

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, November 13, 2023**

Present were Selectmen Chairman Les Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., and Melissa Florio, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Hall.

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

Also present were Road Agent Scott Brooks and Jeff Nicole

Nonpublic- The nonpublic scheduled for tonight's meeting was canceled until November 27.

**Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes**

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

**Ernie made a motion to accept the November 6, 2023, meeting minutes and nonpublic minutes as written; Melissa seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

Les asked if the tax bill went out. Stacy responded they are at the printers and will go out in the mail on Wednesday.

Melissa reported that the closure plan was done for the transfer station, and the big sign has been ordered for the street, completing the checklist.

Les asked Stacy to contact DHHS to add him added to the listserv for health officers.

**Appointments:**

**Department Head Updates**

**Road Agent** - Scott reported he needs to close the road on Watson Hill to do the culvert. He is working with the school to work with the bus schedule. He thinks the road will be closed until November 30<sup>th</sup>. The precast will be delivered on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The road will be closed starting 11/15. The detour will be from Horse Leg Hill to Burnham Rd.

Scott will get his budget at the office this week. He also reported the driveway to the transfer station will be done this week. The highway crew cleaned up construction debris from kitchen cabinets and a couch that someone dumped in the Town Forrest. They also left a wheelchair.

The loader needs new tires; estimated cost is \$20,000. The machine has almost 10,000 hours on it, and if new tires are put on, the sale value will increase. The loader is due to be replaced next year. Scott is pricing out a new loader and will price out the tires.

**Transfer Station-**

**Fire Department/Forest Fire- Rob is on vacation**

**Public Input:**

Jeff Nicole came before the board to update them that the FAC/FCC will be holding a joint meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and the website states the Selectboard will be attending on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Stacy will update the information to reflect the 21<sup>st</sup>. Jeff also emailed to update Selectmen on what is going on between the two boards. Jeff stated the joint meeting would focus on a path forward between the two boards, and hear everyone's concerns, and discuss ways to

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be more efficient.

Ernie questioned why John Bardy was on the uniform invoice for a pair of coveralls. Scott explained it was two pairs of coveralls.

Jeff followed up with a question regarding the Land Use Change Tax that should be in the FCC budget. Stacy said Greg Colby was coming Friday, and it is on her list to have him look at the fund.

Melissa is working on the transfer station budget and the Lakes Region for Hazardous Wastes Day, for \$5,000 dollars. Melissa requested the last five years of usage for the town and broke it down to an average of forty-seven households equating to over two hundred a household. Wolfeboro is forty-five dollars a household; the bill used to be \$3,000, it has now jumped to \$5,000. Melissa will put it in the budget but would like the board to consider whether it should be in it.

Ernie asked why the Lakes Region Planning is sending an invoice for 2025. Stacy will question why it is for 2025. Ernie also wants to get Karen Hatches' name off the Aubuchon bill. Melissa stated her name is on a lot of statements.

Ernie asked Scott to give Brian a lesson on the loader so both attendants would be trained if someone was on vacation.

As Selectmen, Les asked that they deal with the department head of anyone that there may be an issue within any department.

**Old / New Business / Discussion:**

Health Trust contract will be signed in December.

Brian Taylor releasee of deed for Map 41 Lot 7-01

**Les motioned to release the deed to Brian Taylor for Map 41 Lot 7-01 with an amount paid \$1,281.55; Ernie seconded the motion; Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Stacy said she reached back out to Kelly at Lakeside Security, and she has not had a chance to get a quote yet. Les asked that Stacy reach out to Pope Security and see if they can give a quote.

There will be no meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting – 11/06/2023	Approved
Payroll Manifest – week ending - 11/1/2023	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 11/4/2023	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Balance Sheet	Reviewed
Jeff Nicole email regarding joint meeting	Reviewed
Ossipee Alliance update	Reviewed
Public Health Services	Reviewed
Melissa Florio email re: Town Forrest trash	Reviewed
Mission Square Retirement	Reviewed

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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