

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025**

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:

Also present: Rob Cunio, Jen & Rich Ulrich, Rich Laferriere, Alan Libby, Holly Cherry.

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

Transfer Station- Alan Libby reported that the transfer station had over eight hundred cars for the month of February. The recycle compactor is leaking more but it is not critical. The capital reserve statement was reviewed. There is \$69,500 in the *Transfer Station Equipment Fund*. All three of the compactors are leaking due to the wrong fluid being used when Cassella serviced them. Alan Libby did get notification that Freedom was approved for a grant to be used for the new recyclable compactor.

Police- Rich updated the board about patrols on Rt. 25. They have succeeded in catching speeders; a few decided to try to run but they know who they are.

Fire- Rob gave a two-week update. Three medical aids, one fire alarm, one CO alarm, one snowmobile accident, one service call, two police standby assist. He met with the Red Cross, and they will install CO detectors. Between Effingham and Freedom, the area qualifies for the installations. Cards will be given out to the public, and a notice will be posted on the town's website.

There will be a meeting in April for local residents to get certified to work in a Red Cross shelter. Notice will be given in advance.

The Community Club donated CO detectors for residents who cannot replace their CO detectors due to not being able to replace their detectors after retail hours. These detectors are for emergency situations when there is no alternative way to purchase one.

The Scrub Oak Scramblers Winter Carnival went well. No issues.

Milfoil Grant –

Alan made a motion to accept the DES Milfoil Grant money for \$17,500.00, motion seconded by Gary; Motion passed unanimously.

Les made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2025, and February 3rd minutes. Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Boat Agent-

Les made a motion for Goodhue DBA Ossipee Lake Marina LLC to be able to collect boat fees for the 2025-year boat season, motion seconded by Alan; motion passed unanimously.

Stacy updated the board about the Mt. Washington Economic Development appointment. Katherine Watts may be interested in the appointment and will let me know.

Alan Fall reported that he met with Frank Lalumiere and reviewed the Danforth Bay ownership status. Green Mountain and Ossipee Lake Alliance have a grant to protect the water where the wall collapsed and may go ahead and do the work without the ownership being resolved. Alan informed Frank that the town could not do any of the work, because this is a civil issue between a private organization and private property owners. Alan F. does not believe the town owns the property. It probably belongs to SO Huckins Estate, which has ripened into an adverse claim. Unfortunately, this issue has not been resolved for many years.

Gary updated the board on the street lighting. He is still working on getting the correct lights. The lights will be stored at the Fire Department in the future.

Elderly Exemptions-

The board reviewed the elderly exemptions in comparison to other towns in Carroll County. Stacy said if this is a ballot question, it will need to wait until next year. Freedom’s exemptions are in line with Towns our size. The board directed Stacy to ask if the exemptions could be done under “other business” at the town meeting, Les said in theory, the exemptions should probably go up in proportion to what property values went up. Stacy will ask DRA how the exemptions are updated.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:30p.m., under RSA 91-A:3, II (A) employee compensation motion seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:

- Babb- Yes**
- Fall- Yes**
- Willaims- Yes**

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 8:30 p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 8:30 pm

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: NO

If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by Les Seconded by Gary

- 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.*

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	2/19/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	2/21/2025	Approved

Meeting Minutes 1/29/2025 & 2/3/2025

Approved

Correspondence:

NHDES Milfoil Grant	Reviewed
Anne Cunningham email Water System Repairs	Reviewed
Boat Agent Letter signed by Selectboard	Reviewed
Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council	
Re: Representative to the Select Board	Reviewed
LChip for 2024 for Proposed Grant	Reviewed
Department of Revenue RE: 2024 USPAP Report	Reviewed
Profit and Loss	Reviewed
TND Engineering RE: Wabanaki	Reviewed
Account Statement for Trust Funds	Reviewed
Wetlands Application for Map 11 Lot 2 & 60-2	Reviewed
Brian Taylor email Re: Pending House Bill 683	Reviewed
NH The Beautiful Grant for Transfer Station	Reviewed
STR Applications	Reviewed
Map 59-Lot 39	

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Gary R. Williams