

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, January 27, 2025**

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

Absent:

Also present: Scott Brooks, Rob Cunio, Jen & Rich Ulrich, Mark Salvati, Rich Laferriere, Alan Libby, Kerri Buttrick, Roberta MaCarthy, and Bill Carney.

**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 approve the minutes of 1/23/2025, Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

6:45 pm bids for Masonic Building Remediation reviewed and bid awarded.

Alan read the following three bid into the record:

Rooster Productions- \$13,270.00

Jay Hounsell - \$ 39,205.00

Ossipee Lake Construction- \$69,343.80

**Alan recommended to the board that the bid be awarded to Jason Earl Rooster Productions, Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed 3-0-0.**

**The nonpublic cancelled.**

**Public Comment-**

Megan Broderik questioned if the scope of work was the same for the Masonic Building where the dollar amounts were so different. Allan responded he reviewed the project with Jay Hounsell and Jason Earl to explain the scope of the project.

Jeff Towle (Ossipee Lake Construction) said he contacted the zoning officer, and he was unsure if the project included the gable ends on the exterior. His quote reflects extra money for the gable ends and replacing the vinyl siding. The plans did not specify that is why his quote was itemized. Alan apologized, saying he could not meet with Jeff to answer his questions and now they are not doing the end gables just the bents.

Paul Eli asked if this project is subject to legislative approval at the town meeting. Les responded yes it will be a warrant article.

**Department Head Updates**

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby reported he had to get propane heat to warm up the trash compactors to get them to run properly. He suggested having heat installed in the lower part where the motors are kept so they don't have to run propane bottles that are expensive.

**Fire-** Chief Cunio updated the board with the following: four medical aids, one fire alarm, wires down on

two poles, water line break in residence. The septic pumps lines to the leach field are believed to be frozen. Mark will work with the highway department to dig it up.

**Heritage Appointments:**

**Alan made a motion to appoint Sara Tabor to the remainder of Scott Cunninghams term, Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed 3-0-0.**

**Alan made a motion to appoint Arlene Knight to a three-year term, motion seconded by Gary; Motion passed unanimously.**

**Megan Broderick-**

Questioned the progress on researching who owns the strip of land on Danforth Bay where wall caved in along the beach. The office has hired an abstractor to research the issue, but the project is time-consuming due to the land that once belonged to SO Huckins. Stacy has not heard back from the abstractor. A grant has been obtained to help prevent water running off into the lake. The grant will expire at the end of May 2025 though they can ask for an extension. The grant is \$20,000.00.

Stacy said she called the abstractor on Friday and has not heard back yet. Stacy said she does not think the abstractor will get this resolved anytime soon. Alan added it will be a task for anyone who takes this on because they would have to grantor out SO Huckins, Ossipee Valley land and Lumber and SO Huckins sons Bert and Ernie. The question is if Tibbets has an adverse claim. Tibbetts has stated he does not have the money to fix the wall. It was questioned if the work could be done in the right- of -way to evade the ownership issue. Scott will look at the plans to see if this will work.

Roberta MaCarthy asked about having to state your name and address to be able to speak at a planning board meeting. She looked at State statutes and it states you do not have to for board meetings and committee meetings, but you do for public hearings. Les said he was not familiar with the request. Paul Eli asked Stephen Buckley at NHMA he said you have to state your name and whence you come. Whether that means street address he did not say. Les will talk to Linda to get more clarification, but the planning board applications do turn into a public hearing.

**Budget 2025-**

**The board reviewed the warrant articles and the budget.**

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:15 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation motion seconded by; Roll call vote:

Babb-Yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

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

*The Board reconvened the public session at 8:34 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.*

Alan Libby will come back to the board with blackout days for vacations during the summertime.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:35 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (A) Employee motion seconded by;  
Roll call vote:  
Babb- Yes  
Fall- Yes  
Willaims- Yes

Alan made the motion to reconvene the public session, 8:45 pm motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.  
*The Board reconvened the public session at 8:45 pm*  
*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No*  
*If no the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Les Seconded by Alan*

\_\_\_\_\_ *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.*

Scott informed the board that he is still having a problem with skid steers owned by a local company not pulling over for the plow trucks and he is having trouble with contractors parked on the side of Huckins Rd. Stacy will ask Jamie to reach out to Scott about any laws about impeding traffic.

Stacy will put the warrant articles in to the DRA. The board will meet Wednesday for a budget workshop.

**Consent Agenda:**

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 1/22/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 01/24/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes 1/23/2025	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Barosky Letter	Reviewed
Sara Tabor Appointment	Reviewed
Arlene Knight Appointment	Reviewed
Mark Email regarding Safety Building Septic Frozen	Reviewed
Rooster Productions Quote for Masonic Building	Reviewed
Ossipee Lake Construction Bid for Masonic Building	Reviewed
Jay Hounsell Quote for Masonic Hall	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.  
Adjourned at 9:10 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