

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 15, 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 Office and was also available on the Zoom platform. Also, in attendance was Rob Cunio, Josh Shackford, Moselle Spiller, and Bill Elliott, and Carol DeMore, Jean (?), and an unknown caller 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 broken window at the 50 Eaton Road property was reported to the Board. The Board requested it be boarded up rather than have the window replaced.

Babb questioned if the first responder stipend is federally funded. White responded that the stipend is from State funds that were ultimately reallocated from federal funds they received.

The Board received a copy of a RSA 91-A Right to Know request. White affirmed this has been forward to Chief Shackford for the requested information. She also stated she has responded to the request to let the requester know the review is in progress and a response would be available Friday or sooner.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/8/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Sessions held on 6/8/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Department Head Reports:

Police Department - Police Chief Josh Shackford reported a motor vehicle accident (deer), and multiple tickets issued on Eaton Road. Congratulations are in order to Shackford as a new grandfather.

Fire Department - Rob Cunio, Fire Chief, reported 7 medical aid calls, 2 fire alarms, and 1 illegal campfire. There are still positive case(s) in Freedom. Cunio is still working on scheduling a first responder training with the new ambulance provider. The proposed donation to be sent to West Ossipee Fire for their assistance during the Danforth Bridge construction was well received at a recent joint training. The parts are in for the warranty repair on the mule and it will be going in for service shortly. The first responder stimulus check has been received. White added that payments will be distributed this week for fire personnel and next week for police personnel. Cunio requested a non-public session to discuss a public health issue. Cunio reported a very busy week with all three ambulances dispatched to town at one point over the weekend.

Transfer Station – Justin Brooks reported the scrap iron has gone out, brush burnt, and a load of electronics has shipped out. Activity is still at a mid-summer level and they are trying to stay ahead of

it but not very well. Recycling revenue remains questionable as does the ability to continue burning brush. It was noted that Madison Transfer Station's ability to burn brush has been shut down by the State.

Agenda Items:

Green Mountain Conservation Group – Ossipee Lake Water Quality: Moselle Spiller presented on best management practices to control stormwater runoff into Ossipee Lake. Power point presentation attached to these minutes for reference.

Discussion:

White questioned if the Board is ready to move forward with forming the Town Office subcommittee. The Board agreed to proceed with a 5-7-member committee. White will work on requests for interested committee members.

Agenda Items Continued:

Zoning Officer – White requested a review of the zoning application processing. Currently, Anne Cunningham is reviewing the applications and making notes, then Babb is coming in to act on them following the review. Discussion ensued on the need for a Zoning Officer. Babb made a motion to waive the hiring freeze pertaining to the Zoning Officer position. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. White questioned how long the job opening will be advertised. The Board agreed to advertise the position until it is filled.

Discussion Continued:

Bill Elliott commented that the posts on the four "Welcome to Freedom" signs are in need of painting. The Board agreed to authorize the reimbursement of paint purchased to repaint them.

Non-Public Sessions:

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:30 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a matter affecting the reputation of an individual. 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 7:47 PM. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Day made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:47 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter. Babb 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 8:00 PM. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 8:00 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) for a legal 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 8:10 PM. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion continued:

Babb made a motion to accept the resignation of Janice Zecher as Cemetery Trustee. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Fall suggested a topic for future discussion being old and abandoned cemeteries in Freedom.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting 6/8/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Sessions #1 & #2 6/8/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 6/10/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 6/10/2020	Approved
Intent to Cut – George Winters, Bennett Road (Map 7, Lot 20)	Approved
Intent to Cut – Tom Fadden/Harold Whittaker, Eaton Road (Map 12, Lots 7 & 8)	Approved

Correspondence:

Letter of Resignation – Janice Zecher, Cemetery Trustee	Reviewed
Check receipt – State of NH First Responder Stipend (Fire)	Reviewed
Check receipt – State of NH First Responder Stipend (Police)	Reviewed
NH Dept. of Revenue – Community Action Report	Reviewed
Email – CMA Engineers – Danforth Bay Bridge wetlands permit amendment	Reviewed
Payment Agreement – Receipt of payment as agreed	Reviewed
RSA 91-A – Right to Know Request for information – NH Public Radio	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White
Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall