

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2023**

Chairman Les Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Les Babb, Ernie Day and Melissa Florio, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Also in attendance were Scott Brooks, Jamie Mullen, and Charlene MacCurtain.

Public: Mike Anthony, Jeff Nicole

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes:

The accounts payable, payroll manifests, and red folder, including correspondence were reviewed.

Ernie made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20th Selectmen's Meetings and Non-Public Session. With the following correction: change Dean Driscoll to Dan Driscoll, Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Les updated the Board that the issues and concerns that Dan Driscoll has been turned over to the Sheriff's department.

There was no final paycheck for Anne Babb. Stacy will look into it.

Les questioned why there was no charge on the LCU. Rod usually writes a recommendation to the Board. Stacy will take this back to Rod for clarification.

Les made a motion to appoint Scott Lees for a three-year term to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed 3-0-0.

Les made a motion to appoint Ned Kucera to the FAISC for a three-year term; motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed 3-0-0.

Ernie made a motion to appoint Linda Mailhot and Melissa Florio as representatives for a 1-year term to the Broad Band Committee; Motion seconded by Les; Motion passed 3-0-0.

Department Head Updates:

Highway Department – Scott reported the roads are drying up decent and hopes to lift the road bans the second week in April. Anything west of 153 will be at least a week longer, with the exception of Loon Lake, Round Pond, and Freedom Point Rd.

Police Department – Rich reported they just bought gym equipment for the Safety Building. He will be working with Chief Cunio to obtain more equipment which will be available to Town employees.

Fire-Rescue Department – Was not present due to attending a Mutual Aid meeting.

Transfer Station – Charlene reported that Casella didn't show up this week to empty the bins. She has called Casella but does not have a time when they will be there. Scott confirmed they have a waiver to travel the road to pick up the bins. Melissa will confirm with Casella tomorrow.

The Board agreed Charlene can order whatever she needs for safety equipment and she is signed up for the Hazardous Waste Training. There is a wall-mounted heater that will be set aside for future use.

Clean Harbors was discussed pictures will be sent to them so they have an idea what we have to be disposed of. Stacy will call them this week. We need to find someone to pick up the discarded oil in the future.

Les asked Melissa to make sure her email to the State is very clear that all this cleanup at the transfer station is a result of mismanagement under the prior Transfer Station Supervisor and is not a reflection of present management.

Battery operated exit signs will be ordered.

Jeff Nicole was present to discuss the water quality testing program for Trout Pond and Round Pond. He has two problems with funding: Loon Lake Association withdrew their contribution to the testing program and Green Mountains rates came in higher than expected. As a result, FCC is short approximately \$1,600.00. FCC wants to maintain the same quality of testing that they have had in the past. There is a gift account that the money could come from. Stacy will look into it.

Public Comment

Mike Anthony came before the Board to question why he could not register his cars with the Town Clerk. Mike will be in nonpublic at the end of the meeting.

Old / New Business / Discussion:

A& B Lock Estimate

Ernie questioned the \$155.00 service charge for each order. Stacy will ask this when she calls them to schedule the work. Les suggested not doing the Town Hall but just do the Transfer Station, Highway Garage, and Town Office. Charlene will get a key that only opens the Transfer Station and Scott will have one that will unlock everything. Police and Fire will have a master key to everything. Stacy will call tomorrow to question the service charges and schedule the keys to be updated.

Jeff Nicole questioned if the Selectmen would take a position on 95 Burnham Rd. Les responded that the Town has addressed this through the ZBA and it is before the Planning Board. The ZBA has made a decision that it is not a commercial location. It was reiterated that this application has to go through the process.

Appointment(s): None

Public Input:

Non-Public Session(s):

Les made a motion enter into a non-public session at 7:15 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), personnel. Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes, Les-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Les made a motion to resume public session at 7:20PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Les made a motion enter into a non-public session at 7:20 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), personnel. Ernie seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes, Les-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Les made a motion to resume public session at 7:26 PM. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Les made a motion based on the information presented in non-public it is appropriate for Mike Anthony to register his vehicles in the Town of Freedom, Motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mike left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Stacy explained that Monica Simmons has reached out again regarding the Food Truck question after the Town Administrator advised her to reach out the Planning Board Chair Anne Cunningham. Les advised the Town Administrator to tell Monica that she needs to do an application with Gary Williams in Zoning.

The green burials letter from the attorney will be on the agenda for 4/10/2023.

Gary Williams will be on the agenda next week in nonpublic.

Classes was discussed the Local Officials class on June 1st and April 12th Primex So you want to be a Supervisor and HR for the Non- HR Professional in October.

Red Door Title Jackie Fitzgerald 2004 tax lien need to send a letter saying the Board of Selectmen has waived the 75.13.

Les made a motion to waive the \$75.13 lien for 138 East Danforth Rd. Freedom NH. from 2004, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed 3-0-0.

Anne Pierce letter was reviewed asking for a Transfer Station Sticker for the library person who cleans the library. After a brief discussion, it was decided to relay to Anne that they should buy a commercial hauler sticker if they are being paid to clean the library.

The to- do list from last week was reviewed. Everything was done.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Consent Agenda:

Accounts Payable – Week ending 3/24/2023	Approved
Payroll Manifest – Week ending 3/22/2023	Approved
Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting & Non-Public Sessions– 3/20/2023	Approved
Request for Abatement – N/A	
Supplemental Property Tax Warrant – N/A	
STR Applications	Approved

Correspondence:

Newsletter – NHMA Legislative Bulletin No. 13	Reviewed
Jeff Nicole Email	Reviewed
Community Power Programs	Reviewed
Monica Simmons	Reviewed
Ann Pierce	Reviewed
Jackie Fitzgerald	Reviewed

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio