

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, June 29, 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, Matt Tyler, Josh Shackford, Justin Brooks, and Bill Elliott. There were no attendees 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.

White verified payment received on the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe today.

A draft copy of the Public Rights-of-Way Regulations were presented for review. This will be scheduled as an agenda topic at a future meeting.

Discussion on a 3-acre forest fire in Madison on Sunday.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/22/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Sessions held on 6/22/2020. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Public Comment:**

Bill Elliott announced that all five of the Welcome to Freedom signs have been sanded and repainted with two coats. The Board thanked Elliott.

**Department Head Reports:**

Police Department – Chief Josh Shackford and Sgt. Matt Tyler reported a busy week last week with 2 accidents; 1 with an arrest, an overdose Saturday night and again Sunday morning (same person), multiple fireworks complaints; 1 at the airstrip but unfound, and paper service.

Fire Department - Rob Cunio, Fire Chief, reported 6 medical aid calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid for a building fire-canceled, woods fire in Madison, smoke investigation and no new positive covid-19 cases. The Emergency Medical Responder class has been scheduled for 9/14-12/7 with the location pending whether school will be back in session in the fall. Cunio requested permission to use the second floor of Town Hall as an alternative location. Babb referred Cunio to verify the schedule with Mark McKinley. Cunio met with Dianne Battles from Danforth Bay Campground to discuss protocols in the event of a covid-19 outbreak at the campground. There is still no guidance available from the State but the campground is making all provisions they can to prevent an outbreak. Fall reported that pools and playgrounds are now cleared to open. Cunio added that the campground has removed all lounge chairs from the pool and campers must bring their own and practice social distancing. Pump testing commenced Friday at the Totem Pole boat launch and all checked out. Department member Jon Powers is now a certified medic, a great benefit to the town

when he fills in.

Transfer Station – Justin Brooks had nothing new to report.

Town Office – Ellen White announced there is a newly installed mail slot in the vestibule at Town Office for tax payments. The audit continued throughout last week and is still ongoing as there is supporting information still needed from the Library. A non-public session was requested for an update on a personnel matter.

**Agenda Items:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Fall discussed the septic design approval that the Board voted to waive a few years ago. The Zoning Ordinance requires town approval on septic designs and until an amendment is made, it should be followed. Fall made a motion to require the signature of the Code Officer prior to septic application. Babb seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

**Non-Public Sessions:**

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:10 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b) to review applications received for the Zoning Officer position. 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 7:28 PM. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Babb made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:28 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 7:32 PM. Day seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

**Discussion:**

The Board reviewed a request received from Moderator Don Johnson to meet along with the Town Clerk and Supervisors of the Checklist to review preparations for the upcoming elections. The Board agreed to forgo meeting on Monday, 7/6 and to reschedule with Johnson for Monday, 7/13 at 7 PM at the Town Hall to allow for social distancing of attendees.

The Board reviewed a request for consideration on the sale of a tax-deeded property to an abutting property owner. The Board reviewed the assessment card, deeding information, map and agreed to respond to the inquiry with a request for an offer and acknowledgment that the property must be merged if sold. A review of tax-deeded properties will be scheduled for a future meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting - 6/15/2020	Approved
Minutes – Non-Public Sessions #1 & #2 - 6/15/2020	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 6/17/2020	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 6/17/2020	Approved
Abatement – L. Howard & Frank Harris, Adams Ave (Map 60, Lot 1-YAD14)	Approved

Abatement – Joseph & Dianne Enaire, Winnepesaukee Way (Map 60, Lot 1-N45)	Approved
Abatement – David & Kerri Kemper, 110 Cushing Corner Rd. (Map 8, Lot 28)	Approved
Timber Tax Levy – Chris Marques (Map 13, Lot 19)	Approved
Timber Tax Levy – Randy Nolan (Map 4, Lot 16)	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Letter & File Copy – Wetland Permit Amendment – Danforth Bridge Replacement	Reviewed
Letter – CMA Engineers – Abutters Notification of Wetlands Permit Amendment	Reviewed
Letter & Draft – DTC Lawyers – Comprehensive Rights-of-Way Regulations	Reviewed
Wetlands Permit Application – Std. Dredge & Fill, Spindle Point (Map 28, Lot 61)	Reviewed
Notice Posting – Request for Town Office Advisory Committee Members	Reviewed
E-Mail & Report – Don Johnson, Election Planning	Reviewed
Letter – Janice Zecher, acknowledgement of Cemetery Trustee resignation	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 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