Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2026

Present: Selectmen Les Babb, Alan Fall, and Gary Williams; Stacy Bolduc, recording secretary. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. following the Regional Ambulance meeting at Town Hall, 16 Elm Street.

Absent: Chief Cunio
Department Heads Present: Chief Laferriere, Scott Brooks, Alan Libby, Kyle Thomas
Public Present: Sue Hoople and Jen Ulrich

Municipal Property and Priority Repairs: The Board reviewed property and repair priorities, including a potential road or right-of-way issue, roof repairs, and coordination with Kyle and other staff before the following week.

Department Head Updates:

Kyle Thomas, Municipal Facilities Maintenance: Kyle will shut off the water at the Masonic Lodge before freezing weather and coordinate with the Police Department to paint its office at the Public Safety Building.

Highway Department: Scott reported that storm cleanup continues on Rice Hill. Winter sand is stocked, and the plows and sanders are ready. Rocks are exposed on Pauli Point Road, and the Haverhill Street layout must be reevaluated for widening for plowing. The Morton Salt contract has not yet been received.

Les asked whether Alan F. had reviewed the list of urgent Town building repairs. Alan had not.

Motion: Les moved that Alan F. coordinate property maintenance with Kyle. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Priorities include replacing the roof over the Town Hall furnace room and replacing roof screws at the Masonic Lodge and Highway Garage.

Scott reported that most roads have been graded.

Transfer Station: Alan L. reported that the Transfer Station will be closed on Columbus Day and open during regular hours on Tuesday, October 13. Mount Carberry communicated trash and construction-debris disposal rates will increase November 1, along with additional separation requirements for construction debris.

Police: Chief Laferriere reported that Alan Libby assisted with cleaning the sally port and that the older six-wheeler is operational.

Office: Stacy requested authorization to release infrastructure funds for gravel and aggregates. Scott reported that Colemans will continue hauling through November. The Board tabled the request until all invoices are received.
School Board Coordination**:** The Board agreed to attend an upcoming School Board meeting together after completing its own research. The public officials meeting will be moved to October 26 to accommodate the discussion.
Tax Rate Planning**:** Stacy reported that the process remains on schedule, tentatively targeting Wednesday during the week of October 19, with the following week as a backup. Stacy reported that Rod the assessor has no PILOT agreements in the communities he serves and considers the proposed depreciation schedule reasonable.

Public Comment-
Sue Hoople asked whether the Board had further considered metering to address potential septic overflows and questionable septic designs at Wabanaki. Les stated that the Board remains focused on stormwater management. Sue noted that the issues should be consolidated before Wabanaki appears before the Planning Board to avoid delays. She also expected the application to have been heard in March because the agreement was signed in January. Sue will raise these questions with the Planning Board. Les noted that Sue's remarks were received as public comment only because Mr. Salvati had requested to be present for any discussion concerning Wabanaki.

Gary made a motion to accept the minutes of 9/28/26 with the following correction: Under Masonic Hall replace "inspecting the wiring under the eaves" to "inspecting all the wiring" Alan seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Alan moved to enter nonpublic session at 7:35 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(C) (Reputation). Gary seconded. Roll-call vote:
Babb: Yes
Fall: Yes
Williams: Yes
Motion: Alan moved to return to public session. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
The Board reconvened in public session at 7:40 p.m.
Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: No
Roll-Call Vote to seal minutes:
Les: Y
Alan: Y
Gary: Y

Action as a result of non-public: Seal minutes for 2 years after Investigation.

Motion: Alan moved to enter nonpublic session at 7:40 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) (Hiring). Gary seconded. Roll-call vote:
Babb: Yes
Fall: Yes
Williams: Yes
Motion: Alan moved to return to public session. Gary seconded. Motion carried.
The Board reconvened in public session at 7:50 p.m.
Nonpublic minutes to be publicly disclosed: Yes
Roll-Call Vote to seal minutes:
Les:
Alan:
Gary:
Action as a result of non-public: Have Patrick ride with Chief Laferriere on calls and continue with doing the necessary hiring paperwork.
Follow-Up Tasks

Masonic Lodge: Shut off the water before freezing temperatures and confirm inspection of all wiring. (Kyle)
School Board Review: Attend the October 19, 2026, School Board meeting as a Board. (Board)
Planning Board Land Gift: Obtain and review comments from the Conservation Commission and Planning Board regarding acceptance of the gift. (Stacy)
Solar PILOT Agreement: Confirm whether the proposed depreciation and assessed-value assumptions are reasonable, including follow-up with Michelle Clark. (Stacy)
Tax Rate: Schedule and post the tax-rate meeting for the week of October 19, or the following week if necessary. (Stacy)
Municipal Bids: Clarify the bid language and coordinate posting of Ford F550 with Brian's vehicle bid so both processes proceed together. (Stacy, Brian)

Payroll Manifest (week ending 9/30): Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest (week ending 10/2/2026): Approved
Meeting Minutes (9/28/26): Approved

Correspondence Reviewed or Signed

	Status
Department of Revenue letter	Reviewed
Abatement Map 60-1-YMO01	Signed
Annual Assessing Services	Reviewed
Approved Rate of Pay	Signed

Babb moved to adjourn. Fall seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

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Leslie R. Babb Alan G. Fall Gary R. Williams