

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 28, 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: Rich Laferriere, Alan Libby, Chief Cunio, Scott Brooks
Also present:

Les made a motion to enter non-public at 6:32 pm. 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 6:55 pm.

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: NO

If no of the following motion is required:

Motion made by Seconded by

_____ Pending litigation.

 x Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or

_____ Render the proposed action ineffective.

_____ Pertain to terrorism.

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, and Approval of Minutes

Alan F. made a motion to approve July 14, 2025, minutes and non-public minutes with the following change: the L chip \$10,000 was for the Structural Building Assessment for the Town's office building, motion seconded by Gary; Motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Update

Transfer Station- Alan Libby reported that the new compactor is in place and hooked up. The location is working well. They did two hundred cars today.

Fire- Chief Cunio gave a two-week tally as follows:

Sixteen medical aids, two motor vehicle accidents, three mutual aid fires, six fire alarms, one CO alarm, one k9 medical, one police standby/assist, and the kids' activities went well on Saturday. Activities included touch a truck and K9 demos.

Chief Cunio reported he did CPR on a K9 during the Old Home Week parade. He was able to get the dog to the vet, but the dog died due to a lack of water.

The month of July has been busier than August in the past. He has already done sixty calls for July.

Police- Rich reported that the parade went well. The department has been dealing with a home on Alvino

Rd that has been using a goose blaster that makes goose sounds over a speaker every fifteen minutes. He's been told he has to shut it off at 10:00 pm.

Highway – The yellow lines were painted last week. Dust control was completed today. The guys will be mowing next week. The new truck will be ready in the middle of August.

Town Office- Stacy reported that August 6 will be the last day to process Accounts Payable on the old system. The go-live date for BS&A is August 11. Department heads submit their invoices no later than the 6th, as AP processing will resume on the 14th.

Old/New Business-

Alan Fall reviewed Annette Dey's findings, and no issues were voiced. Jason is currently working on the Masonic Hall remediation. Alan F. also reviewed the quote to move two organs from the Masonic Lodge.

Alan F. made a motion to accept the quote from Country Pickers for \$518.00-\$768.00 to remove two organs from the Masonic Hall, motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

Alan Libby and Alan Fall will get the organs to the transfer station.
Stacy confirmed the board wanted the fuel bids posted.

Recap of Ossipee Six Town Ambulance Contract

Les requested to speak with the other towns in the Six Town Ambulance Contract to discuss with them the costs of the other ambulance companies that bid for the ambulance contract. There are only a couple of Selectmen still in office who were part of the original bidding process.

Alan Fall made a motion to authorize Les to speak on behalf of the Selectmen to talk to the other towns to review the old bidding documents, Gary seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Les asked Cunio if Freedom should consider having its own Ambulance. Cunio said we are surrounded by towns that have an ambulance. If it were ten or fifteen years ago, he would have said yes, however today he would struggle to staff one, and they cost a minimum of \$60,000-\$70,000, requiring us to purchase a stretcher. Les said Madison is looking into it. Cunio reiterated the problem is staffing it. He is the only full-time employee. People are no longer volunteering for the fire department; the future is hiring another employee.

Scott suggested starting to look at staffing, as the number of people moving to town is trending upward.

Alan F. asked Rob if he could project some numbers for next year's budget and beyond.

Alan Libby questioned whether he could use the money in the Transfer Station Improvement line to purchase some chains for fence safety.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:50 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Reputation 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 8:00 p.m.

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: Yes

If no the following motion is required:

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Payroll Manifest – week ending –	07/23/2025	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending	07/25/2025	Approved
Meeting Minutes	07/14/2025	Approved

Correspondence

Department of Revenue	Reviewed
August 26, 2019, Regional Ambulance Meeting	Reviewed
Country Picker Quote	Reviewed
Lithium-ion Batteries	Reviewed
Kezar Falls Hydro LLC	Reviewed
North Country Architect Invoice	Reviewed
Invitation to Bid on Fuels	Reviewed

Being no further input, Fall made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Gary R. Williams