

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, May 6, 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, Anne Cunningham, Paul Olzerowicz, Roberta MacCarthy, Bran Taylor Sue Hoople Frank Lalumiere, Matt Howe from Green Mountain Conservation.

**6:30 pm Non-Public RSA 91: A II (C) Reputation**

**Les made a motion to enter into non-public session at 6:30 pm pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, Ernie seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote was taken Ernie-yes, Alan-yes, Les-yes. All in favor, the motion passed.**

**Les made a motion to resume the public meeting at 6:55 pm, Motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.**

**Appointment- Trustee of the Trust Funds**

Anne Cunningham, Paul Olzerowicz, and Pat MaCcoy came before the board at the request of the Town Administrator to discuss the board opening a checking account to manage trust fund disbursements. Currently, all PDip (trust fund monies) are handled through the town's operating account. The town admin explained that this has been difficult to manage and would appreciate the trustee of the trust fund's consideration of opening a checking account so, when the school requests money, it will not come into the towns operating account and then be disbursed by the town. This would eliminate co-mingling of school funds with town funds and electronic funds transfer to and from the town's operating account and help with reconciliation issues. Bank of NH's Ossipee branch manager was available to answer questions regarding bank fees. He did not think there would be any fees for a checking account.

The trustee of the trust funds will discuss this at their next meeting.

**Department Heads-**

**Police- not present-** Jamie updated the board he had a problem with the pistol permit software, Lakes Region was able to help get it resolved and he is getting his cruisers exhaust leak fixed.

**Highway-** Scott reported that the highway crew is still cleaning up storm damage. Eldridge Logging has been contracted to help, and the crew has started cleaning out all the debris in the ditches. Dust control is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Scott and Stacy will be on a call with the State to let them know what damage Freedom has from the April storm.

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby presented two bids for brush removal.

Boggs-\$5,500.00

Fadden Logging- \$7,500.00

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**Les made a motion to use Boggs chipping, Ernie seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

The lanes are working well at the transfer station. A few people have expressed concern that they can no longer back in. After the freon was extracted, the sealed units, copper, and other components were taken to Rickers for money. Lindsey reviewed what she had done for the transfer station. She has heard back from Apparel Impact, and they are interested in putting a box at the transfer station. She is also waiting for a quote for additional stickers.

**Fire-** Rob reported four medical aids and one motor vehicle. He is still waiting to hear from the Effingham fire chief regarding the shelter. He has a new EMT and certified firefighter 2 that he is waiting to get the background check back for, and there are three people taking firefighter 1 in August.

Alan Fall updated his meeting with Effingham Selectmen regarding Freedom using their shelter at the Effingham School in an event. The only concern was that if there was a disaster in Freedom, Effingham would not be able to close the school. Alan F. said if there were anything that would warrant a Red Cross shelter, it would affect both towns. They discussed briefly that Freedom would help staff the shelter and there would be compensation. The details still need to be worked out.

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the chief will get the fire extinguishers at the transfer station to be recharged.

### **Appointments**

Matt Howe and Frank Lalumiere came before the board to update them on the grant through Green Mountain conservation for Ossipee Lake Rd. storm water runoff mitigation. They are contracting with an independent environmental engineer for a design. The contract will consist of a concept design and final design. Frank is proposing that, once the concept design is done, Scott, Matt and himself sit down with the engineer and talk about the business aspects. The grant will fund 60% of the project, and the town will fund the remaining 40%. All numbers have yet to be available for the design or the project. The grant has money available to incent (approximately \$5,000) people who want to replace their septic.

### **Old/New Business**

**Les made a motion to authorize Goodhue Marina (Goodhue Boat Company) to process boat registrations on behalf of Freedom NH, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.**

### **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 29, 2024, motion seconded by Alan Fall; motion passed unanimously.**

The ordinance for town beaches was reviewed and approved for public access to the boat ramp at Loon Lake.

Susan Marks inquired about the chips from the chipping/grinding being done at the transfer station if there was a resale value. Les responded it was built into the cost of the chipping. Scott thought the chips went to Berlin.

### **Public Comment**

Sue Hoople followed up on her conversation last week regarding plans she dropped off regarding Wabanaki for Selectmen to review. She wants the town to reconstruct the file after a cease and desist was issued by DES. She thinks they are relying on a subdivision plan that never got recorded at the registry. She doesn't believe they have complied with the State for all of the conditions. Two hut nicks were never removed. Discussion continued around drainage.

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She requests that Les and Alan help the Conservation Commission understand what is being presented because of their knowledge.

Discussion ensued about the camp being in existence before zoning, and in 2001, they met the threshold for year 2000 requirements. If they didn't adhere to the conditions, then that needs to be brought before the planning board. Alan added that if a subdivision or septic plan is violated, then that is a state issue.

Alan updated the board that Stacy advertised for the RFQ (request for qualifications) for the town office renovation. The broken container for the transfer station has been repaired. Paving bids will go out and are due May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Stacy will reach out to Madison to see if their health officer would be interested in being the health officer for Freedom as well.

**Non-Public**

**Agenda item next Week:**

Investment policy.

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 – 5/01/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 5/3/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 4/29/2024	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Joe Whitten Apparel Box	Reviewed
Boggs Logging invoice	Reviewed
Fadden Estimate	Reviewed
Horizons shoreland permit Map 30 Lot 16	Reviewed
Town Hall Repairs Mark	Reviewed
Intent to cut Map 3 Lot 79	Reviewed
FAISC Financial Accounts	Reviewed
Bruce Howlett letter	Reviewed
Ned Kucera	Reviewed
Notice of Final Tax Date	Reviewed
Barry Keith Forest Activity Schedule	Reviewed
Conway Daily Sun Effingham Gas Station Article	Reviewed
Block Aid Grant 17,770.18	Reviewed
Town Beaches Policy	Reviewed

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_:

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Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall