

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 17, 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: Scott Brooks, Rob Cunio, Jen & Rich Ulrich, Rich Laferriere, Alan Libby, Holly Cherry, Brian Fontain, Rich Laferriere.

**Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes**

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

There was a brief discussion on whether the petition warrant article could be amended. Stacy will check with DRA if the warrant article could be amended. Don thought it could be if the subject matter is not changed.

**Department Head Updates**

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby reported everything is going well. Something will need to be done about the entrance.

**Highway-** Scott reported all is going well he just waiting for things to dry up. He asked the board if they have a plan for the relocation of the compactor. Alan Fall stated he will work with Scott on shooting some grades. The brush pile will also be relocated so there will be a clear view of the tin pile. The pile of rocks was briefly discussed.

Les said the dumpster Scott mentioned is for the fire that happened on Clover Lane and the Board made an exception to the road ban for this fire event. The highway department will escort the dumpster to the site.

**Police-** Rich updated the board that Chief Mullen has talked to surrounding towns about community service in leu of fines for young people.

**Office-** Stacy reported that she is still catching up on what did not get done because of preparation for the Town Meeting.

**Fire-** Rob reported for the past two weeks the following: one structure fire, propane leak at Calumet that happened today. In both cases no one was hurt. Rob thanked the Freedom PD for their support. Rob gave the board paperwork from GW Brooks for the dredging on Scarboro road. He recommends them based on similar work done in the past.

**Public Comment:**

Alan Fall wanted it on record how proud he is of Freedoms Fire and Police departments for their outstanding work done in both the fire on Clover Lane and the gas leak at Calumet. Les added he was very pleased with how the town meeting went and he was able to report the budget was under spent because

departments are very mindful of how they spend money. Alan Fall reported that he has made contact with Beth Miller and is ready to move forward with the design.

Rob reported that he witnessed an incident in the office where a resident made rude comments regarding office staff and that he spoke up to the resident stating that the comments are uncalled for and inappropriate over not getting an email regarding town meeting.

**Alan made a motion to elect Les Chairman for the Selectboard, motion seconded by Gary; Motion passed unanimously.**

**Alan Fall made a motion to accept G.W. Brooks' bid for the fire pond dredging on Scarboro Road, motion seconded by Gary; Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Town Meeting Recap**

Les went through the town book article by article.

- Scott will get another quote for the truck.
- Scott will get a paving bid together for the board to review next week.
- There was a brief discussion on paving the library driveway.
- Scott will get a price for paving the entrance at the transfer station, maybe combining it with library for better price.
- Alan Libby will order the compactor before the tariffs on metal go into effect.
- The zoning officer offer will be non-public tonight.
- The mapping contract was signed tonight.
- Alan Fall will be meeting with Jason Earle regarding the bents at the Masonic Hall this week.
- The burn was briefly discussed, hopefully it will happen this year.
- The trim on the town office is from Bill Barrows for \$6,800.00. The purchasing policy states getting three informal prices under \$10,000. Alan Fall will reach out to both Jay Hounsell and Jason Earle for additional quotes.
- The rec department offer will be non-public. Stacy will redistribute the policy that other town have.
- The mini splits went out to bid. There are two bids. Discussion if there should be another one.

The purchasing policy was reviewed, and it was decided that a public discussion will be held next week regarding the dredging of the fire pond and the mini splits.

**Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:15 p.m., under RSA 91-A:3, II (A) dismissal, compensation or promotion motion seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:**

**Babb- Yes**

**Fall- Yes**

**Willaims- Yes**

**Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 7:50 p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.**

***The Board reconvened the public session at 7:50 pm***

***Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No***

***If no the following motion is required:***

***Motion made by Les Seconded by Gary***

*Pending litigation*

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*Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or*

*Render the proposed action ineffective*

*Pertain to terrorism.*

Stacy will reach out to the State regarding the health officer position and do the hiring contract for Bryan.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:50 p.m., under RSA 91-A:3, II (B) Hiring motion seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:

Babb- Yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 8:00 p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened the public session at 8:00 pm*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: Yes*

*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*

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Stacy will contact Jenifer Brown to discuss the Recreation Director position.

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	3/12/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	3/14/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	3/3/2025	Approved

**Correspondence:**

G.W Brooks Fire Pond Dredging Estimate	Reviewed
Tax Map Update Contract	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.  
Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on 3/24/25:

  
Leslie R. Babb

  
Alan G. Fall

  
Gary R. Williams