

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 14, 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 Office. Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Absent:

Also present: Alan Libby, Rob Cunio, Jamie Mullen

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

The accounts payable and payroll manifests and the red folder containing correspondence were reviewed. Les asked Stacy to confirm with Scott that the new truck has an upgrade for the GPW package.

**Department Head Updates**

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby updated the board that he closed the gate at the transfer station at 4:30 p.m. with cars waiting to get in. He had 30 cars at quarter of four. People were upset with the decision. Alan L. handed out the proposed Waste Management contract for the board to review. Alan L. would propose changing the existing transfer station stickers to add a "T" if it is a Totem Pole sticker. This would eliminate the need for two different stickers. He would also like to change the vendor to save money. The car count for today was 178, and the count for Saturday -today is 406 cars total.

Alan L. said if the board decides to go with Waste Management, he suggests purchasing two open-top containers to offset the rental price. He provided pricing for open-tops containers.

Stacy said she took a call regarding taking hazardous waste. She talked to Matt Rose at Lakes Region, and he informed her that the woman who ran the program in Wolfeboro passed away in December. Wolfeboro is not sure what they are doing with the program. Matt said Freedom can join Lakes Region Hazardous Waste program at \$5,037.00. This money was not budgeted because the board would continue using Wolfeboro and reimbursing the resident \$45.00. Alan Libby called Wolfeboro, and he is waiting for a callback. The challenges that Tamworth is having were briefly discussed. Home Depot did get a grant to accept CO detectors and items with mercury.

**Police-** Joe reported that the car count at the transfer station coincides with what the police see on the road regarding people here. The body cameras are here and being set up. The official roll out is May 8th.

**Fire-** Chief Cunio reported two medical aids, one fire alarm, one service call, and one chimney issue. The department also assisted with the polar plunge in the river on Huntress Bridge Rd. After reviewing the quote, The Chief asked the board to consider the quote for the jumbo Siamese clappard from Firematic. The board agreed Chief Cunio could move forward with the purchase.

**Office-** Stacy reviewed the following:

- The flags for the cemeteries and the Revolutionary War placard for Andrew Cushing have been

ordered for Memorial Day.

- Jen Brown, the new Recreation Director, has heard requests to paint pickleball lines on the tennis court.
- The gate at Alfred Godfrey Beach is unlocked.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> is the next school board meeting. Selectmen will be on the agenda.
- The Zoning Officer will inform Stacy when he is ready to review the permit rates.

Les does not support pickle ball lines on the existing tennis ball court but does not object to the tennis ball court that is not being used being fixed. The old roller rink was discussed as an option as well.

#### **7:00 Paving Bids for Huckins Rd.**

Les stated that Scott was not able to be here tonight.

<b>R&amp;D Paving</b>	<b>\$87,456.00</b>
<b>Pike Industries</b>	<b>\$87,404.00</b>
<b>GMI</b>	<b>\$82,171.00</b>
<b>All State Construction</b>	<b>\$89,348.00</b>

**Les made a motion to table the bid until Scott gets a chance to review the bids and make a recommendation to the board, motion seconded by Alan; motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Old/New Business**

Gary suggested that 5Ks be run in the Town Forest. This would help with safety concerns on the road.

**Alan made a motion to accept the minutes and non-public minutes of March 31, 2025, & April 7th Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

Les made a motion for Selectmen Fall to sign the Rooster Production contract for the Masonic Hall Remediation for \$13,270.00, Gary seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Gary questioned if there was money for Jen to purchase baseball shirts for the t-ball players. Stacy said she got a sponsor for Cal Ripkin, so she has the money for the shirts.

Alan updated the board that the State is not doing away with the fishing derby or punishing anyone, they are rebuilding two hatcheries which limits how many fish are available.

Rob is still working on how to get the fish for the derby ie. Donations or Fish and Game.

Stacy reviewed the letters in the red folder with the Selectmen. The mowing contract will be posted, and bid will be due Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to be opened Monday night at 7:00 p.m.

Gary spoke with Frank Lalumiere regarding the grant for fixing drainage on Danforth Bay, about a consent form for doing the work on the land that is in question who owns it. The consensus was though the ownership is still a question; the form could be signed by the town and the landowner so the project could move forward.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:30 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation seconded by Gary;  
Roll call vote:  
Babb- Yes  
Fall- Yes  
Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 7:40 p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.  
*The Board reconvened the public session at 7:40 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.*

*Stacy will do the non-disclosure letter.*

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	04/9/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	04/11/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	3/31/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	4/07/2025	Approved

**Correspondence:**

PB Appointment Letters for Oren & Keenan	Reviewed
New Hampshire the Beautiful	Reviewed
Waste Management Contract	Reviewed
Summer Maintenance of Town Properties	Reviewed
RFP for Legal Services	Reviewed
Rooster Productions Agreement	Reviewed
Solitude Lake Management Abutter Notice	Reviewed
Proposed Transfer Station Permit Layout	Reviewed
Firematic Quote for Siamese	Reviewed
Marc Motors Truck Quote	Reviewed
Freedom Cost per Pupil	Reviewed

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.  
Adjourned at 7:45 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