

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, April 29, 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.

Also, present Chief Cunio, Jamie Mullen and Scott Brooks, Susan Marks, Jane Britten, David George (scrub oak scramblers), Paul Elie Jeff Nicole, Dave Cribbie

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

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

Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes and non-public minutes of April 22, 2024, motion seconded by Alan Fall; motion passed unanimously.

Department Heads-

Highway- Not present

Police- not present

Transfer Station- Alan updated the board that he has been taking truckloads of brush and the pile is almost ready to be chipped/grinded again. Boggs Logging is doing the grinding and said they would charge \$5,000.00 each time they are asked to come back as opposed to the \$8,500.00 that was charged the first time due to debris being in the pile such as rocks. The pile is clean, and they now know what it consists of.

Alan also reported that when he was checking the roster for MSW containers, he found one was missing. It has been located in Bethlehem with a bent door. Alan knows a man in Tamworth who works on these containers and will have it taken there either by Rickers or Casella to fix it hopefully by Memorial Day.

The challenges with people backing up at the transfer station were also discussed. Alan Libby proposed having three traffic lanes: one for single stream, one for the MSW, and one for the metal pile. Other business discussed was commercial landscaping or people bringing in brush and charging by the truckload. The April storm has brought in a lot of brush, and charging for it will help offset a small portion of the costs of having it ground or chipped. The board decided to charge \$20.00 a truckload for the brush to offset some of the chipping/grinding costs. It was also discussed whether leaves and yard clean-up debris should be accepted by commercial vendors. The transfer station brochure states we do not accept construction, demolition, or brush/yard waste materials from out-of-town contractors. The board agreed to uphold the decision. It was decided to accept the brush until July 4th for a fee of \$20.00 per truckload. so, it does not end up on the side of the road or in the Town Forrest.

Fire- Rob reported one medical aid, fire in Effingham that burned 20 + acres two fire alarms, one illegal burn, one service call. The boat will be ready to be put in service when the dock goes in. Alan will attend the Selectmen's meeting on behalf of the board to express interest in Freedom residents being able to use their shelter in case of emergency. Rob also reported that the alarm panel at the school is not in service and that a new one has been ordered. The fire marshal is aware and the temporary smoke/co detectors are in place, along with frequent documented walkthroughs by the janitor.

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Appointments

Jeff Nicole- Jeff started updating the board on Jackman Ridge Rd and finding vendors who can fix the road. He said Forrester will check to see if the scope of the work has changed since the April storm. Les asked if Dave George could give his update on the grants, he is applying for to see if the projects could overlap with funds.

David George and Dave Cribbie from Scrub Oak Scramblers- Dave George said he did not apply for FEMA money because the damage is minimal compared to area towns. Crag Renny from the State and others decided that the damage on the trails was not from the storm but normal wear in tare. The club must match the money requested. The grants will be for the two bridges behind Danforth Bay, one that goes to Goe Hill and the other to Dr. Ford. Dr. Ford is the priority. David Cribbie added that the bridges will be engineered for type 5 fire trucks. The bridges will be built low enough to place a temporary bridge over them for larger trucks. There will be no guard rails, and the decking will be 4x6, which is the National Forrest Standard. The grant is set up as grants one, two, three and four. Grant one is the most expensive and the longest bridge. Project two is the excavator, project three is bridge two and grant four is for re-decking the bridge out by the airstrip because it has some holes in it.

Dave Cribbie added that the State mandates the decking to have 4x6 timbers spaced for the water to shed so, the decking does not rot. So, if dog walkers want to use the bridge they will have to stay on the runners. Jeff said this can be added to the website for education.

The Selectboard signed the permission forms. Dave George will get the grant paperwork to the office once it is completed Friday.

Jeff Nicole- Jeff asked the board for a list of vendors they know of who can repair Jackman Ridge Rd. in the Town Forest. Dave Cribbie suggested making sure whoever is hired has a grader or access to one. The road must be crowned. Jeff said they are trying to get an idea of the scope of the job. Jeff will put together a request for proposal for the board to review. Dave George suggested using the excavator to touch up the road enough for cars to use when they get it.

Jeff said the board discussed the impact of FAISC joining FCC. They discussed the duties and how much time and effort was needed to do their work. Also discussed was having two vice chairs. The structure of the meetings will be FCC business first, then aquatics. Bruce Howlett and Ned Kucera have both resigned from FAISC.

Old/New Business

The ordinance for the Town Beaches and Boat Ramps was reviewed and amended to remove Boat Ramps from the ordinance for the use and enjoyment of Freedom residents, taxpayers, and their guests. The boat ramp is State access to Loon Lake and Round Pond and is open to the public.

Alan made a motion to remove “boat ramps” from the Town Beaches Policy for residents use only; motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.

Les suggested that Jeff contact DREAD to see if there is any grant money for fixing Jackman Ridge Rd since that is the access point to Trout Rd. and the State stalks the pond.

Les made a motion to appoint Nancy Cristoferi to a three-year term on the FAISC Committee, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.

Stacy reviewed the calendar for the upcoming Week with the board. She and Alan are out Tuesday and Thursday for training in Concord. The porta-potties have been ordered. The ball field will have one next Week. Stacy asked what line to take the \$8,500.00 for chipping from. Les responded to create a line for brush chipping. The quotes from Jay Hounsell were reviewed.

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Alan reported that Mike from Custom Concepts called him back and said he could not do the renovation job for the town office because they don't have a license in NH.

Alan and Stacy will work on posting an RFQ (request for qualifications).
Susan Marks asked if the posting would include experience with historic buildings.

Public Comment

Non-Public

Agenda item next Week:

Being no further input, Alan made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.
Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 4/26/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 4/27/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 4/22/224	Approved

Correspondence:

Frank Lalumiere email	Reviewed
David Hou email	Reviewed
Mark Faulkenberry re: FAC	Reviewed
David Tursky Abenaki Dr	Reviewed
FCC/FAC Membership	Reviewed
FCC RE: Proposal for FAISC Merger with FCC	Reviewed
Barry Keith Scrub Oak Scramblers Approval of Grant	Reviewed
Zoning Officer Letter Re: Shorefront Violation	Reviewed
Primex Solid Waste Operator Safety Training	Reviewed
Transfer Station Brochure	Reviewed
Town Beaches Ordinance	Reviewed

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall