

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, September 23, 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 Rob Cunio, Scott Brooks, Rich Laferriere

Public: Les Labriola

**Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes**

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

**Alan made a motion to accept the September 16, 2024 meeting minutes and nonpublic minutes with the correction of changing Rt 104 to Rt 4, Williams seconded; Motion passed unanimously.**

**Department Head Updates**

**Highway-** Scott reported the winter sand is hauled. Tree cutting has begun on Huckins Rd, and trees will need to be removed with a bucket and crane. Scott requested that Huckins Rd be closed on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> because the crane takes up a lot of the road, and no cars will be able to get by. The board agreed to close a section of road from the entrance of Camp Huckins to 331 Huckins Rd on October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 am-4:00 pm.

Les suggested a message board as opposed to posting in the paper to reach the targeted audience. It was agreed that Scott would try to get a message board at the split of Huckins and Pequawket.

**Police-** Rich reported that someone has been arrested for doing burnouts in town. There was someone doing a burnout on Pequawket who has not been charged yet.

**Fire-** Rob reported three medical aids, two fire alarms, and the holdup on the shelter agreement is the school. The gear has been tested, and it has all passed. Annual inspections are complete. The only thing that did not pass was the fuel pump on the forestry truck and it has been replaced.

**Transfer Station- Alan not present**

**Office-** Stacy reported that she found Seth Burnell's email regarding the tax maps. The email indicated the contract and amount need to be updated. Alan would like to look to put it out to bid for next year. The extra annual block aid money amount is \$24,989.46, which Scott has to use toward the roads. He suggested using the money towards the extra on the paving. The lock on the Alfred Godfry gate was discussed. Barry Keith will be notified.

**Appointment-** Les Labriola came before the board to discuss the condition of the property next to him. He is concerned that there may be a risk for the children in the neighborhood who go onto the property because of the disrepair. He wanted to make the town aware of the situation and is looking for help from the town to bring the property into compliance.

Les said he has been on the property as the health officer, and at the time, he could not condemn the property based on its condition. What Mr. Labriola thought was a collapsed septic is an old dry well.

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Les asked Stacy to have the acting health officer look at the property. Mr. Labriola has tried to reach the owner, but the owner has not responded. Les said having the property condemned is a tough threshold to meet. Mr. Labriola is not asking for the property to be condemned but instead made safe, so it does not burn down. He was asking that the town to incentivize the owner to sell the property or turn it over to an heir. Les said there are certain thresholds before the town can get involved. Les said letters have been written, and the fire chief has looked at the property, but the property has not met the thresholds. Les concluded the conversation that the health officer would look at the property.

**Consent Agenda:**

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 9/18/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 9/20/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 9/16/2024	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Gary William’s Resignation	Reviewed
Seth Burnell Tax Maps Email	Reviewed
Public Hearing Notice Re: Block Aid for \$24,989.46	Reviewed
Ringwood Motors	Reviewed
Paul Olzerowicz	Reviewed
Rodey Stockman Email	Reviewed
State of NH DOT Emergency Vehicle Posting	Reviewed
Zoning Officer Help Wanted Add	Reviewed
New Hampshire Assessment Grant Application	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Fall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

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

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Leslie R. Babb

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Alan G. Fall

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Gary R. Williams