

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 3, 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, John Krebs, Paul Olzerowitz

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 approve the minutes of January 13, 2025, January 27, 2025 with the correcting "vent" to "bents" on the January 27th minutes. Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

Department Head Updates

Police- Jamie thanked the Effingham Fire Chief for fixing the mobile terminal in car one and an issue with the Chiefs car. Clayton was able to get two batteries at a discount through his family's business. Karl Ogren has said to Jamie that Camp Calumet would like to host a foot race in September. Jamie has informed him he needs to come before the Select Board and discuss the proposed race. They have two races in June and the Turkey Trott in November.

Fire- Rob reported the department had five medicals, and one fire alarm. He is also finalizing joint EMS and fire training with Effingham.

Highway- Scott reported highway has used two-thirds of the sand so far this winter. Salt is in good shape. At the end of December, we had already used twice as much material as this time last year.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 6:55 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation motion seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:

Babb- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 7:10 pm motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 7:10 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*

_____ *Render the proposed action ineffective*

_____ *Pertain to terrorism.*

John will talk to Ron Evans about coming in to talk to the board about his fine.

Budget 2025- the board went through the budget and the following was discussed:

- The Kennett Contract with Freedom is done next year.
- Fund balance will be around 14%
- Article 12 change the word repave to pave.
- Group all the Town Forest/FAC/FCC together
- Article 25 add repairing the exterior molding and trim
- Article 17 add Transfer Station to compactor
- Article 23 change “vents” to “bents”.
- Article 34 add funds to come from taxation
- Article 42 by petition. Needs to be added to MS-636 both Babb and Williams are opposed to this article.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:00 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (E) Negotiation motion seconded by Gary; Roll call vote:

Babb- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 8:15 pm motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 8:15 pm

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*

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The Board agreed to pay GW Brooks the proposed minimum of 8 hours a week for winter maintenance if no hours are worked during the winter season if there are no storms. This models the State of New Hampshire business model for helping to cover fixed costs associated with winter maintenance and keeping trucks available to the Town.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:15 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation motion seconded by; Roll call vote:

Babb- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, 8:25 pm motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 8:25 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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Les asked permission from the board to discuss the matter of shoveling the school sidewalks with the Chairman of the School Board. Alan, not being present, Gary gave permission for Les to speak on behalf of the board.

Wabanaki was briefly discussed. Gary updated Les on where Bryan stands with Wabanaki.

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 1/29/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 01/31/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes 1/27/2025	Approved

Correspondence:

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