

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, January 12, 2026**

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: Rob Cunio, Rich Lafarrier, Alan Libby, Brian Fontain, Brian Taylor, Megan and Greg Broaderick Sue Hoople, Nancy Rigger from Green Mountain Conservation, Jeff Nicoll, Jen and Rich Ulrich.

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

The accounts payable and payroll manifests and the red folder containing correspondence were reviewed. Les confirmed with Alan Libby that Freedom is now a part of Conway's hazardous waste program.

**Alan made a motion for Les to sign the Casella Waste Contract, motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.**

The Panel at the Town Hall will not appear as a warrant article. Due to safety concerns, funding will come from the CRF.

**Minutes-**

**Gary made a motion to approve the nonpublic minutes and public minutes of 1/5 and the non-public minutes of 12/17 with the following correction to the January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes "the panel at the Town Hall will come from the CRF fund and will not be a warrant article", Alan seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.**

**Department Head Update-**

**Highway-** Scott reported a busy week. Of the 300 tons of salt ordered at the start of the year, only 150 tons have been delivered due to a salt shortage. An additional order was placed with an alternate vendor at a higher cost.

**Transfer station-** Sticker sales are up. Alan L. clarified that Loren is a per-diam employee.

**Police-** Rich reviewed vehicle quotes with the board. The quote is for \$73,667. The car would be picked up on March 12<sup>th</sup> and the cage would be transferred on the same day. The new cage under consideration costs \$5,200 and would take 6-8 weeks to arrive.

The guns and the radar trailer were briefly discussed next. Rich reported the county is updating its information-sharing system to IMC Proustite. They have priced out the cost for each town based on the town's size. Freedom's cost is \$2,468.84. The costs are spread out over five years. Freedom does have the option to opt out.

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**Fire-** Chief Cunio reported: 1 medical, 1 fire alarm, 1 propane leak, structure fire. Ice rescue training will take place tomorrow night. Tank 1 experienced an air brake can failure at a call; repairs completed and the truck is back in service.

## **New Business/Old Business**

### **Ossipee Lake Rd. Project-**

Megan Broderik updated the board on the Ossipee Lake Rd Project. She and Greg Broderick met with Alan Fall to make sure they were on the right path. They will have updated drawings to share with Scott Brooks. The drawings include infiltration trench, pedestrian and snowmobile path, fencing to encourage people not to use the path they are using today and plantings that will help absorb the water. The infiltration trench will pick up a lot of the runoff before it gets to the water. They have worked with Scrub Oak Scramblers to ensure their access to the lake. They hope to submit the permit by notification to the State by the end of February. A final drawing is still needed and that time they will meet with Scott Brooks to show him what is being proposed. They have received two of the three affidavits from people who have deeded access to the water that they do not object to the project. Once all the signatures and drawings are done, the Town will also be asked to sign an affidavit that they do not object to the project.

The second part of this project is asking the town for help with the project. A grant has been obtained from NH DES and in-kind labor has been volunteered. The total cost of the project is \$18,000. A grant has been obtained for \$13,000 leaving \$5,000 as a warrant article funded by taxation. There was a brief discussion on the wording of the warrant article.

Jeff Nicoll FCC – Forest Maintenance funded by LUCT, Town Forester LUCT and Trail/Road repairs funded by LUCT.

Jeff confirmed the proposed CRF to be funded by taxation. Jeff noted that prior trail maintenance was funded by timber harvest revenues; Trout Pond repairs required by the Stewardship Plan cost \$70,000. The FCC expressed concern over the need for a more stable funding source and requested the Board consider supporting the proposed CRF warrant article.

## **Budget Review**

Points Discussed.

- Cruiser \$73,667 includes graphics and the transfer of parts. \$30,000 to come from the CRF.
- The \$6,400 for the covers at the transfer station to come from CRF
- The \$3,500 for the Forest Maintenance LUCT
- \$8,000 for the Town Forester from LUCT
- \$1,200 for Trail/Road Repairs from LUCT
- \$10,000 from unassigned fund balance for the fireworks
- \$200,000 from unassigned fund balance for the infrastructure Capital Reserve
- \$21,436.00 for the health ETF encumbered funds.

**For the grand total of \$280,536.00 for funding sources.**

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- \$3,900 for the panel is removed. Safety issue will be replaced ASAP. Funds to come from CRF.
- The window sashes and storm windows come from Municipal Land and Building CRF.
- Painting the Town Hall change to \$17,000.
- Remove the radar trailer
- Full time Fire Position removed
- 3500 Double cab pick-up removed
- Concrete repair under the MSW 2 option available \$5,890 quote is for replacing the concrete to come from CRF. Do not have quote for putting Steele down.
- Just pave the entrance at the Transfer Station. Funded by taxation.
- Milfoil Removal \$17,500 taxation
- NH Lake Host taxation
- FCC CRF Taxation

Les requested the fund balance number when the tax rate was set, and all the paperwork when we set the tax rate. Stacy will put the warrant articles into BS&A.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:45 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (l) Legal seconded by Alan; Roll call vote:

Babb-Yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, motion seconded by Alan; Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened the public session at 9:00 pm*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No*

*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 enter nonpublic at 9:10 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation seconded by Alan; Roll call vote:

Babb-Yes

Fall- Yes

Willaims- Yes

Les made the motion to reconvene the public session, motion seconded by Alan; Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened the public session at 9:20 pm*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No*

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**Consent Agenda:**

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 1/7/2026	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 1/09/2026	Approved
Meeting Minutes 1/5/2025	Approved
Non-Public Meeting Minutes 12/12/2025	Approved

**Correspondence:**

Rooster Productions	Reviewed
Food Pantry Report	Reviewed
Agreement for Transportation Casella	Reviewed
Town of Conway Hazardous Waste Day Contract	Signed
Profit & Loss	Reviewed
Transfer Station Cash Report	Reviewed
Brian Fontain Email Re : Agreement Letter	Reviewed
Kenneth Vallery Email	Reviewed
Tammy Letson Email Re: Inclement Weather Date	Reviewed
Collections Report	Reviewed

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.  
Adjourned at 9:30pm.

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

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