

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2025**

Present: Selectmen Les Babb, Alan Fall, Gary Williams, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office. Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Mullen, Alan Libby

Also present: Chief Cunio, Scott Brooks, Rich Laferriere, Sue Hoople, Jeff Nicoll

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

Department Head Updates

Highway - Scott reported last Thursday that the wearing coat was put down on Huckins Road. They are still working on grading in the hills and implementing dust control measures. The crack sealing is not yet completed; they will return in a couple of days to finish it up.

Fire- Chief Cunio reported nine medical aids, two mutual aid fires, one propane leak, and one police standby/assist. The boat is in the water. The Seagraves are going for inspection on Friday to be ready for Ducky Day. A small leak has been discovered in the zodiac. The trailer for the zodiac was given to the Fire department and needs to be replaced. We may need to use capital reserve money to replace it.

Camp Robin Hood is implementing a fire protocol. They are investing in two mobile water tanks to prevent the spread of fire before the fire department's arrival and may potentially install a dry hydrant. Chief Cunio met with them and reviewed the plan.

The Action Ambulance contract has been renewed as of April, and there is no LUCAS as of yet. The agreement also stipulates that ambulances must be no older than five years old. Les asked Chief Cunio to follow up on the LUCAS.

Police- Rich reported Officer Cyr is doing K9 training with Boca and is almost done. Summer patrols have increased, and so far, there have been no complaints about the beaches. Earlier today, a DWI arrest was made, and the gentleman were also snorting heroin. There is a known drug house in Porter that Maine is aware of that these arrests are believed to be stemming from.

Old/New Business-

Jeff Nicoll- Jeff reviewed the 2025 officer and member renewals with the board. He said he sent a letter in April requesting term renewals. It was discovered that the April Minutes did not reflect the election of officers and term renewals. Members up for renewal include Megan Broderick, Michelle Keenan, Robert Oram and Gary Williams, as Selectboard Representative and James Guido, as Planning Board Representative.

Prescribed Burn- Jeff reported that the Nature Conservancy had given a presentation for the burn plan, and

the plan was communicated to both Chief Cunio and Barry Keith. The FCC was comfortable with the plan and the draft contract. The FCC is recommending a legal review of the contract. There is a good chance the burn will happen in the Fall.

Since the April minutes did not reflect the reappointments, Jeff will bring it up tomorrow night and ensure the minutes accurately capture the vote.

Jeff presented a letter proposing to adjust the Planning Board representative from FAC to FCC. The argument for doing so included:

- It would enhance the review of zoning, shoreline, and planning board applications with expertise in stormwater management, erosion control, and conservation priorities.
- Increase the flow of conservation-focused input into the land-use decisions overseen by the Planning Board.
- Help ensure ongoing alignment with the environmental goals stated in the Town Master Plan. It was also noted the change would help strengthen collaboration between the Conservation Commission and Planning Board through direct engagement.

Les confirmed the meeting is joint. Jeff said yes; however, the FAC meeting is first, and then those members leave the meeting. Les does not support removing the Planning Board Representative from the FAC but does not object to adding the representative to the FCC. Les said the reps were assigned to the boards when the Town Forest was formed to add diversity. Stacy will check to see if Jim Guido can serve on both the FCC and Planning Board. All Selectmen agreed. Les said if this works, the State will have to sign off on the plan.

Lead Tackle Box at the transfer station. Alan Libby said he was fine with the box as long as an FCC member tended to the box. The box is to collect lead tackle to help protect the Loons. The board agreed.

Sue Hoople- asked if there was any progress with the septic system on Scarboro Rd. Les said we just got a newly licensed health officer that will be dealing with the issue with the State. Sue wanted to discuss the legal title to Clover Lane because the town had been asked to rename that section of Dennis Drive to Wabanaki Way. She wanted to know if Alan has had a chance to review the Farmers Lane Association to Robert Farmer. In the packet she sent in April, there is a deed, and at the end of the deed, there is a 30-foot. conveyance right- of- way. The current tax maps show Wabanaki owns that strip of land, and Sue suggested when the tax maps are updated that it be taken into consideration that they are wrong and get them updated. Alan Fall has not looked at the deed referenced. Alan Fall said roads are not owned by Farmer Road; the fee title goes to the center of the road and those are just right- of- way. There was a brief discussion about whether Mark Salvati would come back to the PB with an application. Les assumes he will come back but does not know for sure.

Alan Fall made a motion to change the town's legal Counsel to DrummondWoodsum Law, motion seconded by Gary; motion passed unanimously.

Stacy will inform the firm to proceed with the engagement letter.

Annette Dey Contract- Gary made a motion to authorize Alan to sign the contract with Annette Dey, motion seconded by Les; Motion carried.

Alan Fall updated the board on the structural remediation at the lodge, stating it is progressing well. The mini splits are working well at the town hall and the conduit is in at the transfer station. Ed White will be pulling wire Thursday and Eversource will also be there to access what they need to do coming off the pole. The metal container is relocated, and as soon as the C&D containers are swapped out, they will also be relocated. Ed White and Atlantic will be wiring the new compactor soon.

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	6/11/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	6/13/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	6/2/2025	Approved

Correspondence

Annette Dey Contract	Reviewed
Legal Inquires	Reviewed
Solitude Lake Management	Reviewed
Primex Members	Reviewed
Freedom Conservation Proposal to Adjust PB Rep	Reviewed
Wetlands Permit by Notification 71 Sherwood Forest Way	Reviewed
Standard Dredge and Fill 299 Huckins Rd	Reviewed
Abatement for 60-01-YMO-117	Reviewed

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Gary R. Williams