

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2024,**

Present: Selectmen Les Babb, Alan Fall, Gary Williams and Stacy Bolduc, Admin. Assistant, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the school following the School Board Meeting. Babb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Absent:

Also present: Alan Libby, Scott Brooks, Jamie Mullen, Rob Cunio, Jen Brown, Heather Presby, Sue Hoople, Roberta MaCarthy, Kate Chabot, Bill Carney, Renee Wheaton, Rich Ulrich

Public: Linda Mailhot, Jeff Nicole, Paul Elie, Rich

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

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

Department Head Updates

Fire – Rob reported the following: fifteen medical aids, 1 multivehicle fire, three mva, three mutual aid fires, two fire alarms, one co alarm, two service calls. Year to date 443 calls for service. He also reported two members passed firefighter one, one is making up time with another class. EMT class starts January 1st. The active shooter training went well. He also stated there is enough money left in the budget for two shooter vests. The costs are \$890.00 each. Ultimately, he would like four. Les asked if a grant would cover the costs of the vests. Rob thinks the money is gone but will double check. Lastly, Rob would like to take out the window on the second floor at the fire station to hold bail out training.

Police- Jamie reported the turkey trot went well. He supported Chief Cunio's comment that the active shooter training “stop the bleed” went well. Police activity included:

A minor motor vehicle accident on Rt. 25, Summons for a dog at large, end of year reporting for agencies. Speed is also continuing to be monitored.

Town Office- Stacy reported that she finished setting up the town health insurance and working on right to know requests.

Trustee of the Trust Funds- Anne Cunningham came before the board on behalf of the trustees of the trust funds to request \$100.00 to open the checking account. Pat Macoy reminded the board that the deadline for trustee withdrawals is December 15th. Stacy will check with Scott about the drainage for Watson Hill and Alan Libby for the containers at the transfer station.

Masonic Building Update- Alan reported we have an engineering design from Annette Dey for the Masonic Lodge. He would like to put the project out to bid to have a number for the town meeting. Alan will continue moving forward and put a bid together. We also need to know what it would cost to relocate the office staff using portables or having to rent so, we have a comparison.

Stacy commented that there is a quote in the red folder for renting a container. With the zoning officer moving back to the town office she wants to clean out the tax collector's office and store the records in a
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container. The office will have to be cleaned out for the renovation anyway. Les wants to know if the RSA will allow the records to be stored in the container. Alan commented that they are waterproof and advised getting a 40-footer.

Budgets

Parks and Recreation- Mark came before the board to present his budget. With the aid of a handout, he reviewed his proposals for adding mosquito and tick spray for the ballfield, repairing crown molding along the roof eave, adding Mini splits at the town hall.

Mosquito and tick Treatment- the spraying schedule was discussed. A line will be added to the budget for this. Mark will check to see if the proposed schedule can be tweaked.

Jen Brown was present to discuss what she has been funding for baseball. Lin Presby commented on having a line for the rec department. The need for a rec department was raised by Heather Presby and Jen Brown. Jen Brown explained how kids are currently able to play sports. She currently has been volunteering and getting sponsorship for the kids to play football and baseball. A lot of the equipment has been purchased but she would like to see a budget line for keeping up the field for lines and upkeep.

\$1,000.00 will be added to equipment, maintenance repairs for a total of \$2,300.00. Jen would like to clean out the shed as well, of all the broken equipment. The field needs repair.

Town Buildings- Mark presented the budget for the town building.

The first quote reviewed was for repairing the crown molding along the roof eave.

Line 323 Village Fire Electric will increase \$700.00

Mini Split at the town office upstairs only- \$6,900.00 + 1,300.00 for electrical work = \$8,200.00

Town Hall Mini Splits for Air conditioning-

Jarrold Herd-\$48,000

All Temp- \$56,000

Another 4,000 for the electrical work.

Public Comment-

Sue Hoolpe came before the board to inquire about Wabanaki. Les said the Wabanaki application is still with the Planning Board and cannot be discussed. Sue wanted to discuss Conversion. Alan commented to Les that Mark requested to be notified if there was going to be discussion about Wabanaki. Sue continued her comments regarding Wabanaki and the board responded we cannot discuss this. Sue was requesting the town attorney review the history if the grandfathering is accurate and what did the town agree to in 2000 when the town made them merge the 16-lot subdivision and state approved a 67-lot campground. Why did Wabanaki not have to comply with all the regulation in place at the time. She wanted to discuss the hutniks and that the planning board and third-party review is limited as to what they can review but the town needs to address the subdivision approval is needed for the campground to merge it. Les stopped the conversation because Mark Salvati requested that he be notified if Wabanaki was going to be discussed. Roberta Macarthy asked what the role of a town is when a conversion is requested. Alan responded that is the role of the Planning Board. They have to get approval from the planning board and at that time conditions can be put in place.

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Bill Carney confirmed the mini splits at the town hall will be a warrant article. The board will not know until they do the budget. If it is not a warrant article, then they can pursue a petition warrant article.

Les talk to Renee about contacting Paul at the library regarding programs for the elderly.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:30 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) employee motion seconded by Williams; Roll call vote:

Les- yes.
Alan-yes
Gary -yes.

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

The Board reconvened the public session at 8:31 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.*

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:44 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) employee motion seconded by Williams; Roll call vote:

Les- yes.
Alan-yes
Gary -yes.

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

The Board reconvened the public session at 8:45 pm

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: yes

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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Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 12/4/2024
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Approved

Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 12/6/2024	Approved
Meeting Minutes 11/25/2024 and 12/2/2024	Approved
Correspondence:	
NHDES Shoreland Permit Map 36 Lot8	Reviewed
Admin Assistant Applications	Reviewed
Barrows Quote for Front of Town Office	Reviewed
E&E Electric Quote for Fire Station Lights	Reviewed
Mosquito Squad Quote for Ballfield	Reviewed
Jarrod Hurd Quote for Mini Split at TO	Reviewed
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Heather Presby email re: insurance for School Functions	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.
 Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

 Leslie R. Babb

 Alan G. Fall

 Gary R. Williams

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