

Town of Freedom

JLMSC Quarterly Meeting Minutes December 12th, 2023

Present for the meeting were:

TA Stacy Bolduc

Fire Chief Cunio

ZB Gary Williams

Office Staff Lindsay Pettengill

Town Clerk – Libby Priebe

Deputy Town Clerk - Kari Eldridge

TS Charlene MacCurtain

TS Brian Cummings

Highway Lance Bolduc

Highway James MacDonald

Highway Mike Willey

SO Douglas Welch

The meeting was called to order by SO Doug Welch at 12:10 pm, seconded by FC Cunio. Sign in sheet distributed, and roll call completed. No visitors present.

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Having nothing to amend, September meeting minutes were approved. No new rules, regulations or correspondence concerning safety issues were received since the September meeting.

A discussion of unfinished business from the September meeting took place. In regards to the initiative to create official IDs for town employees for security and safety reasons, TA Bolduc reported that project is now complete. Regarding the discussions about the towns contracted Tax assessor and the possibility of adding signage to his personally owned vehicle, that initiative continues with options being considered. Former TS employee Cecelie Ekse had noted the possible need for an air pressure adjustment on the TS's loaders rear tires, that was confirmed as completed by the Highway Department. Additionally it was noted by Ekse that the "shed" at the TS could use a handrail for less ambulatory customers. A temporary solution is currently available, a more

permanent solution will be included in the upcoming reconfiguration of the TS. Lastly, as discussed in previous meetings, the Town Office's previous unsafe fire escape was replaced, the second floor is now available for personnel to use as needed.

TA Bolduc discussed an issue with the computer network indicating a PC was possibly the victim of some sort of fraud attempt. The PC in question was removed from the network for safety reasons and is with a local IT company investigating its current condition.

FC Cunio reports that there is an issue with the non-emergency phone at the FD. Although this does not affect emergency callouts, it does affect FD business with the public. This could result in an escalating issue were a simple call could have solved an issue and instead is escalated to a 911 call, this is being looked into.

FC Cunio also discussed progress on completing a proposal package to present the Selectmen associated with a bail out system for each FD firefighter. Bail out systems are a personal escape system that can be used as a last resort to exit a burning structure.

FC Cunio mentioned his ability to get no charge N95 masks from the State of we need them.

FC Cunio discussed the Towns deployed AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) and the fact he checked the batteries and all are ok. It was asked if folks needed training on the AEDs even though they are easy to use and have easy to follow instructions on the device. FC Cunio indicated that a location with more than one "staffed" fulltime employee would need to have some level of training. While on this topic, CPR certification was discussed. FC Cunio reminded us certification needs to be updated every two years for those already certified.

Lastly the schedule for 2024 was discussed and decided as the following (one a quarter, typically second Tuesday of the last month of the quarter):

March 19th (the 12th was skipped due to town voting)

June 11th

September 17th

December 10th

All agenda items were discussed and a motion to adjourn was made by SO Welch and seconded by FC C. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.