

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Wednesday January 17, 2024**

Present: Selectmen Chairman Les Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., and Melissa Florio, and Stacy Bolduc, Admin. Assistant, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Chairman Babb called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Also, present were Chief Mullen, Scott Brooks

Discussion:

The draft operating budget and warrant articles were reviewed. Discussion ensued.

Key points of discussion:

- Health Ins is up 15%
- The office phones is up considerably.
- **Town evaluation** will capture all the new building going on around the lake.
- **The roof quote** at the Village Fire Station is \$9,000 (ask Gary to look at it).
- The furnace quote is \$15,500 Mark needs to put in writing a request to consider the one quote based on availability or another quote.
- **Fire Dredging** balance from last year to come from unassigned fund balance in addition to \$18,000 to be raised by taxation.
- **Highway Loader**- \$216,400 -62,500 trade \$153,900 = 103,900 with fifty thousand to come from equipment CRF.
- **Diesel Fuel** for the garage is \$9,750 line 340
- **Hot Top**- \$116,400 for Huckins raised by taxation
- **Sealing**- \$65,000 raised by taxation.
- **Crack Sealing**- \$32,000 to come from unassigned fund balance
- **Huckins Reconstruction**- FEMA money is split (\$96,305) between Huckins and Crushing. \$120,504.00 remainder taxation.
- Crushing**- \$149,100 money to come from monies received from FEMA \$96,305 remainder to come from taxation.
- Sanitation**-Melissa will get the number to Stacy.
- Legal**- \$35,500

The furnace has been a problem for a while. Ernie suggests taking the money from the capital reserve fund for the purpose of replacing the furnace at the town office. Les said if it's an emergency then it's an emergency and we will deal with it.

Need to add a Historical Society line for \$2,000.00.

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

Adjourned at 11:50 am.

The meeting adjourned at

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

*January 17, 2024, minutes*