

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, May 19, 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, Scott Brooks, Rich Laferriere, Rob Cunio, Frank & Kathy Lalumiere, Greg & Megan Broderick

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

**Gary made a motion to approve the minutes and non-public minutes of May 12, 2025, Alan F. seconded the motion; motion carried.**

**Department Head Updates**

**Fire-** Rob reported four medical aids, one mutual aid, three fire alarms, and two service calls. Twenty-five kids attended the fishing derby. Rob also reported the timing for dredging the Scarboro Rd hydrant is perfect because it is currently in bad shape.

**Highway-** Scott reported that all the ditches are cleaned out west of route 153, and they have started grading the roads. Another load of dust control will be delivered on Wednesday. Friday looks like rain. Stacy will post on the website, as there will be no control due to the weather on Friday.

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby reported that traffic is picking up at the transfer station. Cones have been placed up the driveway to keep people from crossing over to dump televisions into the brush pile and mattresses in the leaf pile. He also reported that one building and one compactor have been painted. The steel plates for the compactors quote came in at \$19,008.

Currently, the compactors have worn down the cement 2 inches. The steel plates will protect the new cement pads. The apron cost is \$10,000; It may have to wait. Alan Fall commented the only number we do not know is Ed White's number for the wiring. We need to see that number. A dig safe has been done for the wiring. Gary asked if Alan L. found anyone to work part-time. Alan L. answered he had someone interested.

**Police-** Rich reported that a couple of arrests have been made this past week for operating after suspension. One possession of alcohol and no issues with the body cameras so far.

**Office-** Stacy reported that the auditors will be present on Wednesday and Thursday. Stacy asked the Board if she could close the administration office those two days. The Board agreed.

**Alan made a motion to accept the minutes and non-public minutes of May 12, 2025, Gary seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Public Comment –**

Frank Lalumeir came before the board to discuss the Danforth Bay project. He provided a brief history of the project. He began discussing the consent decree that was recommended for the town and the other parties to sign to negate the ownership issue. DES said the decree cannot be used because it is only used if there is a dispute. There is no dispute in this case. He continued to review the watershed management plan that discussed the worsening conditions of the bays and the main lake.

Les commented that he was confused and was waiting for something to be signed off on. Alan Fall further explained that he believed the decree was nothing more than indemnification for both the town and the person occupying the property, allowing them to sign and agree to the project proceeding. In the state's eyes, the town signed a permit for the bridge project. Megan Broderick asked if the town would sign again as the owner of the Danforth Bay project. Alan Fall commented that any work for the bridge project was done within the right of way that the town of Freedom had jurisdiction over. The project did not go down the shore at all. Frank stated he did not think anyone would complain if the town signed the permit. Alan and Les stated both the property owners need to sign as well. It was agreed that all parties would sign the agreement. Frank will get the paperwork to Stacy for Les to sign.

## **Old/New Business-**

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:10 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation seconded by Alan;  
Roll call vote:

Babb- yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Alan made the motion to reconvene the public session, p.m. motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened the public session at 7:21 p.m.*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: Yes*

*If no the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan 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.*

Mike Brownell came before the board to discuss the mowing contract. Stacy and Alan stated the budget is in better shape than they thought. It is only a \$1,000 off from the quote. Points discussed:

- Mike costs is roughly 75.00 an hour for labor costs, etc.
- Alan asked if we could cut back on some of the mowing in July and August and omit fertilizing to bring the cost down.

The board accepted the bid for three years and will make up the difference over the next two years. Stacy asked that the leaves be removed from the Town Hall so they don't blow into Barry Keith's yard.

Mike gave Stacy a W9 for Linda.

Heritage appointment:

Alan made a motion to appoint Kyle as an alternate to the Heritage Commission for a three-year term, motion seconded by Les; Motion passed unanimously.

The board agreed to move forward with interviewing for a town attorney.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:40 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation seconded by Alan;

Roll call vote:

Babb- yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

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

*The Board reconvened the public session at 7:42 p.m.*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: Y*

*If no the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan 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.*

Les made a motion to suspend the collection and deeding proceedings on Map 1 lot 27 until the board meets with the property owner on June 2, 2025, motion seconded by Alan; motion carried.

Alan asked if the board wanted to start meeting every other week for the summer. The board agreed.

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	05/14/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	05/16/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	05/12/2025	Approved

**Correspondence**

- Lakes Region Planning Commission Letter Re: Vertex Towers
- Lakes Region Planning Commission Annual Awards Nomination
- Mark Salvati email
- Health Trust Financial Position
- Karl Ogren email
- Transfer Station Deposits

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 8:15 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