

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 18, 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 Bill Elliott, Josh Shackford, Justin Brooks, Bill Carney, and Miranda Sandahl, and Rob Cunio, Barbara, Joel Rhymer, Kimberly Reis, Karen Babb, Mary Beth, Robert Barker, Melissa Florio, and Libby Priebe 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.

A License to Sell Firearms was presented for Patrick Apanel, 56 Old Portland Road. It was noted that the license is a renewal. Shackford confirmed no issues with the request. Babb made a motion to approve. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to accept the Corona Virus Relief Grant Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$37,444.00 and also to authorize Babb as representative to sign the agreement. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 11, 2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Public Input:

None presented.

Department Head Reports:

Police Department - Police Chief Josh Shackford reported the new cruiser is still at Ossipee Mountain Electronics and the speed trailer has been set up on Eaton Road.

Transfer Station - Justin Brooks reported that everyone is here and the Transfer Station has been very busy. Shackford stated that Madison's Transfer Station was shut down on Monday because it is at capacity. Brooks presented a handout with his recommendations for revisions for out of town contractors. The recommendation is to add brush/yard waste to the items disallowed in Section D of Schedule A in the Transfer Station Ordinance. Fall made a motion to amend the Ordinance as recommended. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Fire Department - Rob Cunio, Fire Chief, reported two medical aid calls with Covid-19 precautions, one mutual aid call for a fire, an illegal burn, an outside fire, resubmittal of information for the first responder stimulus payments, and 1-4 positive cases in Freedom for Covid-19. Weekends are busy and seasonal people are here.

Agenda Items:

Zoning Officer – Babb announced the resignation of Zoning Officer Don Harris. Fall stated that he spoke with both Harris and Scott Lees from the ZBA. Babb stated that the position is now open with

a hiring freeze in place which means that a temporary fill in by a Selectman is necessary. Fall volunteered to fill the position with assistance from Babb and Building Inspector Dave Senecal. Fall was thanked by the Board for stepping in.

Discussion:

Bill Carney presented a request to store a small chest freezer that has been donated to the Freedom Village Store in the Town Hall due to a lack of space at the store and the growing need to store foods for the delivery service being provided by the store. Day was not in favor of setting a precedent by allowing a private entity to use a public building as a substation. Miranda Sandahl questioned the food pantry’s refrigerator in the kitchen. Brooks responded that it is owned by the Town Hall, not food pantry. Babb stated that there is currently no public use of the Town Hall at this time in an effort to keep the building sanitized for board meeting space. Babb made a motion not allow it at this time. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Fall questioned a concern with the Transfer Station’s budget in terms of recycling costs. Brooks agreed stating the cost to be approximately \$1,500 per month. Trucking for recycled products used to be \$20/ton and now it is \$150/ton in comparison to \$82/ton for MSW. Discussion ensued on stopping recycling temporarily. Brooks is concerned with having to retrain people to recycle which has been a process that has taken several years. Further discussion took place on recycling and where the products end up. Brooks stated he would like to get through the summer than evaluate. Shackford stated that Madison is working through similar issues; it is a feel-good thing to recycle but there is no guarantee that the items are actually being recycled after all the efforts made in sorting. Day suggested a public hearing take place before a change be made. Brooks will research the expenses and budget from the past few months and get back to the Board and further discussion will take place at a later time.

Non-Public Sessions:

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:08 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter. Fall seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Babb-yes, Day-yes, Fall-yes. All in favor, the motion carried. Babb made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:35 PM. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting 5/11/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Session 5/11/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Session #2 (Sealed) 5/11/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 5/13/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 5/13/2020	Approved
Tax Collector’s Warrant - Property Tax Levy	Approved
Intent to Cut – Randy Nolan, 471 Old Portland Rd., Map 4, Lot 16	Approved

Correspondence:

Tax Payment Agreement – Receipt of payment as agreed	Reviewed
Letter of Resignation from Don Harris	Reviewed
Letter of interest in Code Enforcement Officer position	Reviewed
Letter of thanks – CASA for annual appropriation	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall