

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 16, 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, Brian Fontain, Rich & Jen Ulrich

**Gary made a motion to accept the minutes 3/2, 3/9 and 3/10, motion seconded by Alan; motion passed unanimously.**

**Election of officers:**

**Alan F. made a motion to elect Les as chairman, motion seconded by Gary; Motion carried.**

**Les made a motion to appoint Paul Mathue as an alternate for Trustee of the Library, motion seconded by Gary; motion carried.**

**Fire-** Chief Cunio reported the following:

- 9 medical aids, 2 fire alarms with positive CO readings and 2 service calls.
- Chief attended State Wardens training.
- New category 1 fire size increased to 32" due to standard fire ring dimensions.
- Ongoing severe drought heading into summer.
- The new ice rescue suits were received and tested.
- Freedom Condo Association is considering installation of a dry hydrant.

**Transfer Station-** Alan L. reported he will make effort to obtain credit for unused filters purchased for the old backhoe. New Hampshire Recycles membership dues are due, and he recommended continuing participation.

**Police-** Chief Laferriere reported:

- The new vehicle has been picked up
- Dog cage components expected by March 31; installation scheduled for April 10
- Firearm trade option identified (current 45 mm to 9 mm).
- Planning to propose increasing the police detail rate to \$90.00.
- A new candidate has completed the academy paperwork; Chief requested approval to issue a conditional offer to begin background checks
- New body armor is under consideration.
- Chief requested a formal letter confirming his appointment as Chief.

**Office-** Stacy reported that she got a letter from Megan Broaderick regarding dissolution of the Village Store is dissolving their 401(c) and a request to donate remaining funds to Parks and Recreation. Board discussed that

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the funds could be accepted into the Parks & Recreation gift fund. Gary signed the Ossipee lake Project Shoreland Permit by Notification (PBN)

**Les made a motion for Gary to sign the Shoreland Permit by Notification for the Town’s Ownership of the Right-of way and any interest in other properties, motion seconded by Alan; motion carried.**

**Board Appointments:**

Alan Fall- Heritage Commission  
Gary Willimas- Forest Advisory  
Les Babb- Planning Board

**Town Meeting Recap**

- Chief Cunio’s request for a full-time position was not included on this year’s warrant; he was encouraged to submit a part-time request next year. He will provide undated figures April 1.
- The window replacements will be bid as a package.
- Cruiser has been picked up.
- Town Hall painting will go to bid and include caulking.
- Three quotes will be obtained for infield dirt work on the ball field (Stacy will get the quotes).
- The fence quotes have been satisfied.
- A second quote is needed for debris covers; two already obtained
- Paving needs to go to bid.
- Pickle ball lines and nets will be coordinated by Stacy and Jen.

**New Business**

**Public Comment**

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 7:35 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring 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 7:55 pm*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No*

*If no the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan Seconded by Gary*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Pending litigation*

\_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_\_ *Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Render the proposed action ineffective*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Pertain to terrorism.*

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*The Board reconvened the public session at 8:09 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

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*Brian will schedule a meeting with Matt Serge, Mark Salvati and the board to meet.*

Les made a motion to enter nonpublic at 8:10 pm, under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation 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 8:20 pm*

*Shall the minutes be publicly disclosed: No*

*If no the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan Seconded by Gary*

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**Consent Agenda:**

Payroll Manifest – week ending – 3/11/26

Approved

Accounts Payable Manifest – week ending 3/13/26

Approved

Meeting Minutes 3/2,3/9,3/10

Approved

**Correspondence:**

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Being no further input, Babb made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.  
Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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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