

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2024**

Present: Selectmen Chairman Les Babb, Alan Fall, and Stacy Bolduc, Admin. Assistant, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.
Chairman Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Also present were Jamie Mullan, Alan Libby, Rob Cunio

Public: Jen Ulrich, Rich

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

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

Les made a motion to authorize Stacy to sign the Retiree Billing for Health Trust, Alan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Alan Fall updated the board on the police car that the zoning officer inherited would be assessed by Brian Brownell for a second opinion.

Les made a motion to accept the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes and nonpublic minutes as written, Fall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Updates

Transfer station- Alan Libby updated the Board, saying the transfer station is ready for Labor Day. The loader's tires also need to be changed out. The Board gave permission to get new tires for the loader before winter. Scott said Maine Commercial Tire has the best pricing, and they will change out the tires.

It was also decided to put the Tahoe out to bid. Bids will be opened at the September 9th Selectmen meeting. invitation to bid will be posted on the website.

Gary Williams Zoning Officer- Gary updated the board the vehicle he inherited from the police to replace the Tahoe is in need of repair.

Police- Jamie updated the board on the race that took place this past weekend. Vinney Vaccaro will meet on September 9th to discuss future races with the board. Staffing enough safety personal will be a priority in the future.

Highway- Scott reported that he has two more culverts to change out on Scarboro Rd. They will be marking Huckins Rd for the project by the end of the week and identifying what needs to be cut. Stacy reported the Huckins letters went out to all of the people on Huckins Rd. instead of just the resident that would be affected by the project. The project is only 3300 ft. of road from the Huckins entrance to 331 Huckins Rd. Stacy will post the project in the paper and the website.

Scott said the new loader will be here in September or October.

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Office- Stacy reported she reached out to Paul Olzerowitz regarding opening a checking account. Paul was going to look into the status. Both the MS-434 and the funds will be sent to the Trustee of the Trust Funds next week.

Stacy also reported that she and Scott met with FEMA last week and want to include Fire and Police for CAT B. Removing the fire escape from the building was briefly discussed. The board decided to remove it and Alan Libby will have it recycled. The historical significance of the fire escape is undermined. The agreement with Mr. Carney needs to be upheld.

Stacy's list also included Jackman Ridge Rd, (nothing yet), and the Town Revaluation is almost done. Les asks Stacy to confirm that the reval number matches the states equalized valuation number. Otherwise, we are paying too much for tuition to Kennett.

Propane Bids-

White Mountain- \$1.44 from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, or
A locked in margin of .39 cents over wholesale costs

Irving Oil- Today Fixed rate \$1.779
Today's variable rate-\$1.662 changes with the market.

Alan made a motion to go with White Mountain Oils fixed rate, Les seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Alan Fall- Updated Les on the Masonic Lodge. He has contacted Annett Dey. She has agreed to look at the Masonic Lodge and make an assessment and a report. The board should be able to decide whether or not to move forward with the structural analysis and remediation.

Scott said that it has been requested of him to get a price to do the floor in the roller shed so it can be used for restoring the snow roller. Scott suggested putting down some crushed stone and compacting it then put some stone on top.

Before the board went into non-public Les announced when they came out, the board would be discussing the third selectmen position.

Non-Public-

Les made a motion to enter into nonpublic at 7:30 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) motion seconded by Alan Fall; Roll call vote:

**Les-yes
Alan Fall-yes.**

*The Board reconvened the public session at 7:45 pm
Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: NO
If no the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Seconded by
_____ Pending litigation
_____x_____ Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or
_____ Render the proposed action ineffective*

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_____ *Pertain to terrorism.*

Les made a motion to enter into nonpublic at 7:45 pm, under RSA 91 -A:3, II (c) motion seconded by Alan Fall; Roll call vote:

Les-yes
Alan Fall-yes.

The Board reconvened the public session at 7:50 pm
Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: NO
If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by _____ *Seconded by* _____
_____ *Pending litigation*
_____ *x* _____ *Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or*
_____ *Render the proposed action ineffective*
_____ *Pertain to terrorism.*

Replacing Ernie Day's seat was discussed next.

Alan Fall stated that Gary Williams has expressed interest in finishing out Ernie Day's term. He proposed to Les that he be appointed. Gary was given an opportunity to speak about the proposal. He stated he would like to try it and he thinks he would be an asset to the position.

Alan made a motion to appoint Gary to Ernie Day's open Selectmen position, motion seconded by Les; motion passed unanimously.

Stacy said filling the Selectmen position helps on the administrative side and he already has a rapport with the residents and staff.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 8/21/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 8/30/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 8/19/24	Approved

Correspondence:

Road Agent Letter Regarding Huckins Rd Project	Reviewed
Carroll County Independent Wabanaki Article	Reviewed
Freedom School Request for Facility Use for Presidential Election	Reviewed
Anne Cunningham Letter Dated August 21 st Re: Wabanaki Enforcement Issue	Reviewed
Action Ambulance Report	Reviewed
Abatements for Purity Springs	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.
Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall