

**Town of Freedom  
Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 27, 2026**

Present: Selectmen Les Babb, Alan Fall, and Stacy Bolduc (minutes). The meeting was held at the Town Office and called to order by Babb at 6:00 p.m.

Absent: None noted.

Also present: Scott Brooks, Brian Fontain, Alan Libby, Chief Laferriere, Chief Cunio, Jennifer Ulrich, Rich Ulrich, and David and Sharlene Cahill.

**Motion:** Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) (hiring of a public employee). Fall seconded. Roll-call vote:

Babb: Yes

Fall: Yes

**Motion:** Fall moved to return to public session. Babb seconded. Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened in public session at 6:30 p.m.*

*Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No.*

*If no, the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan Seconded by Les*

\_\_\_\_\_ *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.*

### **Mail, Manifests, and Minutes**

The Board reviewed the accounts payable and payroll manifests and the correspondence folder.

### **Department Head Updates**

Fire/Rescue: Chief Cunio reported the following activity for the past two weeks.

Activity: 10 medical aids; 1 mutual aid fire; 2 fire alarms; 1 mutual aid propane leak; 1 lightning strike; 1 mutual aid missing person; 1 motor vehicle into a house; and 1 motor vehicle fatality. The mule rescue sled is ready for summer. One member began a 10-week rookie academy program. The solar class had 44 attendees. Chains were ordered for the front bay doors for use in warm weather. Emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, and pump trucks passed testing. Hose testing is scheduled in the coming weeks.

Transfer Station: Alan L. reported 957 vehicles used the transfer station this past weekend. He noted a customer complaint regarding the cost to dispose of construction debris. Dust control has been applied, and entrance paving is scheduled for tomorrow.

**Highway:** Scott reported ditching/cleanout work and plow maintenance. Approximately 400 tons of salt has been delivered for next winter to mitigate anticipated cost increases.

Gary asked whether the village planter has a drain; the planter is not draining. Alan and Scott were unsure.

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**Police Chief:** Chief Laferriere reported the new police cruiser is in service. The Board reviewed an email regarding excessive speeding on Route 153; the matter remains ongoing. Speeding-app accuracy and evidentiary concerns were discussed. The Board also reviewed an email regarding a bicycle race in July. A permit is required even if the event is on a state road; Stacy will contact Andrew to schedule a meeting to review race details. Chief Laferriere also reported a motor vehicle crash involving a house. New police vests will be paid from the Police Gifts Special Revenue Fund. Officer Clayton apprehended two teenagers drag racing on Route 25 near Loon Lake Road; one driver will be charged with a felony.

Les asked about the radar trailer. Chief Laferriere stated the six batteries need replacement and noted he explained this to the resident who inquired at the Police Department. The Board discussed prior speed-monitoring efforts and whether speeding-app data would be admissible in court.

Gary asked whether Chief Laferriere was aware of the foot race on Route 153 last Saturday; he was not.

### **New Business / Old Business**

**Ossipee Lake Road Project:** Frank Lalumier will attend the May 11 Selectmen's meeting to discuss the project. Gary reported that Frank requested pricing consistent with the warrant article amount of \$1,850.00 for labor and materials. The grant also requires start and completion dates. Scott stated he does not support the contract as written and noted that the labor and materials reflect the Town's soft match.

Scott added that the Highway Department is not a for-hire contractor, and the contract language appears written for a contractor rather than a Town project. He stated he cannot commit to start and completion dates because road conditions and unforeseen issues must take priority.

### **School House Project Update**

Alan reported he will meet with Jason Earle and Jarod Herd to review HVAC options.

**Motion: Gary moved to approve the public and nonpublic minutes of April 13, 2026. Alan F. seconded. Motion carried.**

**Motion: Alan F. moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026. Les seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Warrant Article – Steel / Transfer Station Equipment Fund**

Les requested the warrant article that established the Transfer Station Equipment Fund to confirm allowable uses. The current warrant article for the steel will not cover the cost to move the compactor. Stacy will obtain the warrant article language for the Transfer Station Equipment Fund.

Sharlene and David Cahill (22 Cody Road) met with the Board regarding drainage issues impacting their property. Discussion points included:

- A foundation drain at Camp Cody (expanded dry parking lot) discharges during heavy runoff, sending water onto the Cahill property. The site engineer and a Camp Cody

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representative acknowledged the issue and stated it would be addressed before spring runoff.

- Camp Cody previously stated riprap would be installed at the end of the pipe; to date, it has not been addressed.
- Due to erosion, Sharlene emailed the Zoning Officer regarding permit status. She stated the only permit obtained was a plumbing permit and noted observing four dumpsters (full and empty), which she questioned as excessive for plumbing work. The permit indicates it is for the new activities building. Sharlene asked how to address the drainage issues originating from Camp Cody.
- Gary asked whether riprap was included on the plan presented to the Planning Board. David stated he did not know but said they were assured the project would not damage abutting properties.
- Sharlene asked whether the plumbing permit was for the new building or the kitchen (near the dumpsters). Alan F. noted the discussion involved two separate issues: drainage and permitting.
- Les asked Zoning Officer Brian whether he observed any drainage retention installed at Camp Cody. Brian stated he has issued only erosion-control permits related to septic tank replacements; that plan included relocating the drainage pipe in the parking lot and adding a basin.
- Les asked Brian to inspect the erosion controls in place before the next heavy rain.
- Brian stated the plumbing permit is for the new activity building, not the kitchen. He added that no permit is required for the maintenance work at the kitchen, and noted he previously explained this in detail by email.

The Cahill's left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Motion: Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 7:55 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) (Reputation). Fall seconded. Roll-call vote:**

**Babb: Yes**

**Fall: Yes**

**Motion: Fall moved to return to public session. Babb seconded. Motion carried.**

*The Board reconvened in public session at 8:00 p.m.*

*Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No.*

*If no, the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan Seconded by Les*

\_\_\_\_\_ *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.*

**Motion: Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 8:00 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) (hiring). Fall seconded. Roll-call vote:**

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Babb: Yes

Fall: Yes

Motion: Fall moved to return to public session. Babb seconded. Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened in public session at 8:18 p.m.*

*Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No.*

*If no, the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan Seconded by Les*

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

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

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Motion: Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 8:24 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(l) (Legal). Fall seconded. Roll-call vote:

Babb: Yes

Fall: Yes

Motion: Fall moved to return to public session. Babb seconded. Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened in public session at 8:45 p.m.*

*Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No.*

*If no, the following motion is required:*

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Motion: Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 8:45 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) (Reputation). Fall seconded. Roll-call vote:

Babb: Yes

Fall: Yes

Motion: Fall moved to return to public session. Babb seconded. Motion carried.

*The Board reconvened in public session at 8:50 p.m.*

*Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No.*

*If no, the following motion is required:*

*Motion made by Alan Seconded by Les*

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Payroll Manifest (week ending 4/15/2026

Approved

Accounts Payable Manifest (week ending 4/24/2026):

Approved

Meeting Minutes (3/30/2026 and 4/6/2026):

Approved

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**Correspondence (Reviewed/Signed as noted):**

Tim Cupka email (requesting annual letter for Boat Agent):	Signed
Painter by the Pond contract:	Signed
Clean Energy NH email:	Reviewed
Cianbro Dig Safe email (utility pole replacement):	Reviewed
Zoning complaint:	Reviewed
Andrew Scherding email (Sea to Summit Bicycle Ride):	Reviewed
Carroll County agenda and minutes:	Reviewed
Lakes Region new computer proposal:	Reviewed
Approved Rate of Pay Increase	Signed
Barbara Hall-Siktberg email	Reviewed
DOT Paving Schedule	Reviewed
Primex Training Schedule	Reviewed
NH BET Training Schedule	Reviewed
NHMA Training Schedule	Reviewed
With no further business, Babb moved to adjourn. Fall seconded; motion carried.	
Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.	

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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