

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026**

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

Absent: Chief Cunio; Alan Libby.

Also present: Scott Brooks, Brian Fontain, Chief Laferriere.

Motion: Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 6:00 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(1) (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 7:00 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*

_____ *Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board or render the proposed action ineffective*

_____ *Pertain to terrorism.*

New Business / Old Business

Andrew Scherding discussed the Sea to Summit Bicycle Ride, scheduled for July 25, which conflicts with the Freedom Old Home Week parade. The Board noted concerns regarding emergency services availability and traffic safety. Mr. Scherding asked whether additional law enforcement support or whether a private ambulance service would address these concerns. The Board reiterated its preference that similar events be scheduled before Memorial Day or after Labor Day. Based on the Board concerns, it was determined the event will not travel through Freedom.

Don Johnson: discussed with the board the following election dates:

September 8th State Primary: The Board set the State Primary location at the Town Hall. The November General Election will be held at the school to meet the State's voting booth requirements.

March 9th (Municipal Election/Town Meeting): Don proposed considering an alternate meeting time for the deliberative session based on feedback at Town Meeting. The Board discussed prior attendance trends, weather impacts, and scheduling considerations (including conflicts with Saturday activities). The Board voted to hold the 2027 deliberative session at the school at 12:00 p.m. Stacy will notify Kyle, and Don will coordinate dates with the school.

Vicki Mcvitty: requested permission to post a concert flyer at the Town Hall (16 Elm St.) to benefit the food pantry. The Board approved.

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Megan Broderek requested (via email) permission to sell Ducky Days tickets at the Transfer Station. The Board approved and asked that coordination occur with Alan L. to identify a location that will not impede traffic flow.

Department Head Updates

Highway: Scott reported:

- They have been working on grading and cleaning out ditches.
- Dust control has been applied to Haverhill St, Pequawket Trail, Huckins Rd, Freedom Point Rd, Round Pond and Loon Lake Rd.
- The dodge is back in service.

Police Chief:

- Chief Laferriere requested Capital Reserve funding for replacement police vests and mobile data terminals (MDTs).
- Clayton made an arrest involving heroin; the vehicle was seized.
- Clayton and Boca will complete K-9 recertification training. Clayton will also attend impaired-driving detection training (a prerequisite for drug enforcement officer certification).
- Officer Laferriere will attend crisis intervention training focused on de-escalation in mental health calls.
- The radar trailer requires a new hitch, wiring, batteries, and calibration. The Department will increase patrols in response to speeding complaints on Route 153.

Motion: Les moved to expend \$12,203.98 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for unanticipated MDT costs. Alan seconded. Motion carried.

Les made a motion the Board is in agreement to expend from the Police Gift Fund Acct to purchase three vests at approximately \$1,529.00 each. Alan Seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Les made a motion the board is in agreement with taking \$3,456.00 for purchasing 4 rescue suits and 4 pick of life ice awls from the Fire dept. gift account. Alan seconded the motion; Motion carried.

Motion: Alan moved to authorize Gary to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Barry Keith. Les seconded. Motion carried.

Motion: Les moved to withdraw \$7,510.00 from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to complete the repair and relocation of Compactor #1 and prevent damage to the new containers. Alan seconded. Motion carried.

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Scott Brooks reviewed the Service Agreement between Green Mountain and the Town of Freedom for the Ossipee Lake Road stormwater control and mitigation project. Item #2 (Construction start date) will be revised to align with the Highway Department schedule.

Mail, Manifests, and Minutes

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

Motion: Gary moved to approve the public and nonpublic minutes of April 27, 2026, with changing Jared Harteau to Jared Herd. Alan F. seconded. Motion carried.

Motion: Babb moved to enter nonpublic session at 8:10 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) (Personal). 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 8:20 p.m.

Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No.

If no, the following motion is required:

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_____ *Pending litigation*

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

_____ *Render the proposed action ineffective*

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Payroll Manifest (week ending 4/29/2026)	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest (week ending 5/1/2026):	Approved
Meeting Minutes (4/27/2026):	Approved
Correspondence (Reviewed/Signed as noted):	
Report Of Wood Cut Map13-Lot14-4	Signed
BTLA A-9 Camp Calumet	Signed
BTLA First Christian Church	Signed
BTLA A-12 Lakeview Cemetery	Signed
BTLA A-9 Historical Society	Signed
Tax Credit Approved for Map 17 Lot 5	Signed
Tax Abatement Map 22 Lot 73	Signed
Tax Abatement Map 5 lot 4-ma1001	Signed
MS-232	Signed
Beverly Perry email Re: Kearsarge Solar Project	Signed
Block Aid Grant Check \$18,874.54	Reviewed
Town of Effingham Planning Board Notice for Cell Tower	Reviewed
Mike Brownell email Re: Ball Field Maintenance	Reviewed
Cassandra Closson email Re: Payment	Reviewed

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With no further business, Babb moved to adjourn. Fall seconded; motion carried.
Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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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