

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 27, 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: Scott Brooks

Also present: Rob Cunio, Rich Lafarrier, Alan Libby

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.

Minutes- Gary made a motion to accept the January 19, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes, seconded by Alan; Motion carried.

Department Head Update-

Fire- Chief Cunio presented quotes for eight nozzles and hose. The Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant totals \$34,952.38, with the Towns share being \$2,962.62 requested from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Les made a motion to accept the Grant and the quote received from HSE Fire Safety Equipment based on the three quotes received, it is determined this is a "Sole Source Purchase" based on need for the specific equipment to adapt to current truck and to be user friendly for the limited manpower and availability. Motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.

Police- Chief Laferriere reported the Police Department will be hosting a farewell gathering for Jamie Mullen Saturday January 31st at 1:00 p.m. Jamie will be purchasing his town gun through Sirotac. A recent traffic stop involved suspected drugs and older firearms; items have been forwarded to appropriate agencies.

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:06 pm, 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, motion seconded by Alan; Motion carried.

The Board reconvened the public session at 7:08 pm

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No

If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by Alan Seconded by Gary

_____ Pending litigation

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Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or
 Render the proposed action ineffective
 Pertain to terrorism.

Transfer station- A Rolling safety ladder is needed for cleaning the snow off the top off the containers to comply with NH's Jessica law. Uline's shipping costs are high; local retailers do not carry the ladder. To comply with the Jessica Law and keep employees safe, the board agreed to purchase the ladder.

A quote was received to install steel under the MSW container to reduce wear on the concrete. The Board discussed prioritizing steel installation over paving the entrance this year. Les questioned if the steel could go out to bid in the paper.

New Business/Old Business

Alan F. made a motion for Les to sign the milfoil grant paperwork; motion seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

Stacy reported that mapping GIS is up on the Town's website. There have been some minor adjustments to make.

Alan made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:28 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) dismissal, promotion or compensation. seconded by Gary; 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 7:40 pm

Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No

If no the following motion is required:

Motion made by Alan Seconded by Gary

Pending litigation

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Render the proposed action ineffective

Pertain to terrorism.

Budget Review

Part-time salaries line was reviewed.

The Steel for the container will the split between the transfer station capital reserve fund and taxation.

Warrant articles were reviewed.

Add the concrete for \$12,000 split with taxation and capital reserve.

Total of the warrant articles are \$1,040,028.00

Total Operating Budget \$3,998,917

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Take 5,000 from Sr Coordinators line and reduce the part-time salaries to get to the operating budget total.
Remove the culvert on Coldbrook Rd.
Add \$80,000 to the Drainage CRF
Subtract \$100,000 from the infrastructure CRF
Add \$20,000 to the police CRF
Add \$10,000 to the Town Hall and Town Office CRF
\$210,000 total in CRF and ETF

Funding

Fireworks- Fund Balance
Setting up Health CRF- Encumbered Funds
Repair Sashes- \$40,000 from the Municipal Land & Building Fund
Paint the Town Hall- Taxation
Fence and Infield- Taxation
Police Cruiser- \$30,000 from the Equipment CRF the rest taxation
IMC- Taxation
Seal Coating the Roads- taxation
Crack and seal- taxation
Funding CRF's from Fund Balance except Library ETF will taxation.
Debris Covers CRF
Steel split between CRF and Taxation
Paving- Taxation
Library Taxation
Milfoil- 17,500 Grant the rest taxation
Forester, Forester Maintenance and Trail Repairs-LUCT
Lake Host- Taxation
FCC CRF- Taxation
Ossipee Lake RD Project- \$13,000 Grant and \$5,000 taxation
Pickle Ball- taxation

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:

Town of Freedom Approved Rate of Pay	Approved
Abatement for 60-1-YCA09	Approved
STR Renewal Map 40 Lot 16	Approved
STR Renewal Map 38- Lot 16	Approved
Tax Credit Application Map 59 Lot 12	Approved
Report of Timber Cut Map 13 Lot 21	Approved
Report of Timber Cut Map 15 Lot 2	Approved

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Report of Timber Cut Map 12 Lot 30

Approved

Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed. Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Alan G. Fall

Gary R. Williams

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