Town of Freedom Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 7, 2025

Present: Selectmen 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: Les Babb

Also present: 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.

Department Head Updates

Transfer Station- Alan Libby reported that Casella did not get approved for a new landfill. He has started talking with Waste Management and they will send estimates of what their costs will be. The compactor will be here soon, but the control piece will be another eight weeks.

Appointments- Alan Fall made a motion to reappoint Mark Mckinley, Brand Buttrick and Sara Tabor to the Heritage Commission; Gary seconded the motion; Motion Passed.

Office- Stacy reported CPR training is tomorrow at the Town Hall at 4:00 p.m. The Board and Officers list has been updated. Jeff Nicole will send his recommendations after the meeting this month. The Rec Director job description will be reviewed next week when Les is back.

Alan made a motion to accept the minutes and non-public minutes of March 24, 2025, Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Stacy mentioned that the gate to the town beach was locked by Barry Keith due to mud conditions. Stacy said she emailed him to get an update on the conditions and has not heard back from him yet. Alan said it was never decided who was going to lock and unlock the gate. Stacy also reported that she talked to Mark McConkey about renewing the rep seat for the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Mark will do it until another can be found. Stacy talked to Linda Mailhot about the position.

Scott Cunninghams position is still not filled for the Mount Washington Economic Counsil.

House bill 297 regarding health care was briefly discussed. Stacy encouraged the board to reach out to Senator Mark McConkey if they want their voice heard.

Brian, Holly and Gary are signed up for Right to Know class and Stacy will attend the class when she attends the Primex Summit meeting in May.

Chief Cunio- Rob reported one medical aid, one fire alarm. The State will not be stalking the fishing derby due to rebuilding two hatcheries. Cunio will attempt to get fish diverted from Ossipee Lake to Freedom and Ossipee fishing derby. Chief Cunio and the Conservation Commission will be putting up signs in the Town Forest soon.

Police- Jamie updated the board with numbers for the week and reported he met with the members of the Old Home Week Committee and discussed safety issues and general details about old home week. The body cameras have been ordered. Chief Mullen has been reviewing other towns policies and has omitted using body cameras during a medical call unless the resident is flagged for law enforcement.

5Ks are on the rise in Freedom. Jamie is putting together an ordinance to hold one. He is concerned that the amount of requests puts a strain on the department beyond what the duty car can handle. The races have raised concerns with residents in regard to safety for both the runners and the drivers.

Jason Earle-

Jason Earle came before the board to discuss his contract for the remediation of the Masonic Hall. Alan Fall asked Jason if he would like to comment on the contract. With nothing new to add, **Alan Fall made a motion to accept the contract**; and then Alan Fall stated he would like Les present before he signed the contract.

The contract will be in the red folder next week to be signed.

Old/New Business

Gary is still looking into the streetlights. Stacy asked Gary if the flags should be scheduled for the village for Memorial Day. Gary will schedule the flags with Eversource. Karri Buttrick commented that the revolutionary war plastic placard for Andrew Cushing's grave is missing. A family member has reached out to ask that it be replaced. Stacy will order it when she orders the flags.

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	04/2/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	04/4/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	3/24/2025	Approved

Correspondence:

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Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

		Respectfully submitted, Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator	
Approved by the Board of Selectmen on		:	
Leslie R. Babb	Alan G. Fall	Gary R. Williams	