

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2019**

Present were Selectmen Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., and Alan Fall, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held in the Town Office. Also in attendance were Josh Shackford, Justin Brooks, Rob Cunio, and Bill Elliott.

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

The Board reviewed the mail, accounts payable manifest, payroll manifest, and action items. Babb noted a correction needed in the Regional Ambulance Meeting Minutes. An invoice for legal services was reviewed and discussed. White will inquire if a case needs to be billed for the legal expense. Babb announced the DRA equalization ratio from the trial ratio study came in at 81.2%.

Public Comment/Department Head Reporting:

Bill Elliott commented on the limited snow accumulation received during today's storm.

Police Department - Chief Josh Shackford the call volume for the week consisting of (2) 9-1-1 hang ups, (2) Fish & Game Calls; (1) for a shot fired from the road, and (1) reporting a deer drive off Kidder Drive, alarm activation, motor vehicle accident, disturbance/scare call, gate vandalized at Shawtown Road, citizen request for access to various town buildings, and a review of bail conditions.

Fire Department - Chief Rob Cunio reported last week to be a quiet one with only one medical call. The new mule was picked up Saturday and will be ready to put into service in a few weeks. The Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for 1/18/2020 and an 8x10 aluminum shed will be raffled, tickets are available for \$20.00. This year, they will be implementing an online registration for the derby to hopefully attract more attendance. Cunio reported the new pagers have been ordered.

Shackford shared a letter of praise that he received acknowledging Patrolman Mike Mosher.

Transfer Station - Justin Brooks reported nothing new this week.

Agenda Items:

100 Burnham Road (Perkins) – White reviewed correspondence received from Attorney Rattigan. The property owner has not made contact with Scott Brooks as advised in the beginning of November and they have not corrected the issue. Fall made a motion to have Brooks take remedial action, fix as much as he possible, tracking the labor and expenses to do so, and to also retract the driveway permit. Day seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Budget Review: Transfer Station – Brooks presented the budget request at an increase of 17.9% or \$39,911 over last years budget primarily due to the increase in hauling fees and tipping fees. He stated that he cannot control the cost of the new contract and budgeted for the worst-case scenario.

Budget Review: Police Department – Shackford stated his current budget is in good shape and noted a few proposed increases in wages accounting for a proposed 2.2% overall increase. Discussion took place on the replacement of a police cruiser. The Capital Reserve account balance is \$41,000 and the State bid award to McMulkin is for \$34,000-\$35,000. Cunio stated that he would need to figure in the

cost to transfer the radio equipment and outfit the Tahoe if they choose to replace a cruiser this year. Fall stated that he would like to determine the cost for a salt shed before making decision. Shackford is researching the cost of the mobile data transfer system that surrounding towns have already implemented for a potential Warrant Article.

Budget Review – Zoning Board of Adjustment – Request for level-funding at \$3,300.

Budget Review – Planning Board – No one was present. The current budget and minutes from the last Planning Board meeting were reviewed. The request is for an increase of \$400 for mapping for a total of \$3,000.

Pat Hatfield – Posting land in current use assessment – White presented a request to post sections of land behind the home due to concern with unsafe hunting practices. Discussion ensued. Brooks stated that NH Fish and Game can post a safety zone as an option. Fall suggested that if she wants to post it, remove the section of land from receiving the recreational discount. Babb agreed.

Other business – Jayne Britton stated the town credit card with TD Bank is in Karen Hatch’s name and needs to be cancelled. She presented an option for a new credit card with Bank of New Hampshire. White will look into options. Babb suggested a review of the town’s credit card policy.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

Consent Agenda:

Item Description:

Status:

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting 11/25/2019	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Sessions 11/25/2019 (3)	Reviewed
Minutes – Regional Ambulance Meeting 11/25/2019	Reviewed
Minutes – Planning Board Meeting 11/21/2019	Reviewed
Ambulance Service Agreement – 11/26/2019 draft copy	Reviewed
Accounts Payable Manifest week ending 11/27/2019	Approved
Payroll Manifest week ending 11/27/2019	Approved
Request for withdrawal of Trust Funds:	
Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund (\$1,000)	Approved
Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (\$20,000)	Approved
NH DRA Equalization Certification	Approved
Yield Tax Levy – Operation # 19-165-04-T (Clausen, Map 13, Lot 18)	Approved
Septage Waste Disposal Agreement with North Conway Water Precinct	Approved
Abatements from P02 Warrant negative tax bills:	
Roy Jr. and Janet Benoit - Map 5, Lot 4, Sub 32 (\$177.00)	Approved
Mike and Sarah Comora – Map 60, Lot 1 Sub P09 (\$14.00)	Approved
Dennis and Tina Cote – Map 60, Lot 1, Sub Lot P07 (\$13.00)	Approved
Richard, Sr. and Mary Longo – Map 60, Lot 1, Sub YMA11 (\$116.00)	Approved
James and Arlene McGovern – Map 60, Lot 1, Sub YFL01 (\$13.00)	Approved
Petition and Police License – Eversource (36/91), Ossipee Lake Road	Approved

Correspondence Received:

Tax payment agreement - receipt of payment	Reviewed
Report of P02 tax payment transactions received to date (\$1,034,075.65)	Reviewed
Letter of resignation from Recording Secretary Stacey Bolduc	Reviewed
MS-46 Statement of Appropriations from Carroll County	Reviewed

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Day seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb Ernest F. Day, Jr. Alan G. Fall