

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2020**

Present were Selectmen Leslie Babb (arrived at 6:41 PM), Ernest Day, Jr., and Alan Fall, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Also present was Joanne & Al Haley, Bennett Road; Nancy Griffin, Old Portland Road; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; and Transfer Station Supervisor Justin Brooks. This meeting was held at the Town Hall.

Selectman Day 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.

Fall discussed the drug and alcohol policy received from the Town of Madison for review. It will be forwarded to Attorney Ratigan for review prior to incorporating it into the employee manual.

Fall and Day agreed to meet at the Town Hall at 3:30 on Friday to assist with the election materials delivery to the school.

Fall made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/24/2020 as written. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Babb questioned the change in the estimated revenues reported on the form MS-434. White responded that it is an increase of approximately \$90,000 accounting for increases in auto registrations and sales of tax deeded properties.

Public Comment:

None presented.

Chief Cunio requested permission to use the Eaton Road property for training exercises. The Board agreed.

Cunio also requested the Board accept the bid received using grant funds approved to purchase the extrication tools. Babb made a motion to accept the bid received from Industrial Protection Services in the amount of \$40,542 as it meets the purchasing policy requirements under (MA) State bid pricing. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 7:00 PM for the Public Hearing on updates to the Violation of Ordinances & Regulations Uniform Fine Schedule and Fireworks Ordinance. Reconvened at 7:28 PM following the close of the Public Hearing.

Discussion:

Fall reported that last week's bridge weight limit concerns are all set following review by CMA. He then discussed the 6-ton weight limit noticed on Bennett Road & Ossipee Lake Road and the enforcement of the posted limit. Discussion ensued. Chief Shackford was requested to pay extra attention to the thru-trucking while the bridge is under reconstruction.

Fall announced that an abutting property owner presented him with a medallion found under Danforth Bridge several years ago recognizing it as NH State Aid Bridge No. 24 constructed in 1928.

White questioned if the Board would like to pursue obtaining quotes for the removal of the pine tree behind the bleachers at the ballfield. One larger limb was the cause of significant damage to the bleachers during the recent tropical storm. The Board agreed to go ahead.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting – 8/24/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 8/26/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 8/26/2020	Approved
Form MS-434: Revised Estimated Revenues	Approved
Form MS-535: Financial Report of the Town Budget	Approved

Correspondence:

Town of Madison Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing Policy	Reviewed
Information for Election Workers	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Day 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