

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024**

Present: Selectmen Less Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Alan Fall, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

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

The Selectboard attended the School Board meeting at 6:30 pm-7:15 pm. Please see the school board minutes for details located on the school's website once they are approved.

Topic discussed:

Staffing for after-school program.

Basketball program

Financial update

Public Hearing to gather public input for high school options/tuition costs.

The Selectboard left the schoolboard meeting at 7:15 pm.

7:15 pm. Public Hearing pursuant RSA 31:95b unanticipated revenue for FEMA Funds in the amount of \$142,735.79 project # 721798.

Les opened the public hearing to accept the FEMA funds for \$142,735.79. There was no public present.

Les commented that this money is a result of hard work on behalf of the road agent and administrative staff and benefits the residents of the Town of Freedom.

Alan made the motion to accept the FEMA funds in the amount of \$ 142,735.79, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.

Les reported he has multiple things to discuss, and opened with the boat ramp at loon lake, the board needs to decide to remove the sign and continue to have the State stalk the lake with fish or leave the sign and not have the State stalk the lake. The sign currently states you need to have facilities permit to use the boat ramp. The town owns the ramp, but it is public access to the lake. Any body of water over 20 acres is required to have a public access point. Les has not taken the sign down yet. He wanted to consult with the board. The board supports the sign coming down.

Les recapped the storm. He and Karen opened the town hall and shoveled the walkway. During the storm a gentlemen from town needed assistance and needed to be put up at a hotel. The town hall is only a warming center.

Les praised the town crews for their hard work in working together under difficult circumstances.

Public joined the meeting:

Les proposed to the board rehabbing the Masonic Building for the new office and put the old office back to a two-room schoolhouse and hold Selectmen meetings there. 1.6 will go further with the Masonic. Darwin asked about the structural integrity of the building. Alan said there is a cost affective way to fix the issue with the Masonic building. This will be an agenda item in the future. Ernie supports making this an agenda item in the future. Les praised the town crew and the power company for all they have done.

Public Comment:

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Brian Taylor asked when the fishing derby is.

Les recapped the public hearing. Nadine Chapmen asked how the FEMA funds would be used. Les explained the two warrant articles regarding FEMA at town meeting for crushing and Huckins Rd.

Non-Public

Les made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:40 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b), hiring Alan seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Ernie-yes, Alan-yes, Les-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Ernie made a motion to resume the public session at 7:35pm. Alan seconded. All in favor, the motion passed

Les made a motion to resume the public session, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passes unanimously.

Ernie wants to cancel the FAC meeting next week with only two members and reschedule it until May. Ernie supports separate meetings for FAC and FCC. Stacy will contact Yvone to let her know the schedule will be cancelled for April and resume the first Wednesday of the month in May.

Last weeks minutes will be approved next week.

Stacy updated the board that the Bond Bank will only except electronic payments, she will give the information to Jane to get her feedback. Stacy would like to pay the credit card through the online bill pay.

Alan has heard back from Andy Bramhall regarding renting space at the hardware store if the employees need to be placed during the renovation. The price is reasonable.

Agenda item next Week:

Being no further input, Alan made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 4/3/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 4/8/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 4/1/224	Continued

Correspondence:

Craig Niiler Appointment Letter	Signed
Tim Cupka Appointment Letter	Signed
Denny Anderson Appointment Letter	Signed
Daniel Footit Appointment Letter	Signed
Zachary Branscom 18 State Garage Way email	Reviewed
Joy Newman FAC Board Appointment Letter	Reviewed
Lakes Region Nomination letters	Reviewed
Municipal communications email	Reviewed
Division of Forests and Lands	Reviewed
NHMBB Payment Policy	Reviewed

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall