

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020**

Present were Selectmen Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., and Alan Fall, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Also present was Justin Brooks, Mark McKinley, Rob Cunio, Josh Shackford and Mike Bedley. There were no attendees 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.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/27/2020. Fall seconded. Babb abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Session held on 7/27/2020. Fall seconded. Babb abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/29/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the two Non-Public Sessions held on 7/29/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to authorize Babb as representative to sign the landfill water sampling contract with Stantec. Fall seconded. Fall stated he discussed the contract with Justin Brooks and the contract came in for less than he had anticipated. All in favor, the motion passed.

Six requests for appointment to the Town Office Advisory Committee have been received. The Board will discuss a plan to proceed.

Public Comment:

None presented.

Department Head Updates:

Town Facilities - Mark McKinley announced the new street lights have been delivered to the Public Safety Building and will be installed soon. McKinley also proposed the idea of researching a solar option for the Public Safety Building. Discussion on cost to install and estimated return. The Board was in favor of McKinley researching and providing more information on the topic.

Transfer Station – Justin Brooks reported operating at peak summer levels. There has been some pushback received on the increase in mattress disposal fees. The brochure has been updated to reflect the fee change and is posted on the website. Brooks reported an increase in the amount of trash that is being left at the gate after hours.

Police Department – Chief Josh Shackford reported on complaints received for fireworks displays, a drug overdose, a heroin DWI, and generally a lot of people in the area.

Shackford introduced Mike Bedley as a potential candidate to fill in for the department's short-staffing needs and lost hours due to Joe Duchesne's recent move to Effingham. Bedley works for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and has been in the area for many years. Babb made a motion to waive the moratorium in place for hiring. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Day made a motion to proceed with the hiring of Mike Bedley as part-time patrolman, replacing Joe Duchesne. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Shackford reported that Vinny Vaccaro has reached out about a bike race to take place on 8/28-8/29 on Ossipee Lake Road but confirmed that it will be on the other side of the Danforth Bridge. Fall stated that construction will begin next week with the installation of sheet piling on either side of the bridge in preparation for the lane closure and demolition.

Discussion took place on updating the fine schedules. Shackford stated that nine non-permitted people were kicked out of the Loon Lake Beach, and noted issues with dogs at the beach as well. Shackford is reviewing the fines schedule and is compiling a wish list for updates for a future public hearing to aid in enforcement.

Fire Department – Chief Rob Cunio reported call volume for two weeks including 11 medical aid, 1 mutual aid for a woods fire, 4 fire alarm, welfare check with forced entry (neighbor kicked in door of wrong house), and 2 new positive covid-19 cases. There were 42 calls in the month of July, 32 ahead of last year. The Forestry truck is back in service.

Discussion:

Discussion took place on updating the Fireworks Ordinance to reduce the number of days following the 4th of July holiday that fireworks are allowed. White has reached out to Town Attorney John Ratigan and NHMA for advice as to whether the ordinance requires to be updated at Town Meeting or by public hearing since it was originally adopted at Town Meeting in 2010. Further discussion on a noise ordinance and whether it should be incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance or separate.

Next week's agenda includes Don Johnson who will be reporting after his meeting with the School Board on his request to use of the elementary school as a polling location.

The Board welcomed Mike Bedley.

White and Fall updated on the bridge construction. Both attended a pre-construction meeting this morning and construction should be well underway next while they are still establishing the site this week. Fall reviewed a catch basin drainage request the contractor has received from property owner Doherty.

Non-Public Session:

Fall made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:34 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), personnel. Day seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Day-yes, Fall-yes. All in favor, the motion carried. Babb made a motion to reconvene public session at 8:05 PM. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion continued:

Discussion on the Town Office Advisory Committee. The Board agreed to proceed with a 5-member committee, including one of which to be a Selectmen's Representative. Six requests for appointment

have been received. Day made a motion to form a 5-member committee consisting of the following: Alan Fall, Mark McKinley, Anne Cunningham, Karrie Buttrick, and Denny Anderson. Babb seconded. All in favor, the motion carried. White will send out letters acknowledging the appointments. Fall will schedule the first meeting to be included in the correspondence. Fall discussed the professional selection process as required in the Purchasing Policy for the architectural services. A previous design by Sean Bergeron should be updated to reflect current code related to historic buildings.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting – 7/27/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Session – 7/27/2020	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting – 7/29/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Sessions #1 & 2 – 7/29/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 7/29/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 7/29/2020	Approved
Application for All Veteran’s Tax Credit	Approved
Request for Abatement – Mailhot, 12 Mourning Dove Ln. (Map 1A, Lot 17)	Denied
Freedom Landfill Proposal, 2020 Sampling – Stantec Consulting Services	Approved

Correspondence:

Planning Board Minutes – 7/16/2020	Reviewed
Action Ambulance Reports – 2 nd Quarter 2020	Reviewed
NH DOT – Highway Block Grant Aid for FY 2021	Reviewed
Pre-Construction Meeting Minutes – Danforth Bay Bridge – 7/14/2020	Reviewed
Payment Agreement – Payment received as agreed	Reviewed
Listing of unpaid receivables listed by warrant	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – Residency question regarding Totem Pole Park	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – Legal counsel absence	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – FCC agenda item request re: Intents to Cut	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – GMCG re: BMPS project delayed to 2021	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – DTC Lawyers, Worthen v. Town of Freedom	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – David Maidrand, employee/website accolade	Reviewed
E-mail correspondence – Donna-Marie Tung, fireworks complaint	Reviewed
Letter issued to septic designers re: Town pre-approval requirement	Reviewed
2017 Lien – Payment in full received	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall