

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, July 14, 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: Jamie Mullen, Alan Libby, Chief Cunio, Scott Brooks  
Also present: Sue Hoople, Kerri Buttrick, Linda Mailhot, Rich and Jen Ulrich.

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

**Department Head Updates**

**Transfer Station-** Alan Libby reported that 1,200 cars came through the transfer station over the holiday weekend. He had conversations with a resident who disputed the fact that the transfer station does not accept ashes. There was a small fire in the leaf pile, and the fire department was called to put out. The compactor was installed this past week, and Eversource is coming tomorrow to do what needs to be done and Atlantic will be wiring the VFD box. Les inquired about cameras being installed. It was agreed they are needed, and Alan Libby will order them from Amazon. Alan Fall asked how many cars came through on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Alan L. said 174 and confirmed it was good that they were open.

**Police- Jamie** reported the following:

The locking latch on the radar trailer is rusted. Jamie is looking into a data card and grants for a new radar trailer 80/20 split. Trailers are estimated to cost \$16,000. They now have message boards that would help announce races. It was discussed to purchase two trailers.

Officer Cyr's car needs mechanical work, and he is starting week 6 of 8-week for the K9 training program for Boca. Joslyn is almost done with the event ordinance.

**Fire-** Chief Cunio reported the following: Eighteen medical aids, one near drowning on Ossipee Lake over the 4<sup>th</sup>, one mutual aid, two co alarms, one low- hanging trees/wires down, two odors of propane leak, three service calls, one police standby/assist.

Barry Keith found a fire ring in the Town forest. Chief Cunio dismantled it, but another one was found today and had to be dismantled as well. Chief Cunio would like to put a sign on the trail stating, "No outside burning allowed." A reminder, Rt. 153 is closed until July 18 Chief Cunio inquired of the board to buy two more bulletproof vests. The board agreed unanimously that the money was in the budget and agreed they should be purchased.

Fire chiefs of the six-town Regional Ambulance Contract have concerns about the service the towns are receiving. Les, as the chair for the six towns, asked Stacy to have the fire chiefs submit all their concerns to her by Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and notify the towns that a meeting will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Stacy will notify the Town Administrators of the meeting and email the fire chiefs to gather their concerns to her by Thursday.

**Highway** – Scott reported that grading has been done on the upper part of Scarboro Road. The crew has also been picking up trash and continues to work on dust control.

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

**Payment to the School-** The payment schedule for payments made to the school was reviewed by the board and discussed briefly with the treasurer and bookkeeper. The board accepted the payment schedule. **Les made a motion to accept the proposed school payment schedule, motion seconded by Alan; Motion carried.**

**Heritage-** Karri Buttrick was present on behalf of the Heritage Commission to update the board that the Town will be receiving a check from LChip for \$10,000.00 for the Structural Building Assessment for the Towns office building. The board thanked Karri for all the work she and Brandy have done on behalf of the Town. It was also reported that an outside baptismal was discovered, and the pipes are also intact. This is a rare find in NH and adds to the rich history of the Masonic Hall, which once served as a church.

#### **Public Comment**

Jane asked the board to reconsider opening the transfer station on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is closed for Christmas and Easter, and feels July 4<sup>th</sup> is just as important a reason to close. She said it is also expensive for the Town to pay out the holiday pay. She also voiced concerns over vacation days or payroll being paid early. Alan Fall asked if this was in reference to the Selectmen requesting their stipend before the year is out, and she responded, “Yes.”

#### **Update by Alan Fall on behalf of Mark McKinley**

Alan Fall read Mark Mckinley’s report as follows:

The compressor that runs the air conditioning at the public safety building needs to be replaced. All Temp Services has ordered a new one. Fire Alarm inspection/maintenance has been scheduled for the Town Hall and Public Safety building. The Town office is done in the spring by Pope Alarm Services. The annual carpet cleaning has also been scheduled again for the Town Hall and Public Safety buildings.

#### **FCC/FAC Appointments**

The following motion was made to confirm FCC/FAC appointments as stated in the FCC minutes from June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Alan made a motion to reappoint the following people: Megan Broderick, R A Oram, Michele Keenan, and James Guido for another three-year term, Motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.**

#### **Sunday Paving Contract**

**Les made a motion for Alan Fall to sign the paving contract with Sunday Paving for \$10,970.00 for 270 square feet of paving for the apron at the Transfer Station, motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.**

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:55 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (E) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been filed 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 8:10 p.m.

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: Yes

If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by Seconded by

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 enter nonpublic at 8:10 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (L) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally to one or more of the members of the public body, even where legal council is not present, 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 8:25 p.m.

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No

If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by Seconded by

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.

It was briefly discussed making Gary Willimas the second signer on the checking account because Erine was the second signer and is no longer a selectman. It was agreed Gary would be the second signer and Gary accepted. Stacy will let Jayne know.

Payroll Manifest – week ending –	07/09/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	07/11/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	6/30/2025	Approved

**Correspondence**

Wetlands Permit Map 28 Lot 29-1	Reviewed
Approved Rate of Pay Employee	Reviewed
Cyber Risk Management Monthly Report	Reviewed
G.W Brooks Trout Pond Invoice	Reviewed

Freedom Conservation Officer Appt.	Reviewed
Trust Fund Statement	Reviewed
NH Dept of Revenue	Reviewed
Intent to Cut Map 16 Lot 7&8	Reviewed
Abatement Map 38-3-5	Reviewed
Abatement Map 33-38	Reviewed
Abatement Map 38-16-1	Reviewed
Abatement Map 31-Lot 6	Reviewed
Abatement Map 22-Lot 71	Reviewed
Abatement Map 14-Lot 14	Reviewed
Abatement Map 60-1-P05	Reviewed
Abatement Map 33 Lot 27	Reviewed
Transfer Station Deposits	Reviewed
Sunday Paving Contract	Reviewed

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.  
 Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_:

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Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Gary R. Williams