

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 2, 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: Scott Brooks, Rob Cunio, Rich Lafarrier, Rich & Jen Ulrice, Paul Olzerowitz

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.

Hazard Mitigation Grant accepted:

Les made a motion to accept the terms of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as presented in the amount of \$9,843.75 for updating the local hazard mitigation plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$13,125.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 25% match (\$3,281.25); motion seconded by Alan. Motion carried.

Minutes-

Gary made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and non-public meeting minutes of January 27, 2026; Alan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Rob Cunio is authorized to sign all documents related to the grant.

Department Head Update-

Fire- Chief Cunio reported 4 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 co alarms one was positive for co, 1 mutual aid, 1 chimney issue.

Chief Cunio also reported that he put in for the forestry grant. The department will conduct a snowmobile rescue training in the Town Forest tomorrow night. Forest Conservation Commission will be notified. Car 1 is experiencing electrical issues.

Police- Chief Laferriere reported Jamies farewell gathering went well. Sirotac will complete gun ownership paperwork at no cost. Vehicle sticker requirements remain in effect due to a Federal injunction.

Highway- Scott reports that the new Dodge is undergoing repair at Lee Dodge, the check engine light remains on. Road widening is ongoing and the previously back-ordered salt has been delivered.

Town Office- Stacy Is working on the Town Report and preparing MS-636.

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All State Materials is requesting to present road repair board regarding solutions for fixing Ossipee Lake Rd. Les informed Scott the culvert did not make the warrant. \$80,000 has been put in the drainage CRF for the future project.

New Business/Old Business

Warrant Articles were reviewed:

Article 8- 3,998,916 operating budget Selectmen voted 3-0-0. Add the language raised by taxation.

Article 9- \$145,000 Library Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 10- \$173,018 seal town roads. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 11- \$45,000 crack sealing. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 12- \$ 64,000 discussed splitting the windows and sashes into two warrant articles. Les was not in favor but after discussion he supported the article and the will remain one warrant article. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 13- \$68,667 Police cruiser. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 14- \$2,469 updated IMC software for the Police Department. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 15- \$21,436 for health reimbursement expendable trust fund. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 16- \$17,000 Paint the Town Hall. Selectmen voted. 3-0-0.

Article 17- \$7,500 replace dirt and fence at the ballfield. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 18- \$10,000 Fireworks. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 19- \$12,000 steel guide for container. Change to say "*to protect the concrete and the container at the transfer station*". Write out \$6,000. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 20- \$6,400 debris containers Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 21- \$15,000 paving the transfer station entrance Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 22- \$35,000 milfoil removal selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 23- \$8,000 Licensed Forester. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 24- \$3,500 maintenance. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 25- \$3,500 Lake host. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 26 \$1,200 Remove this article.

Article 27 \$7,500 creates a CRF for Conservation.

Update language to add "sum" and the board of selectmen are the only agents to expend. Selectmen voted 0-3-0. They do not support this article. Add the fund name in the second paragraph.

Article 28- \$18,000 for erosion mitigation for Ossipee Lake Rd. Selectmen voted 3-0-0.

Article 29- \$100,000 for town infrastructure Selectmen voted in favor 3-0-0

Article 30- \$ 20,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. Selectmen voted in Favor 3-0-0.

Article 31- \$ 10,000 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund. This fund currently has \$57,000 in it. The board does not support this article. Selectmen vote 0-3-0 not in favor. Not all the capital reserve funds will be funded in order to keep the overall budget at a 3% increase.

Article 32 \$80,000 to be added to the Highway Drainage account in anticipation of replacing the culvert next year on Cold Brook Rd. Selectmen voted in favor 3-0-0.

Article 33 to \$10,000 to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund Selectmen voted in favor 3-0-0.

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Article 34 Tax Credit for Total and Permanent Disability \$1,650.00. Selectmen voted in favor.
Article 35 Petition warrant article to paint pickle ball lines on the tennis court. \$2,500. Selectmen voted in favor 3-0-0.
Article 36- In favor of appointing a treasurer and discontinuing election of a treasurer. Selectmen voted in favor 3-0-0. Stacy will verify when Jaynes term is up.

The budget worksheet was reviewed next.

Remove the \$1,200.00 from the FCC Budget for trail repairs. Money is included in the \$3,500.00 warrant article.
Revenues were reviewed.

Add \$25,000 to the infrastructure fund.
Add a warrant article for \$5,000 to increase the fire stipends.

Scott will call Josh at CMA to see how long the permits of the culvert for Durgin Hill will expire.

Alan made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:30 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (l) legal seconded by Les; 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 8:55 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.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 1/28/2026	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 1/30/2026	Approved
Meeting Minutes 1/27/2026	Approved
Non-Public Meeting Minutes 1/27/2026	Approved
Correspondence:	
Abatement 60-1-YHA03	Approved
Tax Collector Property Tax Supplement 0YHA03	Approved
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Approved
Contractor Certification for All Metals Recycling	Approved

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2026 Town Warrant

Reviewed

MS-636

Reviewed

Cash Receipts for the Transfer Station

Reviewed

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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