

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 13, 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 Hall and was also available on the Zoom platform. Also, in attendance was Rob Troon, Totem Pole Park Manager, and several others (57) 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.

Babb reviewed the process for the reimbursement of the Town's portion of expenses paid on the Danforth Bridge Project.

White reported that the auto registration renewals, dog licensing, and vitals are now able to be completed online.

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

Babb reported that he reached out to the Governor and Executive Councilor Cryans with no luck regarding the opening of campgrounds. He was able to reach State Representative Jerry Knirk and expressed thanks for the follow up, research, and contact made to the NH DHHS and Councilor Cryans regarding the concerns expressed by Babb on behalf of the Town.

**Agenda Items:**

Campground Agreement – Totem Pole – White stated that she has been contacted by two campers that are claiming the campground is violating the agreement it has with the Town by allowing campers into the campground without winter camping agreements in place, and there is also question about individual sites being allowed their own wells. Dennis Gould, President of Totem Pole Park, responded that the campground is closed for 30-days from November 15 to December 15 each year at which time there is no overnight camping. Only those with winter camping agreements in place are in the campground prior to its regular season opening. Gould added that the winter camping agreement is an internal process in which they notify the Fire Chief of those agreements in place for emergency accessibility. Further, he stated that there have been no additions to the water system or individual wells; the only ones that remain are those that were grandfathered. Gould commented on the great relationship the campground has with the Town. Further discussion ensued. White questioned if there is an issue that needs to be brought forward to the Zoning Office to investigate? Fall stated that complainants should bring forward evidence of any violations to the agreement in place to the Zoning Officer. The campground was noted to have 456 sites. Babb stated he was involved in the inception of the agreement between the Town and the campground and noted that the terms in place are there for a reason. Troon stated that he would be happy to assist the Zoning Officer if need be. The Board agreed that it appears to be more of an internal problem. Gould and Troon thanked the Board for their time and apologized for any misunderstanding.

**Discussion:**

White reviewed the certified letter received from Northeast Earth Mechanics noting the possibility of delays due to COVID-19 and it was followed up by CMA that this would not be a breach of contract as it would be a delay out of their control. She added that she is still waiting for the construction schedule for the Danforth Bay Bridge project. Fall stated that it may be best for them to commence work once the precast materials are ready rather than leave one lane of the bridge inaccessible. White also confirmed receipt of the 50% reimbursement from NH DOT toward the bridge construction costs.

White informed the Board that Spectrum has completed the buildout on Bennett Road and will be completing the phone conversion at the Transfer Station on Wednesday, 4/16/2020. This is the last town building location to be converted over from Consolidated to Spectrum.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that requests for reimbursement of the Town’s 20% match of the expenses paid on the Danforth Bay Bridge project will be requested as the invoices are received and processed for payment.

White reported that the Town Office is still functioning and although quiet things such as construction and regular inquiries are still incoming.

The Fire Department is reportedly quiet as well and is awaiting the arrival of personal protection equipment that has been requested.

White stated that the road ban on Ossipee Lake Road and Bennett Road has been lifted, but all other town roads remain posted.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting 4/6/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Session 4/6/2020	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Letter from NH DOT – New Municipal Reimbursement Procedure	Reviewed
Letter from Northeast Earth Mechanics – Letter acknowledging potential delays due to COVID-19 pandemic	Reviewed
Email from Josh Bouchard, CMA Engineers, acknowledging above letter received from Northeast Earth and allowance within contract	Reviewed
Minutes - 2020 Town Meeting & Election of Officers – Abridged version	Reviewed
2020 Consumer Confidence Report for the Freedom Village Water Precinct	Reviewed
Email from Senator Jeanne Shaheen – Virtual meeting on Financial Impact of COVID-19 to be held on Wednesday, 4/15/2020 at 10:00 AM	Reviewed
Email Correspondence – Dave Gonsalves & Jeff Kelley regarding Totem Pole Park Winter Agreement including attachments	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen White  
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_:

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Leslie R. Babb

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Ernest F. Day, Jr.

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Alan G. Fall