

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024**

Present: Selectmen Less Babb, 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, Alan Libby, Karri Buttrick, Rich Ulrich, Jennifer Ulrich, Darwin Moulton, Gerry Dubreuil from R&D Paving.

Non-Public did not show.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

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

Alan made a motion to accept the minutes and non-public minutes of May 13, 2024, motion seconded by Les Babb; motion passed unanimously.

Department Heads

Highway- Scott reported that dust control was put out this week and the crew has been working on grading. Crushing will be done at the end of the month or the first week in June.

Transfer Station- Alan Libby asked if he could open the gate at the transfer station at 7:00 pm because he is there because it will cut down on congestion when the gates open and again at the end of the day. This does not change the official hours.

Totem Pole stickers were briefly discussed that the expiration year needs to be corrected /*****on the sticker. The beautiful sign at the transfer station needs to be updated. Alan reported that the credit card machine at the transfer station is a two-process machine. Residents do not care for the two-process machine and the town loses money on the transactions. The board suggested not offering the credit card option to see how the public responds this weekend. Alan concluded with having the brush chipped after this weekend. There will be a charge for the brush. There will need to be a public hearing before July 4th.

Fire- Chief Cunio reported four medic intercepts, one lift assist, and he has three members taking fire fighter one in August. The boat is in service. The fishing derby had 33 kids participating.

Police- Jamie reported they were present at the fishing derby, and they responded to a runaway juvenile. He has also responded to people helping themselves to firewood on other people's land. The town has picked up all the wood in the town right of way.

Office- Stacy reported the Lockley is installed on the door but is not in use yet. There is a key if the batteries die. She also had a resident inquire about the town forest cleanup and the tax bill will go out this week.

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Paving Bids

There were two paving bids.

1. Pike Industries- \$130,400.00
2. R&D Paving- \$126,372.00

Scott reviewed the bids. The bids exceed the warrant article.

Request for Qualifications

There were two requests for qualifications for the Office Renovation project:

1. Place Works
2. Turpin

While Scott was reviewing the paving quotes, Alan updated the board on the Heritage meeting with Andrew Cushing from NH Preservation. They discussed how to preserve the windows was discussed. Karri Buttrick added that Andrew talked about grants that may be available through L Chip. She will be doing a letter of intent with L Chip. Moose plate money was also discussed. These grants could help with architect costs.

Upon reviewing the paving bids, Scott said R&D is the lowest bidder, but the bid exceeds the warrant article by \$6,372.00 the length of the project will have to be scaled back to bring it in line with the warrant article. This was agreeable with Gerry, who was present on behalf of R&D for the bid opening.

Les made a motion to award the bid to R&D Paving, motion seconded by Alan; Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued around the Heritage meeting with the preservation society and consulting with Beth at North Country Architect.

Next step is to read through tonight's material and discuss it at the next meeting.

Appointments

None

Old/New Business

Public Comment –

Bill Elliott thanked the town for putting the flags up in the village. He also commented about the debris on the side of the road or in the road.

Darwin asked if they were still doing the mitigation on the outside of the building when the renovation is done. The board responded we are not at that point. Darwin recommended inviting Mr. Carney to all meetings involving the renovation. Les reiterated we are a long way from knowing any details of the renovation.

There will be no meeting next week.

At the next meeting the board will appoint FCC and FAISC members. The board is waiting on Jeff's recommendation.

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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 5/13/2024	Approved

Correspondence:

Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall