There are no new active positive covid-19 cases in town. Cunio has setup an EMR class to run from mid-September to the first week in December with a location to be discussed. Cunio has yet to meet with Dianne Battles at Danforth Bay Campground to review some pandemic related protocols. Hose testing is tentatively scheduled

for 7/30, pending alternative locations due to low water levels. Several phone calls have been received about fireworks. Cunio is referring people to the fireworks regulations and cautioning of fire danger. Fall questioned when a positive covid-19 case is no longer active? Cunio responded that once there are no longer symptoms present and the patient has signed off with the DHHS. Cunio stated he has not received any updates since last week but will be following up.

Transfer Station – Justin Brooks had nothing new to report.

Town Office – Ellen White stated the audit took up the bulk of last week and is continuing into this week. A question raised by a Trustee of Trust Funds has been presented to NH DRA for clarification on the spending of capital reserve funds to fund the Town Office committee’s pursuit of Town Office renovations. White verified the abutters of the Danforth Bridge project for notification of the amended wetlands permit application. There are no further updates on the bridge construction at this time.

Agenda Items:

Open Sealed Bids- 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe: Three bids received were as follows:

Robert Abraham	\$1,960.00
Yousef Dabbagh	\$ 768.00
Kent Mountain Auto	\$1,600.00

Babb made a motion to award the bid to Robert Abraham for \$1,960.00. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Babb opened a fourth bid received after the deadline and was not considered.

Discussion:

The Board thanked Bill Elliott for painting 3 out 5 of the Welcome to Freedom signs.

Non-Public Sessions:

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:05 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b) for hiring discussion. Day seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Babb-yes, Day-yes, Fall-yes. All in favor, the motion carried. Babb made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:20 PM. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:20 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) for a legal discussion. Day seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Babb-yes, Day-yes, Fall-yes. All in favor, the motion carried. Babb made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:38 PM. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting 6/8/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Sessions #1 & #2 6/8/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 6/10/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 6/10/2020	Approved
Intent to Cut – George Winters, Bennett Road (Map 7, Lot 20)	Approved
Intent to Cut – Tom Fadden/Harold Whittaker, Eaton Road (Map 12, Lots 7 & 8)	Approved

Correspondence:

Payment Agreement – Receipt of payment as agreed	Reviewed
Letter – Response to NH Public Radio RSA 91-A Right to Know Request	Reviewed
Advertisement – Help Wanted – Part-time Zoning Officer	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall