

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, May 13, 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, Scott Brooks, Rich Ulrich, Jennifer Ulrich, and Darwin Moulton.

### **Department Heads**

**Police-** Jamie was absent

**Highway-** Scott reported they are still cleaning up after the April storm. They still have the hills and some grading to be done. Dust control will be done on Wednesday. Gravel crushing is scheduled for the end of the month. He has enough gravel for Loon Lake Road, so the dust control can be done. The rest of the dust control can't take place until the gravel crushing is done.

**Office-** Stacy updated the board Lindsay was out sick today and questioned a few things in the red folder including posting the health officer position. The position will be posted online, and the pay will depend on experience. Stacy also reached out to Madison to see if their health officer would be interested in covering us. He is not interested. Stacy will contact Effingham to see if their health officer is interested. Tamworth was also contacted. Les suggested that the town's combined resources, much like the ambulance service to make the position more lucrative. Greg Colby's bill for accounting services was reviewed and will be paid out of audit services.

**Alan Fall-** Alan wanted to discuss the gas permit process and how Gary is checking gas inspections done by a licensed technician. This is very time-consuming, and Gary's inspection does not include a leak test. Les proposed that Gary give the technicians a check list they would sign off on. Both Alan and Ernie agreed to try this approach.

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby was absent.

**Fire-** Chief Cunio was absent.

### **Appointments**

**Scott Brooks Jr.-** Scott Brooks Jr. came before the board to inquire to see if the Town of Freedom is interested in entering into an agreement like the one we already have with the Watt's Family pit on Rte. 25. The Watts Family has noticed the town that the town will not be able to use the pit as they are considering other options for it.

The proposed site would be Rt. 153 across from GW Brooks and Son Inc's existing garage. The material would be excavated from property owned by the Brooks family on Cold Brook Rd. Please see the attached for more information. This proposal would save the town and allow it to have material available when storms wash out a road. Other points discussed:

- Les wanted to make sure the town has a designated spot if Brooks will also be using the pit as well.
- Scott Sr. said the town might get next year after we crush this year. Mr. Watts has put the town on notice that he doesn't want to continue the town's use of the pit; He is considering other uses for the pit.

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- Ernie and Alan support Scott Jr.'s proposal.
- Les said we need more details on what Brooks is looking for out of it and how it will work. Scott Jr. responded that the town would have access to the yard like they do now for Watts, and GW would also have access to their own material as well. The 10,000-cy min is a benchmark based on the town's history.
- The permitting process must be considered if it needs to go through the ZBA and legal may need to be consulted.
- Scott Jr. will draft up an agreement for the board to consider.

**Old/New Business**

Investment Policy- There being no changes to the Investment Policy, **Ernie made a motion to accept the Investment Policy dated May 13, 2024, motion seconded by Alan; Motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment -**

**Non-Public**

**Les made a motion to enter into non-public session at 7:00 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, Ernie seconded the; Motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote was taken Ernie-yes, Alan- yes and Les-yes.**

**Les made a motion to resume the public meeting at 7:10 pm., motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.**

Alan reviewed the Hard Road to Travel class that he attended this past week with Stacy. There was a brief discussion about if the town can gate Alfred Godfry Road going to the beach.

It was also discussed that when Huckins Rd is done, all the abutters should be noticed before it is done. Stacy will print out the State RSA for noticing tree cutting for the board to adopt.

**Agenda item next Week:**

Being no further input, Alan made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Consent Agenda:**

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 5/15/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 5/17/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 5/6/2024	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Paul Mathieu email	Reviewed
GW Brooks Proposal	Reviewed
Randy Haggar's letter of Appreciation	Reviewed
Town of Freedom Health Officer Posting	Reviewed
Sue Hoople letter Re: Wabanaki Campground	Reviewed
Effingham Gas Station Update	Reviewed
Joe Whitten email Re: Apparel Impact	Reviewed
Solitude lake Management	Reviewed

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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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Alan G. Fall