

**State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, Town of Freedom
2025 TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the 2025 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, **March 11, 2025**, for voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for the adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close. Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at which time all other warrant articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

Article 1 (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to add Section 805.1.5 to section 805 Driveway Permits to comply with a requirement in RSA 236:13,V that sets a timeframe for Town action on driveway permits issued by the NH Department of Transportation?

Article 3 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.2 as proposed by the Planning Board to add Section 1004.25 in Article 10 to comply with RSA 674:16-a to require the Planning Board to consider any alternative parking solutions for a residential use proposed by an applicant.

Article 4 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board to add to Table 1004.1 Schedule of Requirements in Article 10 off Street Parking, specific requirements for parking for unrelated families from the definition in Section 2402.22.

Article 5 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to change the definition in Section 2401.11 of Childcare Center to reflect changes required in RSA 674:16, VI to use the term "family or family group childcare center" and to amend the Tables in Sections 304.1, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4, 304.7, 304.8 to make these facilities a permitted use in all districts.

Article 6

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,566,138 (Three Million Five Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight dollars) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Article 7

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars) for the annual appropriation for the library. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 8

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars) for the purpose of installing a new culvert on Burnham Rd. \$86,649 (Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance (For monies allocated from FEMA for 2024). \$73,351 (Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-One dollars) to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 9

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$109,540 (One Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty dollars) for the purpose of crushing gravel. \$86,649 (Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance. (For monies allocated from FEMA for 2024). \$22,891 (Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 10

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,000 (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new truck with plow equipment for the Highway Department. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 11

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 (Ninety-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of hiring architectural and engineering services for the design of the office space in the existing Town Office and to withdraw \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand dollars) from Municipal Land and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. \$45,000 (Forty-Five Thousand dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 12

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,750 (Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars) to pave Huckins Road. Funds to be raised by taxation (Majority vote required)

Article 13

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 (Sixty-Five Thousand dollars) to seal coat Town roads to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 14

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,600 (Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred dollars) to crack seal Town roads. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 15

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,532 (Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two dollars) for the purpose of continuing planned site improvements and updates at the Transfer Station. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance from monies not expended from 2024 Article 11. (Majority vote required)

Article 16

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,510 (Sixty-Two Thousand Five-Hundred Ten dollars) for the purpose of replacing and relocating the current compactor at the Transfer Station. Funds come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 17

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,200 (Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred dollars) for the purpose of creating a Full-Time Building /Zoning/Health Officer Position. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 18

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,300 (Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred dollars) for the purpose of converting the Town tax maps from paper to digital format. This will save the Town annually on tax map updating and allow for the Town maps to be accessed via the Town Website with more functionality than currently offered. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 19

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-Five Thousand dollars) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds, and other Freedom lakes and streams as needed. The sum of \$17,500 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to come from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant. The remainder of \$17,500 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 20

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (Fifty-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose for dredging and dry hydrant installation at the fire pond on Scarboro Road. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 21

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,500 (Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of purchasing new accounting software to replace the outdated software that the Town now has. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 22

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 (Twenty-Six Thousand dollars) for the purpose of the remediation of the structural bents at the Masonic Lodge building. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 23

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,290 (Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety dollars) for the repair and reconstruction of formerly Jackman Ridge Road located within the Town Forest with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Prior year expenditures were \$3,500 but work was not completed in that period. The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 24

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of mowing, culvert replacement, and general maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 25

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand dollars) for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Prior year expenditures were \$4,837.50 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven dollars and Fifty Cents). The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 26

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of a controlled burn of the Pine Barrens in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to come from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. This project was delayed from previous years and the Forest Advisory Committee and Freedom Conservation Commission have applied for a grant to cover \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred dollars) of this total expense. If the grant is not received the total amount of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) will be required. The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 27

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 (Six Thousand Eight Hundred dollars) for the purpose of repairing and replacing the exterior molding/trim on the front of the Town Offices. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 28

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of creating a Recreation Department with a part-time Recreation Director position. This will be a stipend position for \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) a year. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 29

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Freedom Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$22,494 (Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-Four dollars) for the purpose of purchasing four (4) Body Cameras for our Town Police Officers and to raise and appropriate \$4,500 (Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Price includes software and hardware. Future payments to be in the Town Budget. (3/5 Vote required)

Article 30

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 (Six Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of the Town's Police K9 to attain her certification for obedience, tracking, rescue and searching for drugs. Funds to be raised by taxation (Majority vote required)

Article 31

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of funding the NH Lake Host Program. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 32

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 33

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 34

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 35

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,372 (Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two dollars) to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 36

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Equipment Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 37

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 38

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 39

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 40

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Municipal Land and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 41

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) to be added to the Road Right-of-Way Expendable Trust fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required).

Article 42

(Not Recommended by Selectmen 0-2-0)

(Submitted by Petition) We the concerned citizens of Freedom, including the Freedom old Home Week Association and the Freedom Historical Society, respectfully ask the Town if they would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 (Fifty-Six Thousand dollars) to help defray the purchase and labor costs of installing air conditioning and heating mini splits in the Freedom Town Hall. The project would entail the installation of four (4) 24,000 BTU heads upstairs, two (2) 24,000 BTU heads downstairs, three (3) outdoor condensers, and wiring costs for the project. This project would ensure the Town Hall becomes a comfortable/tolerable facility for use when temperatures climb above 80F or fall below 30F, and that Town residents can use the Town Hall as a cooling or heating Station during extreme weather events. Funds to be raised by taxation.

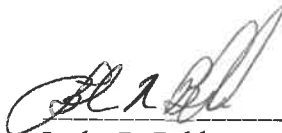
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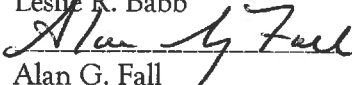
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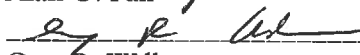
Given our hands and seal this 19th day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

Town of Freedom

By Its Board of Selectmen:



Leslie R. Babb


Alan G. Fall


Gary R. Williams

State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, ss

Personally, appeared the above-named Leslie R. Babb, Alan G. Fall, and Gary R. Williams, or a majority of them, Selectmen of the Town of Freedom, and took oath that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Before me, 

Stacy Bolduc, Notary Public My Commission Expires:

