

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, July 8, 2019**

Present: Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., Alan G. Fall Selectmen; Karen Hatch, Town Adm.; Fire Chief Rob Cunio; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Road Agent Scott Brooks; Transfer Station Manager Justin Brooks; Libby Priebe, Town Clerk; Treasurer Jayne Britton; Tax Collector Ann Babb; Adm. Assistant Janice Zecher along with citizens Bill Elliott, Sue Brown and Darwin Moulton.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm manifests were signed and mail was reviewed.

Buildings Custodian Mark McKinley met with the board to review the NH Saves Light Survey. Several town buildings based on use will be surveyed and McKinley will report back in two weeks. There was a question about the street lights being LED. Mark will also look in that.

Babb asked for public comment and Sue Brown asked about possibly adding solar on the school and other town buildings. There was a brief discussion. Shackford reported that the Town of Madison is currently putting some in. Fall stated that he would like to see some hard data before making any decision.

Chief Cunio reported 8 medical calls 1 motor vehicle accident and a tree on wires. He has ordered the needed tires through the state bid. He felt it was fairly quiet.

Chief Shackford stated that they were out of control busy. He reported that there was the most people ever in town over the holiday ever. He deputized J. Brooks to ride with him one night due to fireworks and other activity.

Priebe asked that the parking at the town office be addressed next year during Ducky Day as it was very hard for patrons to park near the building to do business.

J. Brooks reported that he had an incident on Saturday with Contractor Rick Hurd bringing in roofing material and asked because of the confrontation he not be allowed in the facility. He strongly feels that no outside contractors be allowed to use our facility. Fall made a motion to ban Hurd from dumping for 6 month; Day seconded, voted yes unanimously. Shackford will send an officer to the job site to inform him of this.

The compactor project is to start this week and he has done advertising in the paper, website and posted signs of the facility being closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Road Agent reported that the majority of materials were at the worksite to begin Durgin Hill, the equipment was delivered and they would be starting the underdrain. Some roads would also be graded on Tuesday.

Next was the discussion on if the positions of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector be combined as in other towns. This was suggested as the Tax information will be available

online this year along with the ability to pay taxes online. Zecher gave an update of when the different modules will be online. She did indicate that she had a few questions and there was a question about the fees currently being made by the Tax Collector for tax information. Babb noted that the board would have to discuss that but to move forward.

Day had called several surrounding towns to collect data on if there were combined, how many people and the overall cost.

Babb asked Priebe for her opinion and she stated that because of the paperwork and mandated requirements that it would still take two people. Sue Brown past town clerk deputy stated that she was aware in the past some towns wished that they had not combined the positions because of the increased paperwork. Day did state that it is cheaper the way we do it now by about \$20,000.00.

Moulton asked about taking debit/credit cards in the office as well. It was stated that this is separate from the online and we did not need to take them at the office. Britton did, however, indicate that the bank would make machines available at no cost to the office if we choose to do that. Priebe discussed also putting the registrations online

The board next reviewed the properties that would be up for tax deed signing next week. These were reviewed and voted on.

The Tax Collector reported that she did receive a call from Al LaBonte and he purportedly said he would be paying his 2016 and Morgan's 2015 & 2016 taxes.

Fall made a motion to take by deed Abbott on Map 8 Lot 42, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to instruct the Tax Collector to try to obtain payment or execute the deed on Emmett Map 01B Lot 120, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

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Next were two units at Danforth Bay Campground that were discussed; Fall stated that town council had indicated that it was not worth the few hundred dollars to proceed with taking these as there would be eviction and other issues to address. If still unpaid when the unit was removed then the letter regarding the misdemeanor would be sent to them. The board agreed to not attempt to take these two units.

Babb made a motion to take by deed A. LaBonte Map 7 Lot 12-04; Map 7 Lot 12-01A; Map 7 Lot 12-02A; Map 7 Lot 12-03A and Map 13 Lot 27, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion not to accept deed for A. LaBonte Map 13 Lot 26 as it is a liability; Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Babb made a motion to take by deed M. LaBonte Map 7 Lot 12-01B; Map 7 Lot 12-02B; Map 7 Lot 12-03B and Map 7 Lot 12-04B, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Glen Allen Meserve Map 3 Lot 13; the Tax Collector said there was a question if he owns this. Babb made a motion to direct the Tax Collector not to deed Meserve due to a potential liability, Fall seconded, voted yes unanimously.

Fall made a motion to take both of Susan Stuarts lots, Day seconded, voted yes unanimously.

The Treasurer did report that she has made a change to the operating sweep account by lowering the daily holding amount of \$240,000 to \$20,000; this will allow more interest to be earned.

Fall gave a brief summary update on the Danforth Bay Bridge documents that town council had reviewed and commented on. He instructed Hatch to forward the documents and the council's letter to our insurance carrier for their review.

Babb made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:II(a); seconded by Fall

Roll Call Vote:	Leslie Babb	yes
	Ernest Day Jr.	yes
	Alan Fall	yes

The board entered nonpublic session at 8:25pm. The board reconvened the public session at 8:50pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Hatch
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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