

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024,**

Present: Selectmen Les Babb, Gary Williams and Stacy Bolduc, Admin. Assistant, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Alan Fall

Also present: Alan Libby, Scott Brooks, Rich Laferriere

Public: Linda Mailhot, Jeff Nicole, Paul Elie, Rich & Jen Ulrich

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 support the assessor's decision to deny the application for abatement for Map 36-lot 5 for Daniel Mullane and Juliann Sumaro, Gary seconded the motion, motion passed; 2-0-0.

Department Head Updates

Transfer Station- Alan Libby updated the board he is working on getting the lettering done on the new container and he will get the recyclable out for some welding soon. Les asked if we need another one, Alan responded no, just the ware plates need work.

Highway - Scott reported Huckins Rd. Is done. Watson Hill needs rip rap around a culvert and the loaming will not take place until next spring.

Fire- Not present

Police- Rich reported the extra patrols have started on route 153. The turkey trot went well and the kid that hit the house will be in court tomorrow.

Jeff Nicole- Jeff said he followed up with G.W. Brooks and they need the contract for the Trout Pond Forest Road repair, and he would like to purchase culverts this year as opposed to next year due to price increases.

The Trustee of the Trust Funds was not able to attend tonight.

Budgets

FCC/ FAC/FAISC- Jeff would like a copy of the Special Revenue funds. The budget was reviewed. See attached.

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The operating line is up from last year because they need to purchase another round of trail map signs and 500 is the minimum order. They use on average 250 a year.

Operating- 1,0000

Dues – 250.00

Training- 600.00

Meetings- 200.00

Water Quality Testing- \$6,850.00 slight increase. Same scope of work as the last two years. 10% increase.

Aquatic Invasive Species- \$750.00

FAISC-

750.00. This would be used for outreach and education not just milfoil.

Milfoil Removal- Warrant Article

Warrant Articles-

Forrest Maintenance- \$ 7,500.00

Town Forrester- \$8,000.00 temporary increase over 2024 budget because of the Trout Pond Road repairs.

Trail Road and Repairs- \$27,790.00 balance of the road repair for Trout Pond Rd.

Town Forrest Controlled Burn- \$5,000

Milfoil- \$42,000.00

Lake Host-\$3,500.00

Cemeteries- Flat

Library- Paul Mathieu came before the board to present. The library is up \$5,100.00.

Paul did not have the usage for the library. Paul reported that it has been challenging to get people in for the adult programs. Les suggested working with Renee Wheaton to see if she had any ideas. He also suggested programs around showing the elderly how to use their phones. Linda Mailhot said the Carroll County Communication's District is offering seminars on streaming services.

Stacy reminded department heads; January 6th is the deadline for reports.

General Assistance-

Welfare line is level.

Health agencies: level funding

Stacy reported that Health Trust will be here on Tuesday December 10th to educate employees on the wellness program and Voya will educate on the HRA program.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:25 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) employee motion seconded by Williams; Roll call vote:

Les- yes.

Gary -yes.

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

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

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

It was decided that we will discuss this again at the end of the month when Lindsay’s contract is up. In the meantime, we will continue as we are with Joslyn filling in from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Monday-Thursday until the first of the year. Stacy confirmed with Lindsay that if she moves forward with posting the position that she understands she will not have insurance. Lindsay understands the need to move forward.

Lindsay left the meeting at 7:50 pm

Stacy updated the board that she had received two Right-to-Know requests from Bern Stein Shur on behalf of Richard Woodstein requesting information regarding Les Babb and any involvement or influence over any matters concerning Camp Robin Hood or any complaints against him while in his position of Selectman. The documents requested were all encompassing around non-publics including Camp Robin Hood, nonpublic policies, legal advice regarding nonpublic and any documents regarding Camp Robinhood such as emails, documents showing he recused himself as promised by the board of selectmen.

Gary updated Les on the outcome at the ZBA meeting regarding the Brooks gravel pit.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 11/27/2024	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 11/27/202	Approved
Meeting Minutes 11/25/2024	Tabled

Correspondence:

Warrant for Land Use Change Tax Otis View LLC	Reviewed
Warrant for Land Use Change Tax Apostolakos Nicole	Reviewed
Map 23 Lot 7 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 40 Lot 26 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 3 Lot 51 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 60 Lot 1-N6 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 60-1-YGA13 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 60-1-H01 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 60-01-BAR001 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Map 36-5 Tax Abatement	Reviewed
Intent to Cut Map 7 Lot 35	Reviewed
Renee Wheaton Certificate for Completion	Reviewed

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