

Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, June 5, 2023

**Non-Public Session(s):**

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Chairman Les Babb called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Jamie Mullen, Rob Cunio, Scott Brooks, Charlene McCurtain, Lindsay Pettengill

Public: Ned Kucera, Jeff Nicoll, Bill Elliott, Monica Simmons, Brian Chaput, Dennis Simmons, Kate Chaput, Brandy Buttrick, Roberta MacCarthy

**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 Selectmen's Meetings and Non-Public Session minutes of the May 15, 2023, and May 22, 2023, May 24, 2023, with changes noted on the draft. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion Passed 3-0-0.*

**Department Head Updates:**

**Fire Department-** Chief Cunio reported five medical aids, and they got the boat back this week. He also confirmed that he and Chief Mullen were the only ones who needed to sign off on the firework's special events application. Les said they need to ensure the residents are doing what they are supposed to do as far as notifying their neighbors and let the office know in case, they get calls.

**Police Department** – Officer Cyr has started and has gone through his field training faster than expected. While attending the 5K this past weekend, the department was short an officer. Chief Mullen requested to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise Inc for \$11,352.60. This covers batteries, holsters, cartridges, and training.

**Les made a motion, seconded by Ernie, to authorize Chief Mullen to enter into a contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. for 5 years for \$11,352.60; motion passed 3-0-0.**

**Highway Department** – Scott reported the ditching was completed last week, but most of the dust control still needs to be done. The company that we use is down a truck and is not sure when they can get to us. The dust control cannot be put down if there is a chance of rain.

**Transfer Station** – Charlene reported that the burn went well today and there has been no incidents to report this week. She said that having three people on was a big help.

Ned Kucera from the FAC reported he got the inspection report back from Amy Smagula from DES, and she came up with the first map of the year it shows some milfoil in the upper Danforth's, but nothing was noted in the river or the lakes bays. Because the report was good, there will not be an herbicide treatment. The divers started today and will be here for the next few days, and the next inspection will be in August. Ned said he has the new herbicide is working well.

**Office-** Stacy reported that the audit is still going on, and there is a FEMA meeting tomorrow at 8:00 am at the office. She also questioned the \$500.00 hydrant fee. Chief Cunio asked that she inquire what the fee was for. There is not enough pressure or volume to hook a truck up for a fire. Scott said you could turn the pump station on and pump form the hydrant at the end of Scarboro road. That's all-new pipe from that hydrant to the pump house. Stacy also reviewed a letter form NHDES regarding a Type II Modification that was never filed to alter the approved Landfill Closure Design Plan and Engineering Report for the Facility. Presently , the Town of freedom is required to conduct landfill gas monitoring on a triannual basis. Stacy will get a quote to see how much it will cost to get the modification done.

### **Public Comment**

Chief Mullen urged residents looking to rent out their homes (Short-term rental) to educate themselves on your property damage policy. The Police dept does not have the resources or time to cross state lines for criminal mischief investigations.

Paul Elie asked if the homeowners could lay down conditions. Chief Mullen responded the police can't enforce those conditions. Les said the Towns restrictions are regarding life safety.

### **Appointment**

Brandy Buttrick and Roberta MacCarthy came before the board to discuss using the ballfield to hold a benefit for the Historical Society. The benefit will host approximately one hundred people and a donation of \$50.00 minimum will me asked to attend. They are requesting to put a tent on the ballfield.

Les responded that the ball field is sprinkled. Scott Brooks suggested putting the chairs on the ballfield and the tent on the hill for the band. It was also requested to use the Town Hall as a backup plan if it rains. The tents used are the same tents at Freedom Old Home Week. There are no stakes.

**Les made a motion to authorize the Historical Society to do their benefit concert at the ballfield July 16<sup>th</sup> and to adhere to the Town regulations regarding the ballfield; Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Chief Cunio requested that attention be given to the parking layout so emergency vehicles can get through if necessary. He has offered his assistance if they need help with that.

### **Washington Valley Economic Council**

Les asked Scott Cunningham if he would stay on as Freedom's Town Representative for the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council and appoint someone as alternate. Scott is willing to stay on and suggested Katherine Watts for an alternate.

**Les made a motion to reappoint Scott Cunningham as town representative for Freedom to the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council, motion seconded by Melissa; motion passed 3-0-0.**

**Melissa made a motion, seconded by Ernie to elect Katherine Watts as an alternate to the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council; Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Scott will let Katherine know.

Jeff Nicoll came before the board to request a follow-up letter to the Effingham PB. After reviewing the letter that Jeff drafted and making changes to it the letter was signed by the Select Board. Ernie suggested that the FCC have a signature block on the letter where it is an environmental issue. Jeff said the Planning Board is meeting tomorrow night, so he's here tonight because the first letter came from this board.

### **Food Truck Ordinance**

Lindsay presented the draft of the Food Truck Ordinance and made the adjustments requested last week. The application has been on the Towns website and she has yet to receive any feedback. Gary had a question if the application should say anything about restroom regulations. Lindsay has researched other towns' ordinances and found nothing about restrooms. Stacy thought it was discussed at previous meetings not allowing porta potties. Les asked Florio and Day if they had read through the application and ordinance and wanted to present it at the public hearing the following Monday. Both were satisfied with the language.

Monica Simmons stated she has been working with a food truck vendor since January or February under the existing ordinance and asked if the application fee could be waived because she feels it is unfair to spring it on them now. They have two events that would have a food truck them, the parade and 5K. Monica referred to the special event part of the proposed food truck application. Les asked if they have a signed contract. Monica said they do not have a signed contract. Les explained that if they have a contract that predates adopting the ordinance, they can discuss any waiver requests. The public hearing will be June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Brooks updated the board on his meeting with Maine Scales. Handouts outlining the transfer station layout and information regarding the scales were reviewed. Stacy interjected that DES has to be notified when any changes are being made at the transfer station to make sure all regulations are met. The costs analysis done for freedom showed that the scales would pay for themselves in two years. Scott said the rep said to charge .10 cents a pound and that would cover getting rid of the C & D The size of the scale house was discussed. The scale would be visible to the customer so, they know the weight. The approximate amount that would be recouped on C&D is \$2,000.00 the town is responsible for the excavation and concrete. Total time to build is approximately 4-6 weeks and it would be fair and consistent pricing. The estimate stated that the town residents should not be responsible for disposing of large renovation projects. Once the account is set up, they will calibrate the scales yearly. The estimate is approximately \$70,000.00. Les said we have to figure out the process for transparency. Les asked if the board would like to do this now. The question was how do we appropriate the money. Les said we need to know a more accurate price. Scott will get more accurate numbers. He will call Tom at Maine Scale to get a digital plan for concrete pricing. Public Service will have to set a pole across the street and everything will be underground from there. Melissa will email what she found for guard sheds to Stacy to give Scott.

The letter to the Effingham Planning Board was signed.

### **Non-Public Session(s):**

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### **Adjournment:**

Being no further input, Les made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Accounts Payable – Week ending 5/31/2023

Approved

Payroll Manifest – Week ending 6/2/2023

Approved

Minutes – Selectmen's Meeting & Non-Public Sessions– 5//2023

Approved

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Request for Abatement – N/A

**Correspondence:**

Newsletter – NHMA Legislative Bulletin No. 23	Reviewed
Linda Mailhot Agenda request	Reviewed
Meena update	Reviewed
Danforth Ponds Maps submitted by Ned	Reviewed
Freedom Village Water Precinct Bill	Reviewed
David Ross FEMA	Reviewed
DES George Stone Expiration of Operator Certification	Reviewed
CASA Support letter	Reviewed
Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council Appointment Letter	Reviewed
Maine Scales Estimate	Reviewed

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Bolduc, 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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Melissa M. Florio