

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021**

Present were Selectmen Ernest Day, Jr. and Melissa Florio, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Selectman Leslie Fall was absent. This meeting was held at the Town Hall.

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

Also present was Bill Elliott, Rob Cunio, Paul Elie, Bonnie Elie, Alan Fall, and Rich Gray.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

The accounts payable and payroll manifests were reviewed as well as the red folder containing correspondence.

Day made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Sessions held on 3/29/2021 and the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting and Non-Public Session held on 4/5/2021. Day noted a date correction to Monday, April 5. Florio seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Department Head Updates:

Town Office – Town Administrator Ellen White reported the cost of adding pickleball lines in the hockey rink will be \$200.00. Both Florio and Day were in favor of proceeding. White informed the Board that Garland Waste will not be providing portable toilets this year so she is actively pursuing other companies that may have availability. Contact has been made with Maple Ridge, Pottier Patrol and United so far. The audit work continues and information is still being sent as requested but it is progressing better than last year.

Fire Department – Chief Rob Cunio reported 4 medical aid calls, 1 mutual aid (fire), 1 service call and 5 active Covid-19 cases in town although town-to-town reports none. The order for the new AED units is in the works. The parts are in for the carburetor repair on the pump of Forestry 2 and it should only be a day or two before the repair is complete. Fire danger was a class III last week, but today it is low. Water supply is currently good due to the runoff but it will be continually monitored. Approximately 100 fire permits have been issued online so far and many calls have been received reporting campfires, etc. Preparations are being made for the upcoming forestry season. Cunio reports a good working relationship with Action Ambulance and their staff.

Discussion on a request for a regional ambulance meeting to review concerns received from John Hatch of Action Ambulance regarding purported potential contract violations and fine implementation. White informed the Board of the known issue and a request she has issued to all towns for a joint meeting tentatively scheduled for April 26 at 6 PM. Cunio stated that the level of service provided by Action Ambulance is much better than it has been with the past providers. There are no known issues with the service received in Freedom. Florio questioned if Fire Chiefs will be present at the meeting. White responded that she put the request out each Board of Selectmen and they can determine who they would like to send for representation to the meeting.

Public Input:

Paul Elie questioned the status of moving the records to the vault at the Public Safety Building. Day referred the question to White who responded that the tax records from the early 1800's up through

the 1960's have already been move, the vault is at approximately 50% capacity. Records have not been moved over since late summer/early fall due to weather conditions but will resume this spring. The Town Clerk vital records are next to be transferred. Elie question questioned when the project will be complete. White estimates by end of summer.

Alan Fall questioned if a public hearing has been scheduled regarding the Masonic Lodge acquisition. Day responded that the Board has not heard back from the Building Inspector with reported findings from this review of the building. Fall stated that a contractor looked at the building, specifically roof concerns, and is provide a quote. Another noted item was chimney pointing. Fall stated that he is anxious to move forward. Day suggested it be listed as an agenda item for the 4/26/2021 meeting, then schedule the required public hearings no sooner than 10-days but no later than 14-days apart.

Bonnie Elie questioned the status of Janice Zecher's personnel file request from 8 weeks ago stating per NH DOL it must be supplied within a reasonable timeframe. The Board responded that it was mailed out last Tuesday. Elie questioned the time in transit from Freedom to a Freedom address.

Old / New Business / Discussion:

Day discussed a Welcome to Freedom sign damaged over the winter. Chuck Brooks has quoted \$175 in parts and material to complete repair. Sign One will be contacted for a price to replace the actual sign. Florio stated that Bill Lambert from NH DOT had said that some towns add language to the town signs asking for consideration when using engine brakes, an option for consideration.

White reported she received a complaint from a property owner about the amount of steel piled up at the Transfer Station. Day responded that the steel is awaiting pickup once the road ban is lifted. Day reported that there are 1-2 loads of brush that need to be hauled away. White was asked to contact Johnny Edwards in the absence of Justin Brooks.

White reported that Scott Brooks confirmed the road ban has been lifted with the exception of Watson Hill, Burnham, Moulton and Scarboro Roads.

Non-Public Session(s):

Not applicable.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes –Non-Public Sessions – 3/29/2021	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen's Meeting & Non-Public Session – 4/5/2021	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending 4/7/2021	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 4/7/2021	Approved

Correspondence:

Newsletter – GMCG The Watershed News	Reviewed
Letter – Solitude Lake Management re: Milfoil treatment permitting	Reviewed
E-mail – John Hatch, Action Ambulance re: request for ambulance meeting	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio