

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 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, Jamie Mullen, Bill Carney and Paul Elie

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

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

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 6:30 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (B) Hiring seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:

Babb- Yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 6:54 p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 6:54 p.m.

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No

If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by Les Seconded by Gary

_____ *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.*

Department Head Updates

Police- Jamie updated the board that he is going with Axon for the body cameras and thinks they should be up and running in a month. Jamie reported the following for numbers for the week: sixteen car stops, three boating check, one suspicious activity, one accident, one welfare check, two arrests for operating after suspension, one assists another agency, one disabled motorist and a medical aid.

Fire- Rob reported the following: two medical aids. Employee CPR will be April 8th at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall. Stacy will send a department head memo out. Ski lift training will be on Wednesday night at King Pine. Rob is still waiting for the final approval for Red Cross Shelter training on May 17th. This will be posted everywhere we do postings for meetings.

Fire staff will be attending the wake for Dana Cullen Sr. Thursday. Annual hose testing Friday.

Office- Stacy reported she is training Holly and keeping busy with day-to-day duties and things seem to be calming down.

Public Comment:

Les asked for public comment regarding the mini splits for the town hall. reviewed the bids for the electrical and installing the mini splits. The mid-level purchasing policy was followed, and two quotes were obtained for the pricing of the mini splits. The bid was awarded to Jarad Hurd who the town uses for all its heating and plumbing needs. Les asked for public input. Paul Elie spoke in favor of the project.

Les made a motion to award the mini-spilt project for the town hall to Jarad Hurd and issue him his deposit, motion seconded by Alan; Motion passed unanimously.

The dredging of the fire ponds was discussed next. Chief Cunio shared past experiences with GW Brooks doing this work and is in favor of using them again.

Public Comment:

Paul Elie asked when the work was expected to be done. Chief Cunio said they are fitting us in between jobs later in the summer. That is a dry time of year and there is less water to pump at this time of year. Paul was wondering because of the Jackman Ridge Rd project.

Les made a motion to allow the fire chief to use the mid-level purchasing procedure for dredging the fire pond on Scarboro Road, Gary seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Based on the results of the process to get the numbers for town meeting and the chief's com, Les made a motion to award the bid to GW Brooks for the dredging of the fire pond on Scarboro Road, Alan Fall seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Alan made a motion to accept the minutes and non-public minutes of March 17, 2025, motion seconded by Gary; motion passed unanimously.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:11 p.m., under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation motion seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:

Babb- Yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 7:30 p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 7:30 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.*

Stacy updated the board that Pauline Nason's application was left off the Planning Board agenda two months in a row due to error in the office. The first month there was not a mylar and the second month there were two Nason's on the agenda and only one application made it into the packet.

Stacy also said she talked to Anne Cunningham about Brayn taking over the STR applications now that we have a full- time Zoning Officer.

Scott came before the board and gave them the Huckins Rd paving proposal for them to review. Selectmen agreed with the proposal and Scott will invite the top five paving companies.

Alan Libby wants to have some paving done at the transfer station in front of the compactor to keep the dust down and the apron at the entrance. Scott suggested starting at the entrance and continuing up over the hill to household trash. The reconfiguration of the transfer station was briefly discussed regarding slopes and the proposed scales.

Alan Fall proposed to the board awarding fixing the molding to Bill Barrows because it is under \$10,000 and Bill has done a lot of the towns building repairs historically. The dollar amount dose not warrant public comment.

Alan made a motion to award the bid to Bill Barrows due to meeting the requirements of the mid-level purchase agreement, Gary seconded the motion; motion carried.

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	3/19/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	3/21/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	3/17/2025	Approved

Correspondence:

Mosquito Squad Contract	Reviewed
State of NH Executive Council	Reviewed
Effingham Public Notice for Cell Tower	Reviewed
Transfer Station Totals	Reviewed
Dredge/Fill Wabanaki	Reviewed
Proposed Huckins Rd Bid	Reviewed
Wetlands Application for Liguori	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 _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Gary R. Williams