

Town of Freedom



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2025



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2025

Town Officers

Town of
Freedom, New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025
Vital Statistics for 2025

Dedication



A. Elizabeth Priebe

The Town of Freedom proudly pays special recognition and many congratulations to A. Elizabeth 'Libby' Priebe, Town Clerk for the Town of Freedom 1985 – 2026, as Libby continues on in this important position. Her 41 years of superior service, always equipped to handle any type of registration before her, and all these years of high-minded experience and service in keeping our Town Elections running so

effectively were all completed with her special manner of greeting people in her cheerful beaming smile personality.

Libby loves gardening, and in 2024 with Bill Carney's help, she took on the obligation of making the Freedom Village Square Watering Trough a Center of Beauty. All done with her special flower selections, the planting, and care of this beautiful site for all to marvel at and enjoy. When Libby is at home, you most likely will find her tending her greenhouse or her many flower gardens.

Libby is remembered as our town 4-H Leader in her early years, teaching horsemanship and the care of horses, and also the many years of her Old Home Day Parade entries on her beloved Trik-C, and not to forget the many years of participation as a Parade Judge, but of a special note, 'that well stocked Jelly Bean Tin' that held those treats for vehicle registrations.

Thank you, Libby for all your years of dedication of professional experiences and services, and may you continue your love and enjoyment of service to our beloved community for many happy years ahead.

In Memory Of:

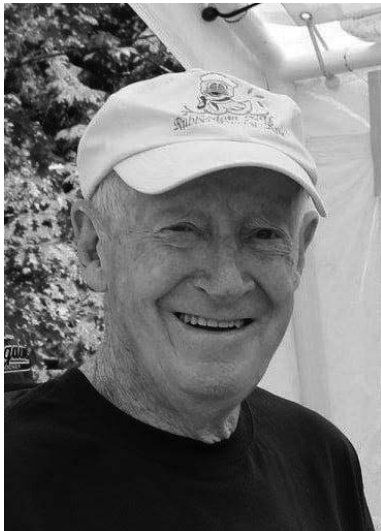


Dorothy Brooks

Dorothy “Dotty” Brooks was a lifelong New England resident whose life and work left a meaningful imprint on the Town of Freedom. Born in Denmark, Maine she later married John Brooks of Freedom, where the couple made their home and raised their family.

Dotty was skilled in sewing, knitting and other traditional handcrafts and she maintained a deep interest in genealogy throughout her life. Working alongside her longtime friend Bill Cutler, she compiled a comprehensive book documenting Freedom’s cemeteries and also authored a booklet detailing the Town’s Boston Post Cane recipients, helping to preserve important records of Freedom’s past and its elder residents.

She is remembered with respect and gratitude by the community and her children, Karen Hatch, Bonnie Burroughs, Timothy Brooks and Donna Miller-all natives of Freedom.



Bill (Mayor) Elliott Jr.

Sometimes words cannot fully express the loss felt when a cherished member of the community passes. The passing of Bill Elliott is truly one that leaves a void in Freedom. Freedom is fortunate that Bill and his wife, Maureen, chose Freedom to be their home.

Bill had a genuine interest in people and in the life of the Town. He gave generously of his time, serving on the Planning Board, the Aquatics Committee, and volunteering with the Freedom Food Pantry, Community Club, at the Village Store and the Historical Society. His presence and willingness to help wherever needed made him a familiar and welcome face across many parts of Town life.

Bill had an ability to connect with others. Through humor, open conversation, and an easygoing spirit, he could talk with anyone about anything. Over the years, he became known affectionately around town as “the Mayor” a title that spoke not to authority, but to his kindness, curiosity and genuine love for the community. Bill was a regular attendee at Selectmen’s meetings and other board sessions, always eager to stay engaged with town business and offer thoughtful insight.

Freedom is better for having had Bill Elliott in it. His presence, service, and friendship will be deeply missed, but long remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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2025 TOWN OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Selectmen (3-Year Term)

Leslie R. Babb (C)2026
Alan G. Fall2027
Gary Williams2028

Town Administrator

Stacy Bolduc

Administrative Assistant

Lindsay Pettengill

Bookkeeper

Linda Mailhot

Road Agent (3-Year Term)

Scott Brooks2028

Police Chief

Richard Laferriere

Fire Chief

Rob Cunio
Eric Seamans, Deputy Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden

Rob Cunio

Town Buildings Custodian

Mark McKinley

Transfer Station Manager

Alan Libby

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector

Bryan Fontaine

Senior Resource Coordinator

Renee Wheaton

Emergency Management Director

Vacant.....

Safety Officer

Doug Welch

Animal Control

Rich Laferriere

Health Officer

Bryan Fontaine

Welfare Officer

Tracy Hayes

Moderator (2-Year Term)

Donald G. Johnson..... 2026

Town Clerk (3-Year Term)

A. Elizabeth Priebe..... 2028
Kali Eldridge, Deputy Town Clerk

Treasurer (3-Year Term)

M. Jayne Britton..... 2028
Joyce Watson, Deputy Treasurer

Tax Collector

Sue Miller- Goodnow
Sam Porter, Deputy

Supervisors of the Checklist (6-Year Term)

Maureen Brooks..... 2028
Patricia McCoy..... 2026
Carol Stansell..... 2030

Cemetery Trustees (3-Year Term)

Alan Fall (C)..... 2026
Joyce Watson 2027
Frederick Watson..... 2028

Trustees of Trust Funds (3-Year Term)

Patricia McCoy (C)..... 2027
Paul Olzerowicz 2026
Janet Meyers.....2028

Library Trustees (3-Year Term)

Paul Mathieu (C)..... 2026
Robin Waters 2026
Maureen Elliott 2027
Ann Pierce..... 2027
Luane Genest..... 2028

2025 TOWN OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

(C) - Chair

Planning Board (3-Year Term)

Linda Mailhot (C)2027
Melissa Florio.....2028
Bobbi McCracken. 2026
Robert Rafferty2026
James R. Guido2027
Jane Davidson2028
Brian Taylor, Alt2028
Anne Cunningham Alt...2026
Darwin Moulton Alt. ...2026
Les Babb, Selectmen's Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-Year Term)

Scott Lees (C)2026
Craig Niiler.....2027
Peter Keenan2028
Karl Ogren.....2028
Denny Anderson2027
Daniel Footit, Alt2027
Timothy Cupka, Alt.....2027
Anne Cunningham, Alt 2026
Scott Pettengill, Alt2026

Conservation Commission (3-Year Term)

Jeff Nicoll (C)2027
Nancy Cristoferi2027
Susan Marks.....2027
Megan Broderick2028
Robert Oram2028
Sue Hoople Alt.2027

Town Forest Advisory Committee

(3-Year Term)

Paul Elie (C) 2028
Yvonne Hoyt.....2026
Ron Newbury, Alt2028
Vacant, Alt
Vacant, Alt.....
Gary Williams Selectmen's Rep.
James Guido, Planning Board Rep.
R.A. Oram, Conservation Comm. Rep.

(C) - Chair

Heritage Commission (3-Year Term)

Anne Cunningham(C) 2028
Vacant..... 2027
Sue Hoople 2027
Sara Tabor 2028
Mark McKinley 2028
Arlene Knight.....2028
Kyle Thomas..... 2027
Alan Fall, Selectmen's Rep.

Advisory Committee on Aging

Rick Davidson (C)
Sandy Boyle
Anne Cunningham
Cindy Fleming
Linda Habib

Carroll County Broadband Communications

District Planning Committee

Melissa Florio
Linda Mailhot

Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC)

Mark McConkey 6/1/2029
Vacant,

LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee

Scott Brooks 7/1/2027

TWN OF FREEDOM, NH
2025 TOWN MEETING MINUTES
(ABRIDGED)
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, brought the meeting to order at approximately 9:05am, welcoming all and explaining the Rules and Procedures – shown on Page 22 in this year's town report.

Mr. Johnson announced at the Freedom Annual School District meeting held the night before, on Monday, March 10, 2025, the amount of \$4,613,018.00 had been raised and appropriated. Mr. Johnson noted that this year's dedication in the Annual School Report went to Velma Hormell.

Mr. Johnson introduced the Board of Selectman: Alan Fall, Less Babb and Gary Williams, the Town's legal counsel, Diane Garrow, Town Administrator Stacy Bolduc and her assistant, Lindsay Thibodeau-Pettengill, Town Clerk, Libby Priebe and Deputy Town Clerk, Kali Eldridge.

Other election workers today are Jane Davidson, Rick Davidson, Mike Gaudette, Robert Goos, Tammy Nason, Jo Williams, Sara Butterfield and Spencer Ogren. Spencer was the runner for the microphone, delivering it to those that wanted to speak to an issue.

The elected Supervisors of the checklist present and checking residents in to the meeting and providing the Voter Cards are: Maureen Brooks and Patricia McCoy. The Voter Cards are provided to registered voters only and are used when the Moderator calls for a vote on the articles. Carol Stansell, the 3rd Supervisor of the Checklist was downstairs at the polls for registering new voters.

In addition to the voter card, you should have also received a Town Report when you came in.

Mr. Johnson explained that today's agenda is the Town warrant starting on page 23 and noted the Rules of Procedures shown on page 22, noting that NH law puts the Moderator in charge of the meeting and these are the rules of procedure which have been announced ahead of time. These rules do not necessarily follow the Roberts Rules of Order or any other formal rules. Please note that asking the moderator for a Point of Order takes precedence during the meeting and should be used to address procedural questions.

Mr. Johnson referred the meeting to the introductory pages in the Town Report which shows that the Town Report this year is dedicated to Velma Hormell and Ernest Day Jr.. Mr. Day was not present, but Velma was. Velma thanked everyone who attended and congratulated Ernest Day, Jr., saying it was a very humbling experience and she is appreciative of every day. Both Ernie and Velma received a round of applause.

Mr. Johnson directed the meeting to Page 121 to review the list of the residents that Freedom lost in the last year (Vital Statistics Report), then asked for those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence, then to stay standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Johnson read the following: "Welcome to Town Meeting: We come together to make decisions about our community. As we deliberate, let us advocate for our positions, but not at the expense of others. Let us remember that there is an immense gap between saying 'I am right' and saying 'I believe I am right'. And that our neighbors with whom we disagree are good people with hopes and dreams as true and as high as ours. And let us always remember that, in the end, caring for each other in this community, is of far greater importance than any difference we may have. Welcome."

For the purposes of these minutes, the election results are included in article order. A write-in candidate must have received at least five (5) votes or have been declared the winner to be included in these minutes.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the 2025 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, **March 11, 2025**, for voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for the adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close. Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at which time all other warrant articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

Article 1 (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

SELECTMAN – (3 yr term)	Gary Williams	161 Votes
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Gary Williams declared the winner.

TOWN CLERK – (3 yr term)	A. Elizabeth Priebe	163 Votes
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A. Elizabeth Priebe declared the winner.

ROAD AGENT - (3 yr term)	Scott N. Brooks, Sr.	157 Votes
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Scott N. Brooks, Sr. declared the winner.

TREASURER - (3 yr term)	M. Jayne Britton	161 Votes
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M. Jayne Britton declared the winner.

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST

FUNDS - (3 yr term)	Janet Meyers (write in)	18 Votes
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Janet Meyers declared the winner.

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - (3 year Term)		
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	Fred Watson (write in)	6 Votes
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Fred Watson declared the winner.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – (3 yr term)	Luane Genest	156 Votes
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Luane Genest declared the winner.

PLANNING BOARD – (Two 3 yr Terms)		
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	Melissa M. Florio	144 Votes
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	Jane Morrison Davidson	159 Votes
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Melissa M. Florio and Jane Morrison Davidson were declared the winners.

OFFICERS FOR THE FREEDOM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR -

(1 yr term)

Donald G. Johnson

166 Votes

Donald G. Johnson declared the winner.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS –

(Two 3 yr terms)

Jacob Stephan

160 Votes

Todd Giles

159 Votes

Jacob Stephan and Todd Giles were declared the winners.

SCHOOL TREASURER –

(3 yr term)

Holly Stuart Brooks

168 Votes

Holly Stuart Brooks was declared the winner.

SCHOOL AUDITOR – (1 yr term)

Paul J. Olzerowicz

157 Votes

Paul J. Olzerowicz declared the winner.

SCHOOL CLERK – (1 yr term)

Kimberly A. Reis

165 Votes

Kimberly A. Reis declared the winner.

Article 2 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to add Section 805.1.5 to section 805 Driveway Permits to comply with a requirement in RSA 236:13,V that sets a timeframe for Town action on driveway permits issued by the NH Department of Transportation?

145 YES

24 NO

Article 2 carries.

Article 3 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to add Section 1004.25 in Article 10 to comply with RSA 674:16-a to require the Planning Board to consider any alternative parking solutions for a residential use proposed by an applicant.

141 YES

25 NO

Article 3 carries.

Article 4 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Planning Board to add to Table 1004.1 Schedule of Requirements in Article 10 off Street Parking, specific requirements for parking for unrelated families from the definition in Section 2402.22.

130 YES

34 NO

Article 4 carries.

Article 5 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to change the definition in Section 2401.11 of Childcare Center to reflect changes required in RSA 674:16, VI to use the term "family or family group childcare center" and to amend the Tables in Sections 304.1, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4, 304.7, 304.8 to make these facilities a permitted use in all districts.

139 YES

27 NO

Article 5 carries.

Article 6

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,566,138 (Three Million Five Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight dollars) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb addressed the increases in insurance and thanked Megan Broderick and Steve Genest with assisting to come up with a plan that was more affordable, using a higher deductible, and establishing an HRA account for the employees to cover same. [Steve and Megan received a round of applause.]

Mr. Babb also noted that the FEMA Application – thanks to Scott Brooks Sr., the Road Agent, for professionally marking the GPS coordinates and taking the required pictures – Freedom was one of five Applications in the State of NH that was received complete.

Mr. Babb noted that if everything on the warrant passes the tax increase will be 6 cents per \$1,000. The Selectmen use the Fund Balance money to defray the cost of taxation.

Moderator Johnson then proceeded with the review and discussion of Article 6, explaining that he would be reviewing Article 6 subsection by subsection – starting with:

Total General Government: \$ 810,086.00

No questions; no discussion.

Public Safety: \$ 915,462.00

No questions; no discussion.

Joyce Watson thanked the Freedom Fire Department and the Freedom Police for their service and assistance for a recent event involving their family.

Total Highways and Streets:	\$ 1,097,314.00
No questions; no discussion.	
Total Sanitation:	\$ 455,669.00
No questions; no discussion.	
Total Health:	\$ 15,937.00
No questions, no discussion.	
Total Welfare:	\$ 27,750.00
No questions, no discussion.	
Total Culture and Recreation:	\$ 24,950.00
No questions; no discussion.	
Total Conservation:	\$ 10,850.00
No questions; no discussion.	
Total Debt Service:	\$ 208,120.00
No questions; no discussion.	

Moderator Johnson announced that we would now proceed to Vote on Article 6 – and asked for any further questions.

Bill Barrett questioned that some of the items had been underspent last year, but the amounts requested this year are still left the same?

Selectman Babb noted that the Board of Selectmen has to plan and follow the outline. If any of the categories are underfunded, it could result in the need to have a Special Town Meeting.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: YES, Article 6 carries.

Article 7 (Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty- Five Thousand dollars) for the annual appropriation for the library. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Cam Spence

Selectman Babb stated that this is the annual request from the Library – the money goes to the Library directly, as it is its own entity and it manages its own money.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: YES, Article 7 carries.

Article 8

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand dollars) for the purpose of installing a new culvert on Burnham Rd. \$86,649 (Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance (For monies allocated from FEMA for 2024). \$73,351 (Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-One dollars) to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb said the FEMA funds had been placed in the general fund and will paid out for this project.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: YES, Article 8 carries.

Article 9

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$109,540 (One Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty dollars) for the purpose of crushing gravel. \$86,649 (Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance. (For monies allocated from FEMA for 2024). \$22,891 (Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-One dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb said FEMA funds had been received but this article was necessary as more gravel was used than anticipated.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: YES, Article 9 carries.

Article 10

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$145,000 (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new truck with plow equipment for the Highway Department. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb stated that this money will be used to replace the 2018 Ford F550. The town tries to put these vehicles on a rotation schedule for every five to six years.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: YES, Article 10 carries.

Article 11

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 (Ninety-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of hiring architectural and engineering services for the design of the office space in the existing Town Office and to withdraw \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand dollars) from Municipal Land and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. \$45,000 (Forty-Five Thousand dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Brandon Buttrick

Selectman Babb addressed the meeting, noting that last year there had been two bond articles – and the amounts had been estimates only, not actual numbers, noting that the Selectboard had not been willing to spend \$100,000 per option for that purpose.

Selectman Fall noted that the Heritage Commission had assisted and it was a perfect use of them as a resource – giving thanks to Brandi and Karrie Buttrick, Mark McKinley, Jason Earle and the NH Preservation Alliance. Last year both Articles 7 and 8 failed – but the option to renovate failed by 5 votes, the other option failed by a 3-1 margin. He said the Selectboard took that as an indication as to what the town wanted. The engineering was put out to bid and three firms responded. North Country Architect was chosen.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: YES, Article 11 carries.

Article 12

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,750 (Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars) to pave Huckins Road. Funds to be raised by taxation (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Williams stated that this is the amount needed to finish the Huckins Road project that had been started last year.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: YES, Article 12 carries.

Article 13

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 (Sixty-Five Thousand dollars) to seal coat Town roads to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectman Williams noted that this is the annual request for funds for the maintenance of town roads.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: YES, Article 13 carries.

Article 14

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,600 (Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred dollars) to crack seal Town roads. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Williams noted that this was the annual request for funds for the sealing of town roads.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: YES, Article 14 carries.

Article 15

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,532 (Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two dollars) for the purpose of continuing planned site improvements and updates at the Transfer Station. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance from monies not expended from 2024 Article 11. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Patricia Goos

Selectman Fall noted that this is a carry- over from last year, unspent due to the April 6th storm.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: YES, Article 15 carries.

Article 16

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,510 (Sixty-Two Thousand Five-Hundred Ten dollars) for the purpose of replacing and relocating the current compactor at the Transfer Station. Funds come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Paul Olzerowicz

Selectmen Fall noted that this was to replace the compactor for recyclables after 20 years and \$2800 spent for maintenance and repairs. He noted that the new compactor would have doors on both sides and that the two doors should alleviate the bottleneck, which will improve safety.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: YES, Article 16 carries.

Selectmen Fall noted after the fact that there may be \$5000 in grant money to assist with this project.

Article 17

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,200 (Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred dollars) for the purpose of creating a Full-Time Building /Zoning/Health Officer Position. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Bobbie McCracken

Selectman Williams spoke to the article, noting that originally there had been two positions that were merged in to one – and the need for somebody in that position has grown in to a full time job. He noted that in 2022 there had been 357 permits – and in 2024 there had been 566.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: YES, Article 17 carries.

Article 18

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,300 (Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred dollars) for the purpose of converting the Town tax maps from paper to digital format. This will save the Town annually on tax map updating and allow for the Town maps to be accessed via the Town Website with more functionality than currently offered. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Maureen Brooks

Selectman Fall noted that in 2019 the records were consolidated and more information and forms were available on line. Huge step forward, making it much easier for the office staff. The final step to bring access current will be to digitize the tax maps and to put them on line. It will be interactive, people will be able to zoom in and out of one map and have access to the property cards and it will be fully interfaced with Avitar.

Selectman Babb noted that the process has been started and the Board had been looking to expand what is available on line which should be able to be managed by less staff and should reduce office visits.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: YES, Article 18 carries.

Article 19

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-Five Thousand dollars) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds, and other Freedom lakes and streams as needed. The sum of \$17,500 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to come from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant. The remainder of \$17,500 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Selectmen Williams noted that this is an ongoing program for milfoil treatments.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: YES, Article 19 carries.

Article 20

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (Fifty-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose for dredging and dry hydrant installation at the fire pond on Scarboro Road. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Rob Cunio

Selectman Williams asked Fire Chief Rob Cunio to speak to the article. Rob noted this is a required and designated fire pond and had been for years. Maintenance is required to keep the pond usable.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: YES, Article 20 carries.

Article 21

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,500 (Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of purchasing new accounting software to replace the outdated software that the Town now has. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectmen Babb noted the town currently uses BMSI and they are discontinuing support. The Treasurer and the Bookkeeper are currently using separate systems.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: YES, Article 21 carries.

Article 22

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 (Twenty-Six Thousand dollars) for the purpose of the remediation of the structural bents at the Masonic Lodge building. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Brandon Buttrick

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 22: YES, Article 22 carries.

Article 23

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$61,290 (Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety dollars) for the repair and reconstruction of formerly Jackman Ridge Road located within the Town Forest with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Prior year expenditures were \$3,500 but work was not completed in that period. The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Selectman Williams noted that this project is being carried over from last year.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 23: YES, Article 23 carries.

Article 24

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of mowing, culvert replacement, and general maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Selectman Williams noted that this request is for general maintenance and erosion control.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 24: YES, Article 24 carries.

Article 25

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand dollars) for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. Prior year expenditures were \$4,837.50 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven dollars and Fifty Cents). The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Selectman Williams noted that there are many projects being done and they would like to have the forester in more often.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 25: YES, Article 25 carries.

Article 26

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of a controlled burn of the Pine Barrens in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to come from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. This project was delayed from previous years and the Forest Advisory Committee and Freedom Conservation Commission have applied for a grant to cover \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred dollars) of this total expense. If the grant is not received the total amount of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) will be required. The Freedom Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Selectman Williams noted that these controlled burns are recommended for the health of the forest.

Discussion.

Fire Chief Cunio noted that these burns are good for the forest and are extremely important to prevent wildfires.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 26: YES, Article 26 carries.

Article 27

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 (Six Thousand Eight Hundred dollars) for the purpose of repairing and replacing the exterior molding/trim on the front of the Town Offices. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Brian Taylor

Selectman Fall noted that this needed repair was brought to the attention of the Selectboard by Mark McKinley.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 27: YES, Article 27 carries.

Article 28

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of creating a Recreation Department with a part-time Recreation Director position. This will be a stipend position for \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) a year. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Jennifer Brown

Selectman Babb spoke to the question, noting that the Selectboard meets with the school every 2-3 months and the use of the basketball court/school gym had come up. As long as it is being used by the school, there is no issue – but it was discovered that in order to have the Town's insurance coverage come in to play, a Rec Department with a Rec Director had to be in place.

Joyce Watson noted she was in favor of this Article and wanted to give credit to Jennifer Brown and Josh Battles who had been working with the school kids and sports teams for a number of years. Jen and Josh received a round of applause.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 28: YES, Article 28 carries.

Article 29

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Freedom Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$22,494 (Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-Four dollars) for the purpose of purchasing four (4) Body Cameras for our Town Police Officers and to raise and appropriate \$4,500 (Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Price includes software and hardware. Future payments to be in the Town Budget. (3/5 Vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Darwin Moulton

Selectman Fall stated that Chief Mullen had brought this matter to the Selectmen, noting that with this social climate, it would be added protection. Selectman Fall asked the Chief to speak to the article.

Police Chief Jamie Mullen noted that this is a complex matter and these cameras have become an industry standard as the cameras objectively record and there has been an influx of activity – so its best to have an accurate record.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 29: YES, Article 29 carries. The Moderator noted that there was an obvious 3/5 majority vote as required.

Article 30

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 (Six Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of the Town's Police K9 to attain her certification for obedience, tracking, rescue and searching for drugs. Funds to be raised by taxation (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article, noting that Boca needs to go back to school. He turned the floor over to Chief Mullen for further information.

Chief Mullen thanked the town for its support. Boca is 19 months old and is working with Officer Clayton Cyr. Boca has impeccable blood lines and this training will allow her to obtain her certifications.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 30: YES, Article 30 carries.

Article 31

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of funding the NH Lake Host Program. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Brian Taylor

Selectman Williams spoke to the Article – noting that Freedom is a member of this program and the boat ramps at Pine River and Pine Landing will be monitored.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 31: YES, Article 31 carries.

Article 32

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article – noting this money will be added to the existing fund which is very important, as the FEMA money is getting harder to obtain, which will impact future projects.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 32: YES, Article 32 carries.

Article 33

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Bobbi McCracken

Selectman Babb noted that this is the capital reserve fund established for equipment purchases for the Police Department.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 33: YES, Article 33 carries.

Article 34

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Raylene Newbury.

Selectmen Williams turned the floor over to Paul Mathieu, a library trustee – who thanked the town for its support. This money will be added to the capital reserve fund to buffer the reserve.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 34: YES, Article 34 carries.

Article 35

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,372 (Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two dollars) to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Bill Carney

Selectman Fall spoke to the Article – one of the containers is in really bad shape and will need to be replaced.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 35: YES, Article 35 carries.

Article 36

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Equipment Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectmen Williams noted that this money will be added to the existing fund.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 36: YES, Article 36 carries.

Article 37

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb noted that this money will be added to the existing account and will allow the town to get ahead of costs.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 37: YES, Article 37 carries.

Article 38

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Rachel Fall

Selectman Fall noted that this money will be added to the existing fund.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 38: YES, Article 38 carries.

Article 39

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gary Williams

SECONDED: Paul Olzerowicz

Selectman Williams noted that this money will be added to the existing fund.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 39: YES, Article 39 carries.

Article 40

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Municipal Land and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Brian Taylor

Selectmen Fall noted that this is a standard request for funds to be added to the existing fund.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 40: YES, Article 40 carries.

Article 41

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) to be added to the Road Right-of-Way Expendable Trust fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required).

MOTION: Alan Fall

SECONDED: Anne Cunningham

Selectmen Fall noted that the town is currently involved in a right of way issue and some of these funds may need to be expended.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 41: YES, Article 41 carries.

Article 42

(Not Recommended by Selectmen 0-2-0)

(Submitted by Petition) We the concerned citizens of Freedom, including the Freedom old Home Week Association and the Freedom Historical Society, respectfully ask the Town if they would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 (Fifty-Six Thousand dollars) to help defray the purchase and labor costs of installing air conditioning and heating mini splits in the Freedom Town Hall. The project would entail the installation of four (4) 24,000 BTU heads upstairs, two (2) 24,000 BTU heads downstairs, three (3) outdoor condensers, and wiring costs for the project. This project would ensure the Town Hall becomes a comfortable/tolerable facility for use when temperatures climb above 80F or fall below 30F, and that Town residents can use the Town Hall as a cooling or heating Station during extreme weather events. Funds to be raised by taxation.

MOTION: Kate Chaput

SECONDED: Bonnie Elie

Kate made a **MOTION TO AMEND the Article** by deleting the sentence: “The project will entail the installation of four (4) 24,000 BTU heads upstairs, two (2) 24,000 BTU heads downstairs, three (3) outdoor condensers, and wiring costs of the project.” – so the Article will now read as follows:

We the concerned citizens of Freedom, including the Freedom Old Home Week Association and the Freedom Historical Society, respectfully ask the Town if they would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 (Fifty-Six Thousand dollars) to help defray the purchase and labor costs of installing air conditioning and heating mini splits in the Freedom Town Hall. This project would ensure the Town Hall becomes a comfortable/tolerable facility for use when temperatures climb about 80F or fall below 30F, and that town residents can use the Town Hall as a colling or heating station during extreme weather events. Funds to be raised by taxation.

SECONDED by Bill Carney.

Kate explained that they were advised to remove the specific details as it will make it easier to work with.

Discussion on the amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND Article 42 so that the Article will now read: We the concerned citizens of Freedom, including the Freedom Old Home Week Association and the Freedom Historical Society, respectfully ask the Town if they would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 (Fifty-Six Thousand dollars) to help defray the purchase and labor costs of installing air conditioning and heating mini splits in the Freedom Town Hall. This project would ensure the Town Hall becomes a comfortable/tolerable facility for use

when temperatures climb about 80F or fall below 30F, and that town residents can use the Town Hall as a colling or heating station during extreme weather events. Funds to be raised by taxation.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: YES, the Motion to Amend carries.

Discussion on Article 42 as amended.

Pam Keith made a MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION.

VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION: YES, motion to move the question carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 42 AS AMENDED: YES, Article 42 as amended carries.

Article 43

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Paul Olzerowicz asked if there was any way to improve the access to the town office building, as it appears the town is going forward with the renovations on the hill.

Selectman Fall admitted if there is a negative, that's it. Coming off a state highway – the reality is that the topography is such that it would be difficult to change.

Discussion.

The Moderator made note that at today's meeting the total sum of \$5,020,526.00 was voted to be raised and appropriated.

The Moderator stated that the road agent, Scott Brooks, wanted him to remind the meeting that maple syrup season has started and to visit the Brooks Family Sugarhouse!

Brian Taylor made a MOTION TO ADJOURN at 12:10 pm

SECONDED by all.

A true record, attest:

/s/ A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE

A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE, TOWN CLERK

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes, we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.
- At any time during the meeting, you may make a motion to restrict reconsideration of any one or more votes previously taken at this meeting or warrant articles previously considered at this meeting. (RSA 40:10)

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

**State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, Town of Freedom
2026 TOWN WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the 2026 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, **March 10, 2026**, for voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for the adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close. Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at which time all other warrant articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

Article 1 (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 1 revises Article 3 "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS," Section 304.6 to authorize the Town Zoning Officer to approve erosion and sedimentation control plans on projects which require no other ZBA action.

Article 3 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 2, pursuant to RSA 674:16, revises Article 24 "DEFINITIONS," Section 2402 to update "family, unrelated" and add Sections 1108.1 and 1108.2 to Article 11 "RESIDENTIAL USES" to limit occupants per bedroom, ensure septic systems can support dwellings with more than four occupants, and update parking requirements in accordance with updated "family, unrelated" definition.

Article 4 (To vote by official ballot):

Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 3, pursuant to RSA 674:16 and :72, revises Article 11 "RESIDENTIAL USES," Sections 1102.1.6 and 1103.2.4 to update parking requirements for elderly/senior independent and group residences and updates Article 10 "OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS," to reflect revised Sections 1102.1.6 and 1103.2.4 and reduces parking requirements for single and multi-family dwellings.

Article 5 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 4, pursuant to RSA 674:77 and :78, revises Article 3 "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS," Table 304.4, to make "multi-family housing" a permitted use in the Town's Residential/Light Commercial District.

Article 6

(Planning Board Vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 5 revises Article 11 "RESIDENTIAL USES" by repealing the text of Section 1104 in its entirety and replacing it with accessory dwelling unit regulation pursuant to RSA 674:71 - :73 and additionally prohibits accessory dwelling units associated with multiple-single family dwellings attached to each other and limits the size of accessory dwelling units to two (2) bedrooms.

Article 7

(Planning Board Vote (7-0-0))

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 6 revises Article 3 "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS," Section 307.2 to allow 12" or less roof overhangs to project into a lot's setback in all districts except the Shore Front District.

Article 8

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,998,917 (Three Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen dollars) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Funds raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 9

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$131,250 (One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty dollars) for the annual appropriation for the library. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 10

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,018 (One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Eighteen dollars) to seal Town roads. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 11

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 (Forty-Five Thousand dollars) to crack seal Town roads. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 12

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64,000 (Sixty-Four Thousand dollars) for the purpose of restoration and repair of the window sashes and purchasing and installing storm windows for the Town Office. Funds to come from the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

Article 13

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,667 (Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new Cruiser for the Police Department and to withdraw 30,000 (Thirty Thousand dollars) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established). \$38,667 (Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-Seven dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 14

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,469 (Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine dollars) for the purpose of taking part in a county wide initiative for purchasing a software upgrade to the Internal Management and Control data software (IMC) used by the Police Department. The implementation cost for 2026 is \$2,469.00 (Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine dollars). Future payments are to be in the Town Budget over the next four years for a total of \$28,126 (Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Six dollars). There is an opt out clause. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 15

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a health reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of offsetting insurance costs for certain employees and to raise and appropriate \$21,436 (Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six dollars). This amount to come from unassigned fund balance, said funds being the balance of the 2025 budget for this purpose; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. No taxes to be raised with this warrant article. (Majority vote required)

Article 16

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$17,000 (Seventeen Thousand dollars) for the purpose of painting the Town Hall located at 16 Elm St. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 17

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of replacing the fence and dirt in the infield at the Ball Field. Funds to come from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 18

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to share in the cost with Ossipee NH for the Independence Day fireworks. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 19

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand dollars) for the purpose of placing guide steel under the container to protect the concrete and the container at the Transfer Station. \$6,000 (Six Thousand dollars) to come from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and \$6,000 (Six Thousand dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 20

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 (Six Thousand Four Hundred dollars) for the purpose of building 2 covers over the construction debris containers. Doing this will eliminate snow and ice from entering the containers, which adds to the disposal cost when containers are weighed. Funds to come from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

Article 21

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 (Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of paving the entrance at the Transfer Station. Funds to come from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 22

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-Five Thousand dollars) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds, and other Freedom lakes and streams as needed. The sum of \$17,500 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to come from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant. The remainder of \$17,500 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars) is to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 23

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand dollars) for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the FCC Land Use Tax Account (LUCT). (Majority vote required)

Article 24

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of road and water-bar maintenance, culvert replacement, and general activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the FCC Land Use Tax Account (LUCT). (Majority vote required)

Article 25

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the purpose of funding the NH Lake Host Program. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 26

(Selectmen Recommend 0-3-0)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the "Town Forest Trails/Roads and Easement Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund," for the purpose of funding maintenance, repair, and improvements to the Town Forest access trails/roads and for other activities required by the State of New Hampshire as easement holder.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars) to be placed in the "Town Forest Trails/Roads and Easement Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund" The Board of Selectmen shall be designated as agents to expend from the fund. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 27

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 (Eighteen Thousand dollars) for the purpose of water erosion mitigation by constructing and infiltration trench, installing Ecoraster and fencing along Ossipee Lake Road, west of the Danforth Bay Bridge. The sum of \$13,000 (Thirteen Thousand Dollars) to come from NH Department of Environmental Service Grant. The remainder of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 28

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of increasing Fire members stipends for response from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The last increase was in 2018. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 29

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 30

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 31

(Selectmen Recommend 0-3-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 32

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 33

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Hall and Office Capital Reserve Fund previously established with funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Article 34

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

Shall the Town of Freedom vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35, previously adopted, for an optional tax credit of \$1,650.00 (One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty dollars) for a Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability? If approved, this article shall take effect for the final property tax bill of the 2026 property tax year. (Majority vote required)

Article 35

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

(Submitted by Petition). To see if the Town will vote and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars). For the purpose of painting two sets of pickleball lines to be painted on the current usable Town of Freedom Tennis Court and acquiring two portable pickleball nets. Further to authorize the Selectboard to accept such grants, bequests, and donations from public or private sources for such purpose. If approved, the lines to be painted would be different colors than the tennis court lines and would not hinder what already exists. The portable nets would be moved to the side of the tennis court when not in use. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 36

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

Are you in favor of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Treasurer to a (3) year term and to discontinue the election of the Treasurer. If passed, this will take effect at the next annual election as provided by RSA 669:17d. (Majority vote required)

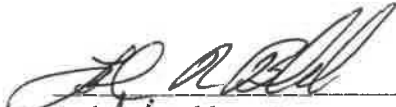
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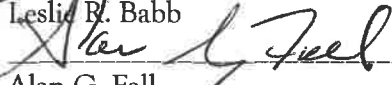
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

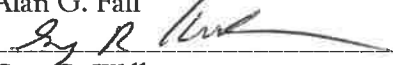
Given our hands and seal this 9th day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Town of Freedom

By Its Board of Selectmen:



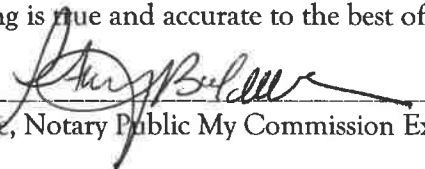
Leslie R. Babb


Alan G. Fall


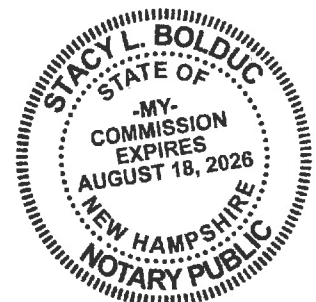
Gary R. Williams

State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, ss

Personally, appeared the above-named Leslie R. Babb, Alan G. Fall, and Gary R. Williams, or a majority of them, Selectmen of the Town of Freedom, and took oath that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Before me, 

Stacy Bolduc, Notary Public My Commission Expires:



	FY 2025 Appropriations	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Appropriations
General Government			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, and Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 68,900	\$ 73,665	\$ 70,200
Selectmen's Fees	200	-	200
Town Clerk Costs	9,575	8,919	10,754
Deputy Town Clerk	29,800	2,132	30,000
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	29,500	32,290	32,000
Deputy Tax Collector	6,000	-	6,000
Salaries - Full-Time	130,000	97,165	160,000
Salaries - Part-Time	20,000	41,706	27,549
Retirement	7,500	3,642	7,500
Health/Dental Insurance	43,000	19,585	54,000
Life/Disability Insurance	2,000	1,693	2,000
Total Wages, Fees, and Benefits	346,475	280,797	400,203
Town Office Expense	104,380	98,900	113,614
Total Town Office	450,855	379,697	513,817
Assessing	35,000	35,820	36,888
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,500	10,402	25,175
Legal Expenses	35,500	38,147	47,300
Payroll Taxes	109,750	91,384	115,515
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part-Time	1,950	1,920	2,350
Expenses	9,650	4,454	7,850
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	11,600	6,374	10,200
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part-Time	10,300	10,638	11,340
Expenses	59,355	53,267	59,205
Total Public Buildings	69,655	63,905	70,545
Cemeteries	8,725	6,785	8,725
Insurance	76,497	76,497	97,397
Lakes Region Planning Commission	3,004	3,004	3,116
Total General Government	810,086	712,015	928,678
Public Safety			
Police Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	248,000	278,905	260,000
Salaries - Part-Time/Over-Time	42,000	52,699	52,400
Holiday/Severance	10,025	-	10,025
Retirement	79,957	82,349	79,957
Health/Dental Insurance	62,271	67,717	79,491
Life/Disability Insurance	2,218	1,535	2,218
Total Wages and Benefits	444,471	483,206	484,091
Expenses	46,200	40,512	43,911
Total Police Department	490,671	523,718	528,002

	FY 2025 Appropriations	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Appropriations
Fire Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time Chief	81,244	83,053	85,134
Salaries - Part-Time Station Duty	3,600	2,420	5,800
Stipends for Responses	35,000	34,926	35,000
Retirement	3,375	2,493	3,500
Health/Dental Insurance	28,000	29,470	33,600
Life/Disability Insurance	1,300	1,338	1,500
Expenses	92,270	87,724	99,211
Total Fire Department	244,789	241,424	263,745
Ambulance	120,103	108,845	122,928
Building Inspector	-	-	-
Zoning Officer	48,330	42,419	80,450
Forest Fire Protection	3,000	2,167	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500	-	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	7,269	1,716	12,018
Water Precinct (Hydrants)	800	500	800
Total Public Safety	915,462	920,889	1,011,443
Highway Department			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	228,681	303,972	283,521
Salaries - Part-Time	49,400	20,955	49,400
Salaries - Overtime	66,329	48,815	84,725
Retirement	10,000	8,560	10,000
Health/Dental Insurance	96,800	96,756	110,455
Life/Disability Insurance	5,900	6,660	6,850
Total Wages and Benefits	457,110	485,718	544,951
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	206,170	214,564	207,175
Contract Services	36,974	72,662	56,500
Operating Expenses	392,060	367,362	435,934
Total Expenses	635,204	654,588	699,609
Total Highway Department	1,092,314	1,140,306	1,244,560
Street Lighting	5,000	5,280	5,000
Total Highways and Streets	1,097,314	1,145,586	1,249,560
Sanitation			
Transfer Station:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	153,000	158,740	162,760
Salaries - Part-Time/Over-Time	21,500	10,230	22,000
Retirement	2,500	1,452	2,500
Health/Dental Insurance	14,500	12,549	20,700
Life/Disability Insurance	3,900	5,772	5,800
Total Wages and Benefits	195,400	188,743	213,760
Expenses:			
Engineering	1,500	12,000	26,550
Transport Materials	231,769	227,381	257,200
Operating Expenses	27,000	33,492	31,038
Total Expenses	260,269	272,873	314,788
Total Sanitation	455,669	461,616	528,548

	FY 2025 Appropriations	FY 2025 Expenditures	FY 2026 Appropriations
Health			
Salary and Expenses	500	645	100
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433		1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tri-County Community Action Program	3,800	3,800	3,800
White Mountain Community Health Center	1,333	1,333	2,080
Central NH VNA		-	-
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	1,300
Starting Point	4,071	4,071	4,029
CASA	500	500	500
Ossipee Children's Fund	500	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	500	500	500
Total Health	15,937	14,649	16,242
Welfare			
Salary - Welfare Officer	2,000		2,000
Salary - Senior Resource Coordinator	11,150	4,734	5,000
Town Needy	14,600	11,995	15,600
Total Welfare	27,750	16,729	22,600
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	16,950	12,440	21,150
Patriotic Purposes	1,600	1,517	1,600
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Historical Society	4,000	4,000	4,000
Heritage Commission	400	-	400
Total Culture and Recreation	24,950	19,957	29,150
Conservation			
Conservation Commission	3,250	2,931	3,600
Water Quality Testing	6,850	5,711	6,500
Milfoil Remediation	-	-	
Aquatic Invasive Species	750	32	750
Total Conservation	10,850	8,674	10,850
Debt Services			
Bond Principal - Road	125,000	125,000	125,000
Lease Principal - Fire Rescue	64,789	64,789	66,662
Bond Interest - Road	12,550	12,550	6,275
Lease Interest - Fire Rescue	5,781	5,781	3,909
Other Interest			
Total Debt Service	208,120	208,120	201,846
TOTAL ARTICLE 8	\$ 3,566,138	\$ 3,508,134	\$ 3,998,917

Proposed Budget Freedom

For the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/19/26

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name

Position

Signature

Leslie R Babb

ALAN G FALL

Gary R Williams

Signature

Alan G. Ford

Ray R. With

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NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	08	\$67,089	\$68,900	\$70,200	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	08	\$10,102	\$9,500	\$25,175	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	08	\$294,158	\$381,955	\$443,617	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	08	\$35,820	\$35,000	\$36,888	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	08	\$38,027	\$35,500	\$47,300	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	08	\$89,395	\$109,750	\$115,515	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	08	\$6,015	\$11,600	\$10,200	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	08	\$63,634	\$69,655	\$70,545	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	08	\$6,785	\$8,725	\$8,725	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	08	\$76,497	\$76,497	\$97,397	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	08	\$3,004	\$3,004	\$3,116	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$690,526	\$810,086	\$928,678	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	08	\$513,234	\$490,671	\$528,002	\$0
4215	Ambulances	08	\$108,845	\$120,103	\$122,928	\$0
4220	Fire	08	\$237,880	\$244,789	\$263,745	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	08	\$39,708	\$48,330	\$80,450	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	08	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	08	\$4,383	\$11,069	\$15,818	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$904,050	\$915,462	\$1,011,443	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	08	\$1,061,116	\$1,092,314	\$896,349	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	08	\$4,893	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	08	\$0	\$0	\$348,211	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$1,066,009	\$1,097,314	\$1,249,560	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	08	\$424,058	\$455,669	\$528,548	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$424,058	\$455,669	\$528,548	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$400	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	08	\$14,649	\$15,537	\$16,242	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$14,649	\$15,937	\$16,242	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	08	\$4,734	\$13,150	\$7,000	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	08	\$11,995	\$14,600	\$15,600	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$16,729	\$27,750	\$22,600	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	08	\$11,275	\$16,950	\$21,150	\$0
4550	Library		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	08	\$1,517	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	08	\$6,032	\$7,150	\$7,150	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$18,824	\$25,700	\$29,900	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	08	\$8,413	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$8,413	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	08	\$137,550	\$130,781	\$125,000	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	08	\$70,570	\$77,339	\$66,662	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	08	\$0	\$0	\$10,184	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$208,120	\$208,120	\$201,846	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2026	
			12/31/2025	12/31/2025	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$3,998,917	\$0



Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4520	Parks and Recreation	35 <i>Purpose: Pickle Ball Lines on the Tennis Court</i>	\$2,500	\$0
4611	Conservation Administration	23 <i>Purpose: Town Forester</i>	\$8,000	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	24 <i>Purpose: Town Forest Maintenance</i>	\$3,500	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13 <i>Purpose: Purchase a New Police Cruiser</i>	\$68,667	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	12 <i>Purpose: To Replace the Sashes and Storm windows at the Town Office</i>	\$64,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	19 <i>Purpose: Place guide steel under Container</i>	\$12,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	20 <i>Purpose: Debries Covers at the Transfer Station</i>	\$6,400	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	26 <i>Purpose: Establish a CRF for the FCC</i>	\$7,500	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	29 <i>Purpose: Infrastructure CRF</i>	\$125,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	30 <i>Purpose: PD CRF</i>	\$20,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	32 <i>Purpose: To Appropriate funds to Highway Drainage CRF</i>	\$80,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	33 <i>Purpose: Appropriate funds to the Town Hall/Office CRF</i>	\$10,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	15 <i>Purpose: Create a Health Reimbursement ETF s</i>	\$21,436	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	31 <i>Purpose: Library ETF</i>	\$10,000	\$0
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$439,003	\$0



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4220	Fire	28	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To Increase Fire Department Stipends</i>		
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	27	\$18,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Ossipee Lake Road Project</i>		
4550	Library	09	\$131,250	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Library</i>		
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	25	\$3,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Lake Host Program</i>		
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	18	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fireworks</i>		
4619	Other Conservation	22	\$35,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Milfoil Removal</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	14	\$2,469	\$0
		<i>Purpose: IMC</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	17	\$7,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Replace The Dirt in the Infield and Replace the Fence at the Ballfield</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	16	\$17,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Paint the Town Hall</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	21	\$15,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Paving the Entrance at the Transfer Station</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$173,018	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Seal Coating</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	11	\$45,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Crack Sealing</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$463,237	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	08	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	08	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	08	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$0	\$27,000	\$27,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	08	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	08	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000
3230	Building Permits	08	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	08	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$0	\$555,000	\$555,000
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	08	\$0	\$170,420	\$170,420
3353	Highway Block Grant	08	\$0	\$92,887	\$92,887
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	27, 22	\$0	\$17,500	\$30,500
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$280,807	\$293,807



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	08	\$0	\$24,000	\$41,500
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$0	\$24,000	\$41,500
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	08	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
3503	Rents of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits	08	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	08	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$0	\$44,500	\$44,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	20, 13, 19, 12	\$0	\$50,000	\$106,400
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$81,790	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	24, 23	\$0	\$0	\$11,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$131,790	\$117,900
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	33, 29, 28, 15, 32, 30, 18	\$0	\$0	\$271,436
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$271,436



Revenues

Total Estimated Revenues and Credits	\$0	\$1,063,097	\$1,351,143
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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2026
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,998,917
Special Warrant Articles	\$439,003
Individual Warrant Articles	\$463,237
Total Appropriations	\$4,901,157
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,351,143
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$3,550,014

TOWN OF FREEDOM DETAIL OF REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

Source	Amount
Property Tax Levy	\$ 4,245,042
Overlay	\$ (27,209)
Interest & Penalties (Late Taxes)	\$ 22,327
Yield Tax (Timber)	\$ 21,209
Boat Tax	\$ 8,768
Land Use Change Tax	
State Aid:	
Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$ 170,420
Highway Block Grant	\$ 92,887
Other State Aid	
Town Clerk:	
Dog Licenses	\$ 739
Vehicle Registrations	\$ 586,780
Other Fees	\$ (3,356)
Transfer Station:	
Permits	\$ 2,300
Tipping Fees	\$ 44,775
Recycling Revenue	\$ 8,395
Building Inspector:	
Permits	\$ 68,476
Police Department:	
Reports, etc.	\$ 840
Special Detail Fees	\$ -
Selectmen:	
Milfoil Grant	\$ 4,590
Donations	\$ -
Planning Board Fees	\$ 1,013
ZBA Fees	\$ 1,452
FEMA	\$ -
Town of Eaton (Fire)	\$ 24,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$ 38,236
Rent of Property	\$ -
Sale of Property	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 51,911
Fines	\$ 4,650
Other	\$ 24,840
From Capital Reserve Fund/Expendable Trust Fund	\$ -
From Special Revenue Funds	\$ -
From Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ -
Total	\$ 5,393,086

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2025**

SOURCE	BALANCE 1/1/2025	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	DUE TO/FROM OR A/R	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/2026
INTERFUND TRANSFER IN:						
Cemetery P/C Interest	\$ 5,299.46	\$ 840.40	\$ -			\$ 6,139.86
Municipal Building/Land	\$ 5,000.00					\$ 5,000.00
Town Road R-O-W	\$ 4,800.00					\$ 4,800.00
Total Interfund Transfers In	\$ 15,099.46	\$ 840.40	\$ -			\$ 15,939.86
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:	\$ -					\$ -
General Government:	\$ -					\$ -
Town Hall Kitchen	\$ 7,727.61	\$ -				\$ 7,727.61
Town						\$ -
Public Safety:	\$ -					\$ -
Police Department	\$ 24,560.00	\$ 9,250.00	\$ -			\$ 33,810.00
Fire Department	\$ 9,165.00	\$ 6,303.53				\$ 15,468.53
Highways:	\$ -					\$ -
Highway Department	\$ 5,345.70		\$ -			\$ 5,345.70
Culture and Recreation:	\$ -					\$ -
Recreation	\$ 2,768.71	\$ 4,142.48	\$ 612.63			\$ 6,298.56
Heritage Commission	\$ -					\$ -
Total Gifts and Donations	\$ 49,567.02	\$ 19,696.01	\$ 612.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,650.40
POLICE:	\$ -					\$ -
Outside Detail		\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
First Responder Stipend	\$ -					\$ -
Total Police	\$ -					\$ -
FIRE:	\$ -					\$ -
Firefighter's Grant	\$ -					\$ -
First Responder Stipend	\$ -					\$ -
Total Fire	\$ -					\$ -
CONSERVATION:	\$ -					\$ -
Gifts	\$ 194.70					\$ 194.70
Milfoil Grant	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
Milfoil Gifts	\$ 7,224.98	\$ 300.00				\$ 7,524.98
Land Use Tax	\$ 47,562.12	\$ 15,000.00				\$ 62,562.12
Wildlife Habitat	\$ 25,298.05					\$ 25,298.05
Town Forest Maintenance	\$ 70,060.81		\$ 61,290.00			\$ 8,770.81
Town Forest Stewardship Gifts	\$ 27,146.24	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,025.75			\$ 26,145.49
Total Conservation	\$ 177,486.90	\$ 15,325.00	\$ 62,315.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,496.15
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$ 242,153.38	\$ 35,861.41	\$ 62,928.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215,086.41



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
4130	Executive	06	\$68,900
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	06	\$9,500
4150	Financial Administration	06	\$381,955
4152	Property Assessment	06	\$35,000
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$35,500
4155	Personnel Administration	06	\$109,750
4191	Planning and Zoning	06	\$11,600
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$69,655
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$8,725
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	06	\$76,497
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	06	\$3,004
4198	Contingency		\$0
4199	Other General Government	17,21	\$59,700
General Government Subtotal			\$869,786
Public Safety			
4210	Police	06,29,30	\$501,671
4215	Ambulances	06	\$120,103
4220	Fire	06	\$244,789
4240	Building Inspection	06	\$48,330
4290	Emergency Management	06	\$500
4299	Other Public Safety	06	\$11,069
Public Safety Subtotal			\$926,462
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301	Airport Administration		\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Highway Administration		\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06,09,12,13,14	\$1,408,204
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$5,000
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$1,413,204



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Sanitation			
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06	\$455,669
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	15	\$49,532
Sanitation Subtotal			\$505,201
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Water Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0
Electric			
4351	Electric Administration		\$0
4352	Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0
Health			
4411	Health Administration	06	\$400
4414	Pest Control		\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	06	\$15,537
4419	Other Health		\$0
Health Subtotal			\$15,937
Welfare			
4441	Welfare Administration	06	\$13,150
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0
4449	Other Welfare	06	\$14,600
Welfare Subtotal			\$27,750



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Culture and Recreation			
4520	Parks and Recreation	06,28	\$21,950
4550	Library	07	\$125,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$1,600
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	06,19,31	\$45,650
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$194,200
Conservation and Development			
4611	Conservation Administration	06,25	\$18,100
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0
4619	Other Conservation	23,24,26	\$73,790
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$91,890
Debt Service			
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	06	\$130,781
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	06	\$77,339
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$208,120
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10,16	\$207,510
4903	Buildings	11,22,27	\$127,800
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	08,18,20,42	\$303,300
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$638,610



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Operating Transfers Out			
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	32,33,35,36,3 7,38,39,40,41	\$101,372
4916	To Expendable Trusts	34	\$10,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$111,372
Total Voted Appropriations			\$5,002,532

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES				
TOWN OFF SAL - SELECTMEN	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	0.00
TOWN OFF SAL - CLERK	45,500.00	49,544.92	-	(4,044.92)
TOWN OFF SAL - TREASURER	4,800.00	5,520.00	-	(720.00)
TOWN OFF SAL - TAX COLLECTOR	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
TOWN OFF SAL - TRUSTEES	600.00	600.00	-	0.00
TOTAL	68,900.00	73,664.92	-	(4,764.92)
ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
ELECTIONS - WORKERS	3,885.00	1,639.00	-	2,246.00
ELECTIONS - SUPERVISORS	1,150.00	871.75	-	278.75
ELECTIONS - PRINTING	3,940.00	4,783.39	-	(843.39)
ELECTIONS - OPERATING	525.00	3,108.19	-	2,583.19
TOTAL	9,500.00	10,402.33	-	4,264.55
TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE				
TOE - SELECTMEN'S FEES	200.00	0.00	-	200.00
TOE - TOWN CLERK COSTS	9,575.00	8,919.40	-	(1,066.45)
TOE - TAX COLLECTOR'S FEES	16,500.00	20,852.55	-	472.50
TOE - TAX COLLECTOR COSTS	13,000.00	11,437.42	-	(2,858.03)
TOE - FULL TIME SALARY	130,000.00	97,164.50	-	22,895.03
TOE - PART TIME SALARY	20,000.00	41,706.26	-	(4,513.45)
TOE - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	29,800.00	2,131.50	-	25,061.25
TOE - DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	6,000.00	0.00	-	6,000.00
TOE - RETIREMENT	7,500.00	3,641.97	-	4,276.78
TOE-COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	1,157.84	-	342.16
TOE-WEBSITE	500.00	510.53	-	(10.53)
TOE - LIFE/DISABILITY	2,000.00	1,692.78	-	(649.38)
TOE - HEALTH/DENTAL	43,000.00	19,585.38	-	24,064.00
TOE - OFFICE SUPPLY	7,500.00	7,221.67	-	278.33
TOE - POSTAGE	3,000.00	2,461.45	-	538.55
TOE - TRAINING/CONF/MTG	1,000.00	1,020.47	-	(20.47)
TOE - REIMBURSEABLE EXP	2,000.00	207.17	-	2,522.20
TOE-PAYROLL SERVICES	5,500.00	4,659.30	-	840.70
TOE - COMPUTER SUPPORT	16,000.00	16,499.55	-	(499.55)
TOE - DUES	3,500.00	3,291.00	-	1,049.70
TOE-COMPUTER SOFTWARE	20,000.00	23,523.43	-	(3,523.43)
TOE - REGISTRY OF DEEDS	200.00	66.00	-	134.00
TOE - TAX MAPS REVISIONS	0.00	1,300.00	-	(1,300.00)
TOE - PROFESSIONAL AUDIT	30,000.00	28,309.45	-	1,690.55
TOE - TELEPHONE	7,000.00	5,217.55	-	1,782.45
TOE-INTERNET	2,280.00	900.00	-	1,380.00
TOE - PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,800.00	1,112.21	-	687.79
TOE - EQUIP PURCHASE/REPAIR	1,500.00	452.77	-	1,047.23
TOE - BANK CHARGES	1,100.00	990.00	-	110.00
TOTAL	381,955.00	306,032.15	-	80,931.93
ASSESSING	35,000.00	35,820.00	-	(820.00)
LEGAL EXPENSE				
LEGAL - TOWN OFFICES	25,000.00	30,811.25	-	(10,576.17)
LEGAL - PLANNING	3,000.00	7,215.75	-	(4,215.75)
LEGAL - ZONING	3,000.00	0.00	-	3,000.00
LEGAL - BLDG/ZONING OFFICER	2,000.00	0.00	-	2,000.00
LEGAL - CONSERVATION	500.00	0.00	-	500.00
LEGAL - TAX DEEDED	1,500.00	120.00	-	1,380.00
LEGAL - PERSONNEL	500.00	0.00	-	500.00
TOTAL	35,500.00	38,147.00	-	(7,411.92)
PAYROLL TAXES				
TOWN - FICA	56,850.00	62,016.22	-	(5,166.22)
TOWN - SUTA	650.00	650.00	-	0.00
TOWN - MEDICARE TAX	17,750.00	21,486.82	-	(3,736.82)
TOWN-HRS	34,500.00	7,231.39	-	27,268.61
TOTAL	109,750.00	91,384.43	-	18,365.57
PLANNING BOARD				
PLANNING - PART TIME SALARY	800.00	1,321.75	-	(521.75)

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining	
POSTAGE	2,850.00	943.57	-	1,906.43	
TRAINING/CONFERENCE	300.00	0.00	-	300.00	
NOTICES	1,750.00	905.00	-	845.00	
OPERATING	400.00	193.23	-	206.77	
TOTAL	6,100.00	3,363.55	-	2,736.45	
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
ZONING - PART TIME SALARY	1,150.00	598.00	-	552.00	
ZONING POSTAGE	2,000.00	1,268.00	-	732.00	
NOTICES	2,200.00	998.00	-	1,202.00	
OPERATING	150.00	145.23	-	4.77	
TOTAL	5,500.00	3,009.23	-	2,490.77	
ZONING OFFICER					
ZO/BI SALARY	36,000.00	36,436.82	-	(436.82)	
OFFICE SUPPLY	500.00	365.96	-	134.04	
OPERATING	2,000.00	1,885.45	-	114.55	
TRAINING	960.00	570.50	-	389.50	
COMPUTER SUPP	900.00	609.99	-	290.01	
PHONE	495.00	30.26	-	464.74	
GAS	2,575.00	732.96	-	1,842.04	
VEH MAINT/REP	4,900.00	1,786.77	-	3,113.23	
TOTAL	48,330.00	42,418.71	-	5,911.29	
TOWN BUILDINGS					
TOWN BLD - JANITOR	10,300.00	10,637.75	-	(337.75)	
TOWN BLD - OPERATE SUPPLY	1,000.00	244.71	-	755.29	
TOWN-BLD- GROUNDS	3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00	
TOWN-BLD- WATER	2,175.00	2,175.00		0.00	
TOWN-BLD- INTERNET	1,080.00	2,379.90		(1,299.90)	
TOWN-BLD- OFFICE ELECTRIC	2,300.00	2,397.27		(97.27)	
TOWN-BLD -TOWN HALL ELECTRIC	2,000.00	1,483.54		516.46	
TOWN-BLD- PSB ELECTRIC	4,000.00	4,577.97		(577.97)	
TOWN-BLD-VILLAGE FIRE ELECTRIC	1,200.00	526.52		673.48	
TOWN -BLD-MASONIC LODGE ELECTIRC	750.00	308.13		441.87	
TOWN BLD - VILLAGE FIRE MAINT	500.00	1,200.00	-	(700.00)	
TOWN BLD - OFFICE MAINT/REP	7,000.00	5,179.71	-	1,820.29	
TOWN BLD - TOWN HALL MAINT/REP	8,000.00	5,383.80	-	2,616.20	
TOWN BLD - PSB MAINT/REPAIR	5,000.00	14,500.46	-	(9,500.46)	
TOWN BLD - MASONIC LODGE MAINT	500.00	1,382.50	-	(882.50)	
TOWN-BLD- HALL TELEPHONE	550.00	479.98		70.02	
TOWN-BLD- OFFICE HEAT	5,000.00	615.46		4,384.54	
TOWN-BLD- HALL HEATING FUEL	5,500.00	3,622.61		1,877.39	
TOWN-BLD-VILLAGE FIRE HEAT	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00	
TOWN-BLD- MASONIC LODGE HEAT	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00	
TOWN-BLD- TOWN HALL PROPANE	800.00	668.54		131.46	
TOWN -BLD PSB PROPANE	4,500.00	2,640.89		1,859.11	
TOWN BLD - EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	0.00	-	1,000.00	
TOWN BLD - UTILITIES			-	0.00	
TOTAL	69,655.00	63,904.74	-	5,750.26	
CEMETERIES					
CEMETERIES - PART TIME LABOR	3,225.00	1,785.00	-	1,440.00	
CEMETERIES - LAKEVIEW	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00	
CEMETERIES - OPERATING	500.00	0.00	-	500.00	
TOTAL	8,725.00	6,785.00	-	1,940.00	
INSURANCE					
INSURANCE - WORKMEN'S COMP	34,442.00	34,442.00	-	0.00	
INSURANCE - GENERAL TOWN INS	42,055.00	42,055.00	-	0.00	
TOTAL	76,497.00	76,497.00	-	0.00	
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS					
LAKES REGION PLANNING	TOTAL	3,004.00	3,004.00	-	0.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	TOTAL	500.00	0.00	-	500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
POLICE - FULL TIME SALARIES	248,000.00	278,905.42	-	(30,905.42)	
POLICE - PART TIME SALARIES	42,000.00	52,699.00	-	(10,699.00)	

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
POLICE - HOLIDAY	10,025.00	0.00	-	10,025.00
POLICE - RETIREMENT	79,957.00	82,349.41	-	(2,392.41)
POLICE - LIFE/DISABILITY	2,218.00	1,535.20	-	682.80
POLICE - HEALTH & DENTAL INS.	62,271.20	67,716.66	-	(5,445.46)
POLICE - OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00	42.91	-	957.09
POLICE - OPERATE SUPPLIES	500.00	381.87	-	118.13
POLICE - UNIFORMS	2,500.00	1,176.16	-	1,323.84
POLICE - COMPUTER SUPPORT	6,000.00	6,510.58	-	(510.58)
POLICE-K9	1,500.00	236.35	-	1,263.65
POLICE - MEETINGS	200.00	50.00	-	150.00
POLICE - TRAINING	2,500.00	0.00	-	2,500.00
POLICE - TELEPHONE	4,200.00	4,928.34	-	(728.34)
POLICE - INTERNET	2,800.00	3,079.64	-	(279.64)
POLICE - GAS/OIL	11,000.00	10,327.67	-	672.33
POLICE - VEH MAINT/REP	6,000.00	9,689.61	-	(3,689.61)
POLICE - RADIO/EQUIP REPAIRS	2,500.00	0.00	-	2,500.00
POLICE - EQUIPMENT PURCH	5,000.00	3,589.00	-	1,411.00
POLICE - ANIMAL CONTROL	500.00	500.00	-	0.00
TOTAL	490,671.20	523,717.82		(33,046.62)
AMBULANCE	TOTAL	120,103.00	108,845.20	-
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
FIRE - CHIEF FULL TIME SALARY	81,244.00	83,053.24	-	(1,809.24)
FIRE - PART-TIME STATION DUTY	3,600.00	2,420.00	-	1,180.00
FIRE - STIPEND FOR RESPONSE	35,000.00	34,926.14	-	73.86
FIRE - RETIREMENT	3,375.00	2,493.42	-	881.58
FIRE - LIFE/DISABILITY	1,300.00	1,338.00	-	(38.00)
FIRE - HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	28,000.00	29,469.84	-	(1,469.84)
FIRE - OFFICE EXPENSE	4,000.00	2,645.41	-	1,354.59
FIRE - TRAINING/CONF	2,500.00	1,727.30	-	772.70
FIRE - TURN OUT GEAR	11,000.00	10,398.42	-	601.58
FIRE - MUTUAL AID DUES	8,000.00	9,000.00	-	(1,000.00)
FIRE - TELEPHONE	4,600.00	4,521.93	-	78.07
FIRE-COMPUTER SUPPORT		2,855.04	-	(2,855.04)
FIRE-INTERNET	2,770.00	3,079.86	-	(309.86)
FIRE - GAS/OIL/DIESEL	6,500.00	4,613.81	-	1,886.19
FIRE - DRY HYDRANTS	1,000.00	5,146.13	-	(4,146.13)
FIRE - REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	32,800.00	30,176.23	-	2,623.77
FIRE - RADIO/EQUIPMENT	3,500.00	1,028.98	-	2,471.02
FIRE - PREVENTION	800.00	0.00	-	800.00
FIRE - EQUIP PURCH	8,000.00	6,931.82	-	1,068.18
FIRE - FIRST RESPONDERS	5,000.00	4,946.80	-	53.20
FIRE - IMMUNIZATIONS	300.00	0.00	-	300.00
FIRE - SEAGRAVES	500.00	55.00	-	445.00
FIRE - OPERATING	1,000.00	597.48	-	402.52
TOTAL	244,789.00	241,424.85	-	3,364.15
FOREST FIRE				
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION -	1,000.00	1,462.55	-	(462.55)
FOREST FIRE - EQUIP. PURCHASE	2,000.00	704.00	-	1,296.00
TOTAL	3,000.00	2,166.55	-	833.45
HYDRANTS	TOTAL	800.00	500.00	-
DAM OPERATIONS	TOTAL	7,269.00	1,716.25	-
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
HIGHWAYS - SUMMER LABOR	157,900.00	149,997.21	-	7,902.79
ASPHALT	2,288.00	21,763.30	-	(19,475.30)
GRAVEL	16,868.00	7,997.16	-	8,870.84
STONE	4,180.00	7,014.33	-	(2,834.33)
CULVERT	4,200.00	0.00	-	4,200.00
SIGN'S & SIGNAL'S	6,000.00	1,825.68	-	4,174.32
CONTRACT SERVICES	36,974.00	72,661.82	-	(35,687.82)

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
DRAINAGE STRUCTURES	2,000.00	0.00	-	2,000.00
ROAD STRIPPING	18,200.00	11,709.06	-	6,490.94
RENTAL EQUIPMENT SUMMER	68,700.00	24,730.50	-	43,969.50
HIGHWAYS - WINTER LABOR	186,510.00	223,744.12	-	(37,234.12)
SALT	88,300.00	83,818.96	-	4,481.04
SAND	46,900.00	59,546.19	-	(12,646.19)
VILLAGE SNOW REMOVAL	1,650.00	0.00	-	1,650.00
RENTAL EQUIPMENT WINTER	137,470.00	189,833.00	-	(52,363.00)
ROAD AGENT MILEAGE	350.00	0.00	-	350.00
HIGHWAYS - OPERATING	7,900.00	4,319.54	-	3,580.46
RETIREMENT	10,000.00	8,559.60	-	1,440.40
LIFE/DISABILITY	5,900.00	6,660.00	-	(760.00)
HEALTH INSURANCE	96,800.00	96,755.64	-	44.36
DRUG TESTING	600.00	405.45	-	194.55
TRAINING	500.00	0.00	-	500.00
UNIFORMS	7,578.00	11,249.84	-	(3,671.84)
BUILDING/SAFETY SUPPLIES	3,600.00	3,372.18	-	227.82
OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	0.00	-	500.00
MEALS & BEVERAGES	1,100.00	1,169.44	-	(69.44)
WATER	750.00	725.00	-	25.00
ELECTRIC	4,550.00	2,350.27	-	2,199.73
TELEPHONE	900.00	439.89	-	460.11
FUEL OIL-HEATING	9,750.00	5,421.19	-	4,328.81
GASOLINE	6,920.00	7,785.19	-	(865.19)
DIESEL FUEL	58,200.00	47,722.39	-	10,477.61
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	86,476.00	78,158.25	-	8,317.75
TOOLS/EQUIPMENT	4,200.00	7,183.21	-	(2,983.21)
VEHICLE SUPPLIES	1,200.00	117.83	-	1,082.17
OILS SUPPLIES	5,600.00	2,869.18	-	2,730.82
OXYGEN & ACETYLENE	800.00	398.13	-	401.87
TOTAL	1,092,314.00	1,140,303.55	-	(47,989.55)
STREET LIGHTS - ELECTRIC	TOTAL	5,000.00	5,279.78	(279.78)
TRANSFER STATION				
SANITATION - FULL TIME SALARY	153,000.00	158,739.97	-	(5,739.97)
SANITATION - PART TIME SALARY	15,000.00	800.00	-	14,200.00
SANITATION-OVERTIME	6,500.00	9,429.75	-	(2,929.75)
SANITATION - RETIREMENT	2,500.00	1,451.92	-	1,048.08
SANITATION - LIFE/DISABILITY	3,900.00	5,772.48	-	(1,872.48)
SANITATION - HEALTH/DENTAL	14,500.00	12,549.36	-	1,950.64
SANITATION - TRAINING	1,000.00	649.80	-	350.20
SANITATION - UNIFORMS	500.00	259.98	-	240.02
SANITATION - ENGINEERING	1,500.00	12,000.00	-	(10,500.00)
SANITATION - SUPPLIES	800.00	800.00	-	0.00
SANITATION - ELECTRIC	5,000.00	3,623.19	-	1,376.81
SANITATION - TELEPHONE	1,000.00	1,611.67	-	(611.67)
SANITATION-INTERNET	1,000.00	964.88	-	35.12
SANITATION - DIESEL	1,700.00	2,285.44	-	(585.44)
SANITATION - EQUIPMENT RENT	600.00	600.00	-	0.00
SANITATION - MSW	66,326.00	67,486.68	-	(1,160.68)
SANITATION - RECYCLABLES	22,855.56	22,990.98	-	(135.42)
SANITATION - C&D	17,930.30	29,314.18	-	(11,383.88)
SANITATION - HAULING	94,957.00	84,343.37	-	10,613.63
SANITATION - ELECTRONICS	4,000.00	1,763.50	-	2,236.50
SANITATION - SITE IMPROVEMENTS	2,000.00	1,777.42	-	222.58
SANITATION - BUILDING MAIN	2,000.00	2,247.40	-	(247.40)
SANITATION - BRUSH	22,000.00	20,300.00	-	1,700.00
SANITATION-TOOLS	800.00	134.40	-	665.60
SANITATION - EQUIPMENT REPAIR	5,000.00	13,199.09	-	(8,199.09)
SANITATION - BACKHOE	4,000.00	3,491.41	-	508.59
SANITATION - HAZARDOUS WASTE	2,500.00	0.00	-	2,500.00
SANITATION - FREON REMOVAL	1,200.00	1,182.00	-	18.00
SANITATION - PRINTING	600.00	176.98	-	423.02

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining	
SANITATION - OPERATING	1,000.00	1,669.84	-	(669.84)	
TOTAL	455,668.86	461,615.69	-	(5,946.83)	
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES					
HEALTH - PARTTIME	400.00	0.00	-	400.00	
HEALTH - OPERATING SUPPLY	100.00	645.00	-	(545.00)	
HEALTH AGENCIES	15,437.00	14,004.00	-	1,433.00	
TOTAL	15,937.00	14,649.00	-	1,288.00	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE					
WELFARE - PART TIME	2,000.00	0.00	-	2,000.00	
SR. RESOURCE COORD	11,150.00	4,734.00	-	6,416.00	
SRC OPERATING SUPPLY	100.00	370.97	-	(270.97)	
WELFARE - UTILITIES	1,000.00	0.00	-	1,000.00	
WELFARE - GENERAL	1,000.00	0.00	-	1,000.00	
WELFARE - FOOD	7,500.00	6,624.00	-	876.00	
WELFARE - FOOD PANTRY	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00	
TOTAL	27,750.00	16,728.97	-	11,021.03	
PARKS & RECREATION					
P & R - PARTTIME SALARY	850.00	0.00	-	850.00	
P & R - ELECTRIC SUPPLY	500.00	577.40	-	(77.40)	
P & R - EQUIP MAINT/REPAIRS	2,200.00	1,537.82	-	662.18	
P & R - WATER	725.00	725.00	-	0.00	
P & R - BALLFIELD MOW/MAINTAIN	5,000.00	5,144.94	-	(144.94)	
P & R - PORT A POTTIES	3,000.00	2,155.00	-	845.00	
P & R - FISHING DERBY	175.00	0.00	-	175.00	
P & R - BEACHES	1,500.00	0.00	-	1,500.00	
P & R - TENNIS COURTS	200.00	0.00	-	200.00	
P & R - TOWN BEAUTIFICATION	400.00	0.00	-	400.00	
P & R - LITTLE LEAGUE	900.00	850.00	-	50.00	
P&R-MOSQUITO TICK TREATMENT	1,500.00	1,449.76	-	50.24	
TOTAL	16,950.00	12,439.92	-	4,510.08	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	TOTAL	1,600.00	1,517.34	-	82.66
OLD HOME WEEK	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.00	
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	4,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.00	
TOTAL	6,000.00	4,000.00	-	0.00	
HERITAGE COMMISSION	TOTAL	400.00	400.00	-	0.00
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES	TOTAL	750.00	32.13	-	717.87
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
CONSERVATION - PART TIME	1,500.00	1,439.00	-	61.00	
CONSERVATION - OPERATING	700.00	347.94	-	352.06	
CONSERVATION - DUES	250.00	550.00	-	(300.00)	
CONSERVATION - TRAINING	600.00	386.80	-	213.20	
CONSERVATION - MEETINGS	200.00	206.80	-	(6.80)	
TOTAL	3,250.00	2,930.54	-	319.46	
WATER QUALITY TESTING	TOTAL	6,850.00	5,711.00	-	1,139.00
DEBT SERVICES					
LEASE - PRINCIPAL FIRE TRUCK	64,789.33	64,789.33	-	0.00	
BOND- ROAD BOND	125,000.00	125,000.00	-	0.00	
TOTAL	189,789.33	189,789.33	-	0.00	
INTEREST EXPENSE					
INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK	5,781.14	5,781.14	-	0.00	
ROAD BOND INTEREST	12,550.00	12,550.00	-	0.00	
OTHER INTEREST -IRS	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	
TOTAL	18,331.14	18,331.14	-	0.00	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	3,566,138.22	3,508,132.58		57,635.65	

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
CAPITAL OUTLAY / INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES				
POLICE BODY CAMERS	4,500.00	4,498.84	-	1.16
POLICE K9 CERTIFICATION	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	0.00
BURNHAM RD CULVERT	160,000.00	160,000.00	-	0.00
TO HIRE AN ARCHITECT TO DESIGN OFFICE SPACE	95,000.00	35,217.50	59,782.50	59,782.50
HWAY-GRAVEL CRUSHING	109,540.00	109,540.00	-	0.00
FAC - FOREST MAINTENANCE	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	0.00
TRANSFER STATION - COMPACTOR	62,510.00	62,510.00	-	0.00
TRANSFER STATION - IMPROVEMENTS	49,532.00	49,182.00	-	350.00
FAISC-LAKE HOST	3,500.00	3,000.00	-	500.00
FAISC - MILFOIL REMOVAL	35,000.00	9,181.00	2,700.00	25,819.00
FAC - FORESTER	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	0.00
LIBRARY	125,000.00	125,000.00	-	0.00
CREATE A ZONING OFFICER POSITION	35,200.00	35,200.00	-	0.00
MASONIC LODGE REPAIR	26,000.00	13,439.56	12,560.44	12,560.44
OFFICE- MAPPING UPDATE	32,300.00	32,300.00	-	0.00
OFFICE- PURCHASE NEW ACCT SOFTWARE	24,500.00	24,220.00	-	280.00
OFFICE- FIX THE MOLDING	6,800.00	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00
HIGHWAY -PAVING	75,750.00	75,750.00	-	0.00
HIGHWAY - SEALING	65,000.00	55,031.09	-	0.00
HIGHWAY - CRACK & SEAL	65,600.00	65,600.00	-	0.00
HIGHWAY- NEW TRUCK	145,000.00	143,835.00	-	1,165.00
FAC - TRAIL/ROAD REPAIRS	61,290.00	61,290.00	-	0.00
FIRE - FIRE POND DREDGING	55,000.00	55,000.00	-	0.00
REC- CREATE A REC DIRECTOR POSITION	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00
PETITION FOR MINI SPLITS AT THE TOWN HALL	56,000.00	54,787.50	-	1,212.50
TOWN FOREST CONTROLLED BURN	5,000.00	0.00	-	5,000.00
TOTAL	1,325,022.00	1,201,582.49	81,842.94	123,473.51
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS				
TRUST FUND-LIBRARY	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
TOTAL	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVES				
CAPITAL RESERVE - POLICE	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - HIGHWAY EQUIP.	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - HIGHWAY DRAINAGE	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - TRANSFER STATION	26,372.00	26,372.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - T.HALL/OFFICE	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - INFRASTRUCTURE	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE-LAND & BUILDING FUND	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
CAPTIAL RESERVE-ROW	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE -FIRE EQUIP FUND	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00
TOTAL	111,372.00	111,372.00	-	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY/IND. ARTICLES/TRUST FUND	1,436,394.00	1,322,954.49	-	123,473.51
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,002,532.23	4,821,458.97	81,842.94	181,073.26

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUATION

	Acres	Valuation	Total
Value of Land Only			
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,537.23	\$ 1,021,463	
B. Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.26	\$ 750.00	
C. Residential	6,206.01	\$574,298,300	
D. Commercial/Industrial	415.01	\$14,400.00	
Total of Taxable Land	18,158.51		\$ 589,720,513
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	3,437.39	\$27,864,100	
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		\$525,819,462	
B. Manufactured Housing		\$49,617,200	
C. Commercial/Industrial		\$13,472,500	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (22 Structures)		\$ 78,038	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$ 588,987,200
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$22,186,400	
Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric		8,407,800	
Total Public Utilities			\$ 8,407,800
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$ 1,187,115,513
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:38-b			
Total Number Granted -			
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b			\$75,000
Total Number Granted - 2			
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b, 72:37			\$35,000
Total Number Granted - 2			
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$ 110,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed			\$ 1,187,005,513
Less Public Utilities			\$ (8,407,800)
Net Valuation without utilities which the Tax Rate for State Education is Computed			\$ 1,178,597,713



Tax Rate Breakdown Freedom

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$3,505,615	\$1,187,005,513	\$2.96
County	\$847,347	\$1,187,005,513	\$0.71
Local Education	\$3,126,192	\$1,187,005,513	\$2.63
State Education	\$1,283,652	\$1,178,597,713	\$1.09
Total	\$8,762,806		\$7.39

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Freedom Village Water	\$0	\$28,305,390	\$0.00
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$8,762,806
War Service Credits	(\$25,850)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$8,736,956

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10/30/2025

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$5,002,532	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,063,097)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$443,512)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$20,000)
War Service Credits	\$25,850	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$3,842	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$3,505,615	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$847,347	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$847,347	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$4,409,844	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,283,652)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$3,126,192	
State Education Tax	\$1,283,652	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,283,652	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$1,187,005,513	\$1,183,441,840
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$1,178,597,713	\$1,175,640,640
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$1,187,005,513	\$1,183,441,840

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
Freedom Village Water	\$28,305,390

Freedom

Tax Commitment Verification

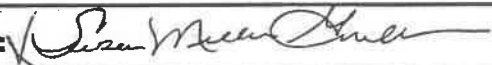
2025 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$8,736,956
1/2% Amount	\$43,685
Acceptable High	\$8,780,641
Acceptable Low	\$8,693,271

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	\$8,738,190.00
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2025 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:  Date: 11-5-2025

Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Freedom	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2025 Tax Rate	\$7.39	\$3.70
Associated Villages		
Freedom Village Water	\$0.00	\$0.00

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$10,259,723
Final Overlay	\$3,842

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2025 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Freedom	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (17.50%)	\$1,795,911
17% Retained (<i>Maximum Recommended</i>)	\$1,744,153
10% Retained	\$1,025,972
8% Retained	\$820,778
5% Retained (<i>Minimum Recommended</i>)	\$512,986

NOTICE: The current fund balance retained amount is above the maximum recommended threshold.

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2025

Town Hall, Land and Building.....	\$893,300
Town Office, Land and Building	\$431,300
Public Safety Building and Land.....	\$1,153,400
Roller Shed, Land and Building.....	\$41,400
Masonic Lodge Land and Building	\$496,700
Library, Land and Buildings	\$735,700
Highway Department, Land and Buildings.....	\$359,200
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings.....	\$195,600
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches.....	\$1,185,600
Schools, Land and Building	\$5,333,000
Conservation Commission	\$1,090,600
Trout Pond Town Forest	\$5,247,900
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deed	\$628,600
All Other Property:	
Map 3 Lot 13	\$57,000
Map 8 Lot 18-9	\$81,100
Map 1c Lot 12.....	\$92,400
Map 32 Lot 37	\$98,300
	\$18,118,100

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT

In Excess of \$1,000

Highway Department

2021 Chevrolet Silverado 5500
2018 Ford F-550 One Ton
2018 Ford F-150
2022 Mack GR44F Dump
1985 GMC Tank Truck
2024 Cat 926 Loader
2014 Cat 420 Backhoe (Used at Transfer Station)
2011 Cat 140M2 Motor Grader
2019 Hi-Way 10' 6 yd stainless steel sander
2018 Hi-Way 4 yd stainless steel sander
2017 Hi-Way 6.5 yd stainless steel sander
2016 Hi-Way 4yd stainless steels sander
2006 Hi-Way 12' stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
2024 Morbark Chipper
1991 MB Sweeper
1963 York Rake
2011 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator/Welder

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors
6 Containers
12' Snowpusher
Ariens 28" Professional Snowblower

Police Department

2024 Chevrolet Tahoe
2022 Chevrolet Tahoe
2020 Chevrolet Tahoe
2 Axon Taser 7 Units
2 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
Stationary Radar Unit
3 RhinoTab M1 Mobile Data Transmitters

Zoning Officer

2016 Ford Explorer

Fire Department

2023 Chevrolet Tahoe
2017 HME Fire Truck
2012 International Tank Truck
2011 Ford F550 One Ton (Fire only)
2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck

2023 International Rescue Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2021 (33) APX 6000 Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100-Watt Kenwood Radio
2020 Sava Tech Air Bag System
2020 Holmatro Cutter
2020 Holmatro Spreader
2020 Holmatro Combi Tool
2020 Holmatro Ram
2020 Stabilizer Lifting Bracket
2020 Windshield Cutter & Accessories
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
2020 MSA 6000 Thermal Imaging Camera
14 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000-watt Honda Generator
10,000-Watt Diesel Generator
2 MSA Multi Gas Meter
1 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275-Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450-Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75-gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2020 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FXT EPS UTV
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2023 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
2023 Lifepack 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan
2008 Rescue Sled
3000-Watt Light Tower
Extractor
RAD 57
Remote Light
Lucas Auto Pulse
Alaris Med System 3 IV Pump
2010 20' north river boat and trailer with twin 50 horse motors

DEBT AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose: Rescue	
2025 Installment	\$70,570.47
Interest Rate	2.89%
Date of Final Payment	1/10/2027
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$200,039.35
Bonds issued this year	\$0.00
Bonds retired this year	\$64,789.33
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$135,250.02

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/25)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2026	\$66,661.75	2.89%	\$3,908.73	\$70,570.47
2027	\$68,588.27	2.89%	\$1,982.20	\$70,570.47
Total	\$135,250.02		\$5,890.93	\$141,140.94

Purpose: Ossipee Lake & Bennett Roads	
2025 Installment	\$137,550.00
Interest Rate	4.02%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/2026
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$250,000.00
Bonds issued this year	\$0
Bonds Retired this year	125,000.00
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$125,000.00

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/25)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2026	\$125,000.00	5.02%	\$6,275.00	\$131,275.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year	\$2,179,385
Assessment for Current Year	\$4,409,844
Total Liability within Current Year.....	\$6,589,229
Payments made to School District.....	\$4,479,385
Liability at End of Year	\$2,109,844
Total.....	\$6,589,229

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
(January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

Report of Revenue Received

3469 Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$ 586,728.15
140 Dog Licenses	671.00
51 Vital Copies	665.00
5 Marriage Licenses	250.00
6 Facilities Permits	45.00
Postage	71.00
State - UCC filings	950.00
Voter Registration	3.00
Dog Licenses - Late Charges	<u>59.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 589,442.15

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

DEBITS				
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levy for Year of this Report	2024	2023	2022
Property Taxes		\$ 300,063.19		
Land Use Change Taxes		21,000.00		
Timber Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd				
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(8,046.88)			
This Year's New Credits				
Tax Committed This Year:				
Property Taxes	8,743,495.44			
Land Use Change Taxes	22,350.00			
Timber Yield Taxes	26,596.61			
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd	-			
Overpayment:				
Credits Refunded	31,008.30			
Interest - Late Taxes	3,986.97	10,206.79		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 8,819,390.44	\$ 331,269.98	\$0.00	\$0.00
CREDITS				
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		2024	2023	2022
Property Taxes	\$8,394,505.02	\$242,286.69		
Land Use Change Taxes	\$9,350.00	21,000.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	\$23,765.41			
Interest	\$3,381.19	\$7,330.33		
Penalties	\$605.78	\$2,876		
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd				
Converted to Liens (principal only)		\$53,666.68		
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned				
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	\$28,137.03	\$ 4,109.82		
Land Use Change Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:				
Property Taxes	\$349,903.66			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$13,000.00			
Timber Yield Taxes	2,831.20			
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$6,088.85)			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$8,819,390.44	\$331,269.98	\$0.00	\$0.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES / TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025

SUMMARY OF DEBITS		Prior Levies:	
	2024	2023	2022
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$ 39,779.83	\$ 16,225.21
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 57,496.31		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,344.48	3,469.32	3,655.11
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 58,840.79	\$ 43,249.15	\$ 19,880.32
SUMMARY OF CREDITS		Prior Levies:	
	2024	2023	2022
Redemptions	\$ 29,175.53	\$ 22,754.48	\$ 15,203.76
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,344.48	3,469.32	3,655.11
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	211.75	406.29	99.26
Liens Deeded to Municipality			
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	28,109.03	16,619.06	922.19
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 58,840.79	\$ 43,249.15	\$ 19,880.32

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Miller-Goodnow
Tax Collector

ABATEMENTS

Name	Location	Tax Year(s)	Amount
Keto, Annie	Map 5 Lot 4-KET001	2021,2022	99.26
Cheslock, Mike	Map 60 Lot 1-OYP109	2023,2024	219.24
Smith, Brian & Ellen	Map 60 Lot 1-000M14	2023,2024	544.05
LaClair, Laurie	Map 60 Lot 1-0YWH11	2024	211.75
Jewer, Chris	Map 60 Lot 1-000P14	2024	21.00
Lacroix, Mark	Map 60 Lot 1-0YAD04	2024	16.00
Tullie, Annie	Map 5 Lot 4-TUL001	2024	1.00
Baril, James	Map 5 Lot 4-BAR001	2024	139.00
Branco, Richard	Map 60 Lot 1-0000B1	2024	220.00
Cote, Dennis	Map 60 Lot 1-000P07	2024	177.00
Currier, Brett	Map 60 Lot 1-0YAD12	2024	269.00
Edgett, Karen Doucet	Map 60 Lot 1-0YOW19	2024	208.00
Flint, David	Map 60 Lot 1-0000N6	2024	228.00
Gomez, Jem	Map 60 Lot 1-000T04	2024	25.00
Gotthardt, Erich	Map 60 Lot 1-0YCA23	2024	284.00
Kohr, Jason	Map 60 Lot 1-0YWI06	2024,2025	201.00
Lougee, Margaret	Map 60 Lot 1-000H01	2024,2025	267.00
Mason, Kenneth & Patricia	Map 60 Lot 1-0YWH05	2024	208.00
Matte, Michael	Map 60 Lot 1-0YMO01	2024	188.12
Parseghian, Ken	Map 5 Lot 4-PAR001	2024,2025	285.00
Peterson, Carin	Map 5 Lot 4-PET001	2024	13.00
Polce, Karla	Map 60 Lot 1-000P16	2024	174.00
Ramsdell, Marie Emma	Map 60 Lot 1-0YGA13	2024	240.00
Shackford, Theodore	Map 8 Lot 34	2024	59.31
Thomas, Sara & Tom	Map 60 Lot 1-000N17	2024	221.14
Wedgwood, Sandra	Map 1A Lot 406	2024	590.25
Aldridge, Cheryl & Dennis	Map 60 Lot 1-0YWH07	2025	114.00
Angers, Dan	Map 60 Lot 1-0YMA07	2025	130.00
Benzie, Scott	Map 60 Lot 1-0YCA22	2025	78.00
Bisbee, Michael	Map 60 Lot 1-0YLA27	2025	89.00
Buccheri, Robert	Map 60 Lot 1-0YMO11	2025	99.44
Collins, Vicky & Tom	Map 60 Lot 1-0YMA03	2025	73.00
Comora, Mike	Map 60 Lot 1-000P09	2025	85.00
Courville, Michael & Deb	Map 60 Lot 1-0YWI08	2025	16.00
Davis, Otis	Map 60 Lot 1-0YZE08	2025	28.00
Fallon, Daniel	Map 60 Lot 1-000N30	2025	238.70
Ferreira, Mark	Map 60 Lot 1-0YLI38	2025	97.00
Gallagher, Teri	Map 60 Lot 1-0YLA34	2025	22.00
Geraldine Pierni Rev Trust	Map 26 Lot 15-00-01B	2025	72.00
Haggard, Randy Roy	Map 27 Lot 8	2025	1929.98
Knowles, Harry	Map 60 Lot 1-0YLA10	2025	102.00
Lachance, Pamela	Map 60 Lot 1-0YMA02	2025	100.00
Marois, Dan	Map 60 Lot 1-0YLI29	2025	22.00
McCluskey, Kenneth	Map 14 Lot 14	2025	108.42
McGowen, Edward	Map 60 Lot 1-0YZE06	2025	88.00
Noyes, Nathan	Map 60 Lot 1-000P01	2025	26.00
O'Sullivan, Lawrence	Map 9 Lot 31	2025	303.00
Rapoli, Louis	Map 60 Lot 1-0YIS05	2025	80.00
Snyder, Justin	Map 60 Lot 1-000P05	2025	104.00
Sprei, Derek	Map 38 Lot 3-000.05	2025	143.60
Enaire, Joseph	Map 60 Lot 1-000N45	2025	639.24
Ferrara, Vincent	Map 60 Lot 1-0YGA17	2025	392.00
Kellom, Debra	Map 60 Lot 1*-0YLA30	2025	67.00
Marinelli Living Trust 3/13/14	Map 33 Lot 22	2025	1527.51
McConkey, Mark	Map 20 Lot 5	2025	2825.19
Mulherin, John	Map 60 Lot 1-0YLA06	2025	204.70
Todd, James	Map 60 Lot 1-0YZE03	2025	167.00
Todd, Steve	Map 60 Lot 1-0YZE04	2025	22.00
Total			15,102.90

Town of Freedom
Treasurers Report
January Thru December 2025

Bank Balance as of 12/31/24

Bank of NH Credit Card Account	\$	47,856.16
ICS Sweep Account	\$	4,202,978.04
Operating Account	\$	35,000.00
Payroll Account	\$	17,075.36
Total Checking/Savings	\$	4,302,909.56

Income 2025

Boat Registrations	\$	8,767.91
Building & I STR Permits Permits	\$	71,170.88
Cable Revenue	\$	38,236.13
Donations Fire/Police	\$	15,500.00
Transfer Station	\$	55,525.53
Freedom School Dist	\$	22,275.97
Grants	\$	22,913.81
Highway Bond	\$	92,886.50
Interest Income	\$	76,520.80
Milfoil/Weed Donation/Grant	\$	4,890.50
Misc Income	\$	450.00
NH Room & Meals	\$	170,420.45
Park & Recreation	\$	4,142.48
Police Detail	\$	1,840.00
Ret Ck Fees Recovered	\$	900.20
Selectmen	\$	5,283.64
Tax Collector	\$	8,769,056.48
Town Clerk	\$	588,802.15
Town of Eaton	\$	24,000.00
Trustees of Trust Fund	\$	18,806.65
ZBA	\$	885.00
Zoning & Shore Violationss	\$	6,375.00
Total Income	\$	9,999,650.08

Expenses

Bank Service Charges	\$	1,510.00
Recon Discrepancies	\$	19.00
Operating Expense	\$	8,514,347.13
Payroll Expense	\$	1,445,013.55
Tax Abatements	\$	3,458.60
Trust Fund Expenses (NHPDIP)	\$	111,472.00
Total Expenses	\$	10,075,820.28

Net Income/Loss \$ (76,170.20)

Bank Balance as of 12/31/24

Bank of NH Credit Card Account	\$	72,456.31
ICS Sweep Account	\$	4,041,477.68
Operating Account	\$	35,000.00
Payroll Account	\$	77,805.37
Total Checking/Savings	\$	4,226,739.36

Respectfully Submitted
M. Jayne Britton, Treasurer

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Fire Department		
	Rob Cunio	\$ 81,504.00
	Charlie Hatfield (Station Duty)	\$ 44.90
	Pete Peterson (Station Duty & Stipend)	\$ 8,188.66
Highway Department		
	Lance Bolduc	\$ 83,935.25
	Scott Brooks, Sr.	\$ 44,221.73
	Barry Kittredge	\$ 66,078.55
	Jim MacDonald	\$ 84,764.75
	Bruce Morgan	\$ 22,583.00
	Jeffrey Towle	
	Michael Willey	\$ 72,196.31
Police Department		
	Clayton Cyr	\$ 92,395.50
	Eric Diaz	\$ 1,064.00
	Cameron Emmett	\$ 4,721.39
	Jaclyn Cortese	\$ 2,245.00
	Rich Laferriere	\$ 91,535.92
	Joseph Duchesne	\$ 42,422.00
	James Mullen	\$ 94,414.00
	Sara Cyr (Police Detail & Fire Stipend)	\$ 1,566.32
Transfer Station		
	Alan Libby	\$ 65,160.60
	Brian Cummings	\$ 48,159.25
	Charlene MacCurtain	\$ 52,410.97
	Loren Kolodziej	\$ 800.00
Office		
	Stacy Bolduc	\$ 73,953.50
	Kali Eldridge	\$ 2,131.50
	Lindsay Pettengill (Admin Assist. & ZBA)	\$ 26,036.28
	Susan Miller-Goodnow (Tax Collect & Support St	\$ 27,244.83
	Linda Mailhot	\$ 17,775.23
	Holly Cherry	\$ 14,234.50
	Jocelyn Rogers-Hamalainen (PD, Office & Stipend	\$ 7,503.11
	Ellen White	\$ 390.00
Zoning Officer/Building Inspector		
	Bryan Fontaine	\$ 67,390.07
	William Sanborn	\$ 3,480.00
PB/FAC/FCC		
	Melissa Donaldson	\$ 2,613.75
Facilities Custodian		
	Mark McKinley	\$ 10,637.75
Rec Director		
	Jennifer Brown	\$ 5,000.00
Senior Resource Coordinator		
	Renee Wheaton	\$ 4,734.00

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue

George Boewe, Jr.	\$	715.33
Pete Peterson	\$	6,888.66
Sara Cyr	\$	446.32
Robert Brown	\$	112.02
Patrick Cunio	\$	4,076.99
Jocelyn Rogers-Hamalainen	\$	451.11
Michael Eldridge, Jr.	\$	4,071.76
Cameron Grimes	\$	4,676.49
Liano Mendez	\$	1,443.55
James Stone	\$	3,067.59
Richard Ullrich	\$	5,320.87
Eric Seamans	\$	2,914.32
Christopher Vittum	\$	741.13

TOWN OFFICIALS

	Salary	Costs/Fees	Expenses	Total
Selectmen				
Leslie R. Babb	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00
Alan G. Fall	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00
Gary Williams	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	\$ 49,544.92		\$ 1,574.72	\$ 51,193.44
Moderator				
Don Johnson	\$ 176.00		\$ 44.47	\$ 220.47
Chuck Brooks	\$ 176.00			\$ 176.00
Supervisors of the Checklist				
Maureen Brooks	\$ 308.00			\$ 308.00
Patricia McCoy	\$ 206.25			\$ 206.25
Carol Stansell	\$ 357.50			\$ 357.50
Treasurer				
M. Jayne Britton	\$ 4,800.00			\$ 4,800.00
Trustees of Trust Funds				
Anne Cunningham	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
Patricia McCoy	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
Paul Olzerowicz	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
12 EAST RIDGE PROP MAINTENANCE	\$ 8,500.00	BROOKS, SCOTT	\$ 87,744.71
Action Ambulance	\$ 108,845.20	Brownell's LLC	\$ 1,605.47
ADA TRAFFIC CONTROL LTD	\$ 7,443.25	Bruce Morgan	\$ 8.00
ADMIRAL FIRE & SAFETY, INC.	\$ 1,518.39	Bryan Fontaine	\$ 237.16
Advanced Diesel LLC	\$ 8,897.23	BS& A Software	\$ 24,220.00
Advanced Electronic Design Inc	\$ 216.16	Burke Quarry LLC	\$ 300.44
Affinity LED Light LLC	\$ 908.00	C.C. REGISTRY OF DEEDS	\$ 501.02
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$ 417.00	C.C. TREASURER	\$ 847,367.00
ALAN FALL	\$ 143.00	C.N. BROWN	\$ 66,308.42
Alan Libby	\$ 1,082.27	C.N. Brown	\$ 23,265.76
Aldridge, Cheryl	\$ 2.00	CAI Technologies	\$ 33,600.00
ALL STATES CONSTRUCTION INC	\$ 45,962.50	CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK	\$ 13.00
ALLIED EQUIPMENT, LLC	\$ 70,872.00	Carlson, Daniel	\$ 8.00
ALL-TEMP SERVICES INC	\$ 8,553.76	CAROL STANSELL	\$ 220.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$ 1,300.00	CARROLL COUNTY CHIEF OF POLICE	\$ 50.00
AMIDON ELECTRIC LLC	\$ 372.55	CASA	\$ 500.00
ANNE CUNNINGHAM	\$ 430.80	CASELLA WASTE MGT INC	\$ 193,909.53
ANNE GAUDETTE	\$ 22.00	CentralSquare Technologies	\$ 2,129.97
Annette Dey Engineering LLC	\$ 3,363.75	Certified Laboratories	\$ 5,401.00
Aram, Jean	\$ 3.00	CHAPPELL TRACTOR SALES, INC.	\$ 2,735.51
Arbeene, Carl	\$ 25.00	Charlene MacCurtain	\$ 177.39
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 2,435.21	Charles Watts III	\$ 35,528.00
ATLANTIC RECYCLING EQUIPMENT	\$ 36,793.80	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 12,151.28
AUBUCHON HARDWARE	\$ 1,391.58	Charter Communications	\$ 6,454.05
AVITAR ASSOC. OF NEW ENGLAND	\$ 13,241.00	Cheese-Probert, Helen	\$ 74.67
AWSI	\$ 58.00	Cherry, Holly	\$ 300.00
Axon Enterprise Inc	\$ 6,639.71	Chick Jr., Charles	\$ 26.00
B.H. KEITH ASSOCIATES	\$ 10,355.75	CHILDREN UNLIMITED, INC.	\$ 2,000.00
BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 3,711.91	Cichon, Frank	\$ 18.00
Barosky Jr., Edward	\$ 774.73	CINTAS FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 8,863.99
BARRY KITTREDGE	\$ 150.00	Clancy Road Assoc.	\$ 506.00
Beaulieu, James	\$ 17.00	CLARK'S GRAIN STORE INC.	\$ 62.97
Belanger, Christopher	\$ 21.00	Clean Harbors Environmental	\$ 765.00
Belmonte, Arthur	\$ 3.00	Codner Trust of 2012	\$ 397.77
Belville, Josephine & Paul	\$ 247.00	COHEN CLOSING & TITLE, LLC	\$ 12.50
BEN'S UNIFORMS	\$ 1,066.56	Cole, Robert H.	\$ 2.00
Bergeron, Maureen	\$ 32.00	COLEMAN CONCRETE INC.	\$ 2,172.25
Betsy Moody	\$ 120.00	COLEMAN RENTAL & SUPPLY	\$ 4,342.38
BOEWE, GEORGE JR.	\$ 1,785.00	COLEMAN, A.J. & SON	\$ 7,680.90
Boggs Logging	\$ 5,500.00	Collina, Shannon	\$ 112.00
Boisvert, Edward	\$ 453.78	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 1,386.23
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.	\$ 3,834.15	CONWAY AREA HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ 500.00
Brian Cummings	\$ 795.99	CONWAY DAILY SUN	\$ 3,596.00

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
CONWAY PARKS & REC. DEPT.	\$ 287.00	Fortier, Troy & Stacy	\$ 3,217.00
CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES	\$ 11,679.60	Fournier Heating & Cooling LLC	\$ 1,431.93
Couris, Charlotte M.	\$ 17.00	FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$ 4,479,385.00
Courville, Ernie	\$ 15.00	FREEDOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	\$ 6,302.53
Coward, Noel	\$ 6,500.00	FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5,000.00
Crane, Edward	\$ 20.00	FREEDOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$ 4,000.00
CRIBBIE, DAVID	\$ 76.98	FREEDOM LIBRARY	\$ 125,000.00
CROWELL'S TOWING & REPAIR, INC	\$ 350.00	FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK	\$ 2,000.00
CUNIO, PATRICK	\$ 218.11	Freedom Title Services	\$ 840.00
CUNIO, ROBERT	\$ 102.78	FREEDOM VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT	\$ 4,125.00
Cutlip, Michelle	\$ 301.56	Fuchs, Daniel	\$ 209.65
Cyr, Clayton	\$ 309.92	FX LYONS, INC.	\$ 180.00
D&L Disposal LLC	\$ 1,182.00	G.W. BROOKS & SON, INC.	\$ 477,748.47
David Wilcox	\$ 433.83	Gaftek, Inc.	\$ 762.96
DEL R. GILBERT & SON	\$ 517.03	Gallagher, Teri	\$ 21.00
Democracy Live	\$ 1,200.00	Gary Williams	\$ 143.00
Descoteau, Robyn	\$ 21.00	Gaston, Debra	\$ 18.00
DIESELWORKS LLC	\$ 570.41	Gauvreau, Phillip	\$ 10.00
DIPRIZIO GMC TRUCKS INC.	\$ 1,559.98	GBD Enterprise LLC	\$ 5,265.00
DJ's Septic Pumping Services	\$ 3,482.50	GMI ASPHALT LLC	\$ 82,812.86
DONNA TUNG	\$ 22.00	Gomez, Jennifer	\$ 17.00
DRUMMOND WOODSUM	\$ 26,012.30	GRAY & THOMPSON CONCRETE FORMS	\$ 25,615.00
E & E Electric LLC	\$ 22,337.50	GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION GR	\$ 6,111.00
Eastern Minerals Inc	\$ 37,489.84	Gregory A Colby, CPA	\$ 5,975.00
EASTMAN'S WELDING LLC	\$ 3,244.34	Griffin, Cindy	\$ 10.00
EATON'S CLEANING & RESTORATION	\$ 947.00	GRIMES, CAMERON	\$ 179.62
Edgett, Karen Doucet	\$ 210.60	Hall-Sitberg, Barbara	\$ 476.03
EFTPS	\$ 300,967.26	Harte, Stanley & Constance	\$ 325.00
Elan Financial Services	\$ 32,612.42	Hartford Communications LLC	\$ 1,319.00
Eldridge Logging LLC	\$ 4,800.00	HD Communications LLC	\$ 500.00
Emergency Services Marketing C	\$ 660.00	HEALTHTRUST	\$ 226,650.92
ERIC SEAMANS	\$ 88.38	Heeney, Michael	\$ 208.00
Evans Brothers, LLC	\$ 2,500.00	Horizons Engineering Inc	\$ 12,000.00
EVERSOURCE	\$ 15,886.05	Howard Jr., Edward	\$ 8.00
EVERSOURCE	\$ 4,580.95	Hudson, Donald	\$ 10.00
F.W. WEBB COMPANY	\$ 90.70	IDS	\$ 127.51
FALLON, KHELI	\$ 76.43	IIA Fire Department Testing	\$ 3,845.40
FBI-LEEDA	\$ 50.00	INDUSTRIAL TRAFFIC LINES, INC.	\$ 11,709.06
FDSS,LLC	\$ 361.75	INTERVALE LOCK & SAFE	\$ 310.00
Finley & Mulvena Inc	\$ 2,321.34	INTERWARE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 125.00
FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO, INC.	\$ 17,200.05	JAMES MACDONALD	\$ 150.00
Florio, Robert & Sarah	\$ 86.00	JAMES MULLEN	\$ 76.45
Flo's North Auto Bath LLC	\$ 180.00	JANE DAVIDSON	\$ 121.00

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
Jarrold Hurd	\$ 48,585.00	MCCOY, PATRICIA	\$ 392.50
Jason Earle dba Rooster Produc	\$ 8,439.56	McDonald, Bernard	\$ 19.00
Jayne Britton	\$ 135.98	McDonald, Jane	\$ 17.00
JC Madigan Inc	\$ 21,633.42	McGowen, Edward	\$ 88.00
JEFF NICOLL	\$ 463.74	McKee, Kenneth	\$ 13.00
Jennifer Brown	\$ 465.09	MCVITTY, J.P.	\$ 650.00
JH Property Maintenance	\$ 120.00	Meagher, Rick	\$ 4.00
JO ANNE WILLIAMS	\$ 77.00	MEYERS, JANET	\$ 200.00
Johnson, Anne Trustee	\$ 623.22	MICHAEL ELDRIDGE JR	\$ 88.38
Johnson, Darlene	\$ 519.83	MICHAEL GAUDETTE	\$ 2,743.00
JOHNSON, DONALD	\$ 220.47	MICHAEL WHITTIER DBA WHITTIER SERV CNTR	\$ 22,075.00
JOSH HICKS	\$ 500.00	MICHIE CORPORATION	\$ 60,568.40
KARL E OGREN	\$ 33.00	MIKE WILLEY	\$ 300.00
Keeney, Craig	\$ 11.00	MINUTEMAN PRESS	\$ 11,908.00
Kellom, Debra	\$ 72.00	MIRACLE FARMS LANDSCAPING	\$ 590.96
Keto, Paul	\$ 18.00	Moody, David	\$ 8.00
Keys, Elena	\$ 39.00	MOORES CRANE RENTAL CORP.	\$ 5,915.00
KEZAR FALLS AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	\$ 6,694.94	MORTON SALT, INC.	\$ 21,403.13
Koen, John	\$ 28.00	Mosquito Squad	\$ 1,449.76
Ladd, Stephanie	\$ 20.00	MT. WASHINGTON SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING	\$ 595.00
LAKES REGION COMPUTER	\$ 28,030.41	Murdock, Kyle	\$ 8.00
LAKES REGION FIRE APP.INC	\$ 13,207.32	Murray, Kevin	\$ 34.00
LAKES REGION PLANNING	\$ 3,455.00	MWVCRRL	\$ 450.00
LAKESIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	\$ 4,098.14	N.H. MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	\$ 70.00
LAKEVIEW CEMETERY	\$ 5,000.00	N.H. TAX COLLECTOR ASSOC.	\$ 20.00
LAPIERRE SEPTIC SERVICE	\$ 2,155.00	Napa MVW - North Conway	\$ 1,633.91
LESLIE BABB	\$ 143.00	Nelson, Sharon	\$ 20.00
Liano Mendez	\$ 76.98	NEW ENGLAND BARRICADE CO	\$ 1,569.58
Lindwall, Eric	\$ 21.00	New England Vehicle Outfitters	\$ 6,268.00
Littler, Bob	\$ 26.00	NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES	\$ 3,300.00
Luther, Susan	\$ 2.00	NFPA	\$ 1,725.00
M. Dynok & Heather Archibald	\$ 75.39	NH ASSOC.OF ASSESSING OFFICIAL	\$ 20.00
Maine Commercial Tire	\$ 3,809.25	NH CITY & TOWN CLERKS ASSOC	\$ 20.00
MAINE OXY	\$ 260.15	NH DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERV	\$ 25.00
Makowski, Rogean	\$ 854.42	NH HEALTH OFFICERS' ASSOC.	\$ 45.00
Marois, Dan	\$ 30.00	NH MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSN	\$ 125.00
Martel, Paul	\$ 24.00	NH MUNICIPAL BOND BANK	\$ 131,275.00
Martel, Richard	\$ 19.00	NH Public Works Association	\$ 50.00
MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	\$ 137.98	NHCTCA 2022 Conference	\$ 20.00
Matregano, Theresa	\$ 46.00	NHGFOA	\$ 60.00
MATTON SECURITY SYSTEMS	\$ 192.00	NICOM COATINGS CORPORATION	\$ 80,000.00
Maureen Brooks	\$ 390.00	NORTH COAST SERVICES, LLC	\$ 1,763.30
McCluskey, Kenneth & Mary	\$ 108.42	North Country Architect	\$ 37,000.00

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
NORTH COUNTRY METAL CRAFT LLC	\$ 1,500.00	TREASURER STATE OF NH	\$ 688.00
NorthEast Earth Mechanics Inc	\$ 76,264.16	Treasurer State of NH	\$ 320.00
NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$ 515.12	Treasurer State of NH	\$ 175.00
Nowak, Paul & Joy	\$ 745.00	TREASURER STATE OF NH	\$ 78.72
Noyes, Nathan	\$ 31.00	Treasurer, State of NH	\$ 234.75
O'Brien, Mike	\$ 14.00	TRI-COUNTY COM. ACTION PROGRAM	\$ 3,800.00
O'CONNOR MOTOR COMPANY	\$ 3,459.80	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	\$ 111,372.00
Olsen, Victoria	\$ 6.00	Turgeon, Kevin P.	\$ 8.00
OLZEROWICZ, PAUL DBA SENTINEL FINANCIAL	\$ 720.00	TURNER SEPTIC	\$ 600.00
OSSIPEE AGGREGATES	\$ 4,418.04	Twin State Expedited Dive Serv	\$ 7,561.00
OSSIPEE AUTO PARTS	\$ 3,890.85	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$ 13,382.78
OSSIPEE CHILDREN'S FUND	\$ 500.00	USPS	\$ 306.00
OSSIPEE CONCERNED CITIZEN	\$ 7,266.00	Utt, Diane	\$ 2.00
OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY	\$ 1,716.25	VACHON CLUKAY & COMPANY PC	\$ 22,334.45
OSSIPEE VALLEY MUTUAL AID	\$ 9,000.00	Vadenais, Diane	\$ 1.00
O'Sullivan, Lawrence & Michell	\$ 303.00	Verill, Debra	\$ 20.00
PALMER SPRING COMPANY	\$ 5,006.10	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 2,830.78
PAUL J. ELIE	\$ 493.60	Wald, Sandra	\$ 6.00
PAUL OLZEROWICZ	\$ 200.00	WATER INDUSTRIES, INC.	\$ 1,033.63
Paul Tung	\$ 22.00	WELCH, DOUG	\$ 162.22
Perkins, Wayne	\$ 16.00	Welch, Roland	\$ 7.00
Peter Peterson	\$ 166.79	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	\$ 41,764.93
PINNACLE PUBLIC FINANCE	\$ 70,570.47	White Mountain Audio Visual	\$ 1,785.00
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$ 171.48	WHITE MOUNTAIN OVERHEAD DOORS	\$ 275.00
POPE SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	\$ 612.50	WHITE MT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CT.	\$ 2,666.00
Porter Office Machines Corp.	\$ 5,134.17	WHITE MTN OIL & PROPANE, INC.	\$ 2,640.89
Powless, Christopher	\$ 356.00	Whiting's Automotive Repair	\$ 5,182.60
PRIEBE, A.E.	\$ 1,574.72	Wig, Jennifer	\$ 4.00
PRIMEX	\$ 76,497.00	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	\$ 22.00
PRIMEX - UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	\$ 650.00	WILLIAM SANBORN	\$ 50.40
R.B. WOOD & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	\$ 35,820.00	WINDY RIDGE	\$ 939.00
R.N. CRAFT	\$ 5,200.00	WL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	\$ 320.00
Rachel Fall	\$ 22.00	Zammitti, Michael	\$ 808.00
Reliance Standard Life Ins Co	\$ 16,979.86		
Rennie, Wally	\$ 3.00		
RICHARD DAVIDSON	\$ 121.00		
RICHARD HOLT	\$ 22.00		
Richard Ullrich	\$ 76.98		
RIVERSIDE SERVICE	\$ 488.30		
RL Heath Jr Trucking	\$ 1,960.00		
ROBERT R. GOOS	\$ 121.00		
Robert Tafuto	\$ 33.00		
Rogers-Hamalainen, Joycelyn	\$ 60.83		

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
Rohlfs, Harry	\$ 17.00		
Rollins, Barry & Luann	\$ 1,422.00		
Ronald Newbury	\$ 114.10		
RYDIN	\$ 900.00		
RYMES PROPANE & OIL INC.	\$ 668.54		
SARA BUTTERFIELD	\$ 88.00		
SB Signs Inc	\$ 1,517.34		
Scala, Peter	\$ 29.00		
Scambio, Lorraine	\$ 581.00		
SCHAEFFER'S	\$ 2,101.19		
SCHWAAB, INC.	\$ 56.02		
Seavey, Scott	\$ 9.00		
SILVER LAKE HOME CENTER	\$ 8.99		
SKEHAN HOME CENTER	\$ 734.35		
Smallman, Janis	\$ 24.00		
SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,620.00		
Soule Leslie Kidder Sayward	\$ 12,121.40		
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON, INC.	\$ 19,389.05		
Spencer Ogren	\$ 66.00		
Sprei, Derek	\$ 143.60		
Stacy Bolduc	\$ 814.28		
STARTING POINT	\$ 4,071.00		
State of NH-Criminal Records	\$ 25.00		
Stephens, William	\$ 15.00		
Strout, Deborah	\$ 36.00		
SULLIVAN TIRE	\$ 1,183.80		
Sullivan, Jeanette Trustee	\$ 809.19		
SUSAN HOOPLE	\$ 100.00		
Susan Miller-Goodnow	\$ 403.20		
Sylva, Diane	\$ 572.00		
Symon-Fall, Joy	\$ 19.00		
TAMMY NASON	\$ 77.00		
TASCA CDJRF	\$ 71,891.00		
Taylor, Jeff	\$ 98.00		
Teixeira, William	\$ 1,399.38		
TEXAS REFINERY CORP	\$ 810.00		
THE COUNTRY PICKER	\$ 768.00		
THE LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION	\$ 500.00		
Thomas, Tom & Sara	\$ 221.14		
TMDE CALIBRATION LABS, INC.	\$ 287.00		
Todd, Stephen	\$ 35.00		
TOWN OF MADISON	\$ 370.97		
TREASURER STATE OF NH	\$ 50.00		

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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE		PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE		TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
			START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	ADDED TO PRIN							
COMMON TRUST:													
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1919	Nancy Burns	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1922	Lord & Fowler	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1922	Eliza A Alley	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1924	Ina E Foss	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1924	Metcalf & Cushing	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1924	M C & Stephen Allard	Cem P/C	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	6.56	6.56	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	
1924	Edward H Nason	Cem P/C	210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	9.18	9.18	210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1927	F W Towle	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	21.86	21.86	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	
1927	Parsons Yard	Cem P/C	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	30.60	30.60	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	21.86	21.86	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	
1928	John W Smith	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1928	Jennie Meserve	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1932	James Wood	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1935	George W Chase	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1937	Joseph H Corson	Cem P/C	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	2.19	2.19	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
1937	Hulda J Downing	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1938	Godfrey Fund	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1939	Frank P Corson	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1939	Howard B Moulton	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1940	Ellen Mitchel	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1941	Stevens, Sweetser, Marston, Harmon	Cem P/C	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	19.67	19.67	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1948	Jessie S Allard	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1952	Minnie R Towle	Cem P/C	112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	4.90	4.90	112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	
1952	John J Giles	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1953	Carrie B Moses	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1957	Minnie A Eastman	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1958	Elsie M Thurston	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1958	Ernest A Leavitt	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1958	Moulton Cemetery	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
SUBTOTAL Page 1			6,272.00	0.00	0.00	6,272.00	274.16	274.16	6,272.00	0.00	0.00	6,272.00	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF TRUST FUND</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>START OF</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u> <u>NEW</u> <u>FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u> <u>DURING</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>END OF</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>INCOME</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>INCOME</u> <u>EXPENDED</u> <u>DURING</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>ADDED TO</u> <u>PRIN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>NEW</u> <u>PRINCIPAL</u>
1960	<u>COMMON TRUST:</u> Chester H Drake	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	21.86	21.86	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts	Cem P/C	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	19.67	19.67	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery	Cem P/C	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	87.42	87.42	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	21.86	21.86	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	6.56	6.56	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	Cem P/C	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	13.11	13.11	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes	Cem P/C	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	34.97	34.97	0.00	800.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.74	8.74	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle	Cem P/C	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	13.11	13.11	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.37	4.37	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent	Cem P/C	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	1.75	1.75	0.00	40.00
1999	Prospect Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	Cem P/C	1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	80.47	80.47	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY COMMONTRUST FUNDS		15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	684.22	684.22	0.00	15,653.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	43.84	43.84	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.38	4.38	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY COMMON TRUST FUNDS		1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	48.22	48.22	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS		16,753.00	0.00	0.00	16,753.00	732.44	732.44	0.00	16,753.00

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			BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS					
GENERAL FUNDS:									
Expendable Trust Funds:									
	Town	Road Right of Way	9,508.72	5,000.00	13,508.72	498.40	0.00	498.40	14,007.12
2002	Milfoil Removal	Remediation of Milfoil	7,238.04	0.00	7,238.04	314.97	0.00	314.97	7,553.01
2009	Freedom Public Library	Maintain Bldg & Equipment	45,300.58	10,000.00	55,300.58	2,182.73	0.00	2,182.73	57,483.31
2015	School District	Tuition Stabilization	296,530.60	0.00	296,530.60	12,902.83	0.00	12,902.83	309,433.43
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS		358,577.94	15,000.00	372,577.94	15,898.93	0.00	15,898.93	388,476.87
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:									
1996	School Bus	School District	273,320.15	35,000.00	308,320.15	11,973.05	0.00	11,973.05	320,293.20
1989	Highway Equipment Fund	Equipment	64,818.55	10,000.00	74,818.55	3,031.98	0.00	3,031.98	77,850.53
2001	School District	Special Education	369,641.46	0.00	369,641.46	16,084.04	0.00	16,084.04	385,725.50
2002	Fire Department Equipment	Equipment	90,004.99	10,000.00	100,004.99	4,127.94	0.00	4,127.94	104,132.93
2006	Municipal Land and Buildings	Town Buildings & Land	113,213.81	10,000.00	106,247.56	4,828.05	0.00	4,828.05	111,075.61
2007	Transfer Station Equipment	Equipment	53,460.06	26,372.00	79,832.06	2,884.13	0.00	2,884.13	82,716.19
2009	School Building Maintenance	School District Bldg Maint	253,191.62	90,146.00	343,337.62	11,223.50	0.00	11,223.50	354,561.12
2011	Police Dept. Equipment	Equipment	30,691.38	10,000.00	40,691.38	1,547.11	0.00	1,547.11	42,238.49
2011	Town Hall and Office	Maint Town Hall/Office Bldg	18,378.73	10,000.00	28,378.73	1,011.28	0.00	1,011.28	29,390.01
2012	Highway Drainage Struct Improv	Rplc Failing Drainage Infrastr	18,863.42	10,000.00	28,863.42	1,032.40	0.00	1,032.40	29,895.82
2014	School Technology	School District	50,255.37	0.00	50,255.37	2,186.72	0.00	2,186.72	52,442.09
2014	Water Systems Repairs Fund	Rprs to Existing Water Sys	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2015	Town Infrastructure	Infrastructure	40,019.23	10,000.00	50,019.23	1,952.89	0.00	1,952.89	51,972.12
2022	Public Safety CRF	Building Maintenance/Repair	32,215.43	0.00	32,215.43	1,401.74	0.00	1,401.74	33,617.17
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES		1,408,074.20	221,518.00	1,580,410.52	63,284.83	0.00	63,284.83	1,675,910.78
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS		1,783,405.14	236,518.00	1,969,741.46	79,916.20	732.44	79,183.76	2,081,140.65

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DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
		BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS					
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	Cem P/C	15,653.00	0.00	15,653.00	684.22	684.22	0.00	15,653.00
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	Library	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	48.22	48.22	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTALS	16,753.00	0.00	16,753.00	732.44	732.44	0.00	16,753.00

Freedom Public Library
Balance Sheet
Fiscal Year 2025

	Dec 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · FPL Checking	75,283.94
12000 · Petty Cash	207.45
Total Checking/Savings	75,491.39
Other Current Assets	
11000 · CD Williams	11,899.49
13000 · Morrow Literacy (restricted)	103,976.04
1987 · CD Cayford	5,996.86
Total Other Current Assets	121,872.39
Total Current Assets	197,363.78
Fixed Assets	
15100 · Buildings & Land Improvements	7,410.00
Total Fixed Assets	7,410.00
TOTAL ASSETS	204,773.78
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
20000 · Payroll Liabilities	
20101 · Federal Withholding	1,157.00
20102 · Social Security	2,525.59
20103 · Medicare	583.99
Total 20000 · Payroll Liabilities	4,266.58
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,266.58
Total Current Liabilities	4,266.58
Total Liabilities	4,266.58
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	(709.24)
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	217,439.29
Net Income	(16,222.85)
Total Equity	200,507.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	204,773.78

February 19, 2026

Select Board
Town of Freedom
33 Old Portland Road
Freedom, New Hampshire 03836

Dear Members of the Board:

We have substantially completed the fieldwork and prepared drafted financial statements in connection with the audit of the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire for the December 31, 2024 financial statements. The December 31, 2024 audited financial statements are awaiting final internal review and inspection procedures of the firm. Unless we encounter circumstances beyond our control, the completed reports should be available no later than March 15, 2026.

Very truly yours,

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

ROAD AGENT REPORT

2025 NOTES:

The winter of 2025 was more of a traditional winter with more snow storms and fewer ice storms. This past summer was hot and dry with severe drought conditions lasting into 2026. As we all work together in these changing times, we are seeing the cost of goods increase, you see it in your daily lives. We as Department Heads / Managers of the Towns infrastructure see greater increase in cost of materials that we need to provide safe roads for the traveling public. In recent years, balancing the need to keep the budget manageable while maintaining safe roads for the traveling public has become more challenging than in the past.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Prepped and Painted Lunch Room
- Transfer Station Redesign Project
- Installed Gravel on Haverhill St., West Bay, Sherwood Forest, Packard, Berry Bay, Watson Hill, Scarboro, Burnham, Youngs Hill, and Perry Roads
- Painted Stop Bars and Bicycle Symbols
- Painted Highway Garage, Salt Shed, Sander/ Fuel Shed
- Installed 1 ½" of ½" Wearing Course Asphalt on 3,300 ft of Huckins Road (new section)
- Installed Shoulder Gravel on Shaw Town, Huckins, Youngs Hill, Rice Hill, Ossipee Lake, and Bennett Roads
- Seal Coated on Rice Hill, and Youngs Hill Road

TREE AND BRUSH REMOVAL:

- Perry, Ben, Cold Brook, Watson Hill, Burnham, Rice Hill, Swett Hill, and Moulton Roads

NEW OR REPLACED CULVERTS:

- Installed a 3'x6' Concrete Box Culvert and Wing Walls on Burnham Road

As we wrap up 2025, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the hard work, dedication, professionalism you've shown throughout the year. Maintaining our roadways is not easy work. It takes long hours, early mornings, late nights and often tough weather conditions. Your commitment to keeping our roads safe and our community moving does not go unnoticed. Because of you our department continues to operate at a high standard we can all be proud of.

I appreciate the teamwork, reliability, and pride you bring to the job every day. Thank you for everything you've done this year and for representing our department so well.

Respectfully Submitted
Scott N. Brooks Sr.
Road Agent



DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE
BUILT WITH INTEGRITY
PROUD TO BE ACTION

Town of Freedom
Ambulance Service Report 2025

Action Ambulance Service, Inc. is proud to serve the residents of Freedom, New Hampshire. We are grateful to have been selected by the six-town ambulance search committee to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance services to the towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, and Tamworth, effective April 1, 2020.

Our organization operates two Advanced EMT-staffed ambulances, as well as one paramedic-staffed ambulance available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. These operations are supported by an on-duty field supervisor and an on-call senior manager.

In addition, we are pleased to maintain our education center located on Route 16 in Tamworth, which became operational on February 1, 2024. This facility serves as a regional model for EMS training and professional development.

Our primary bases of operation are located in Center Ossipee and Tamworth.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the dedicated professionals of the Freedom Fire Department and all local first responders for their continued cooperation and invaluable assistance on every call.

From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, Action Ambulance Service responded to the following calls within the Town of Freedom:

- **291 calls** requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS) care, representing an **45-call decrease** from the prior year's total of 336 calls.
- **13 calls** requiring Basic Life Support (BLS) care, representing a **7-call decrease** from the prior year's total of 20 calls.

We sincerely appreciate the community's continued support of this Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Woronka, Paramedic
President & CEO

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WILMINGTON, MA 01887-3413
PHONE: (978) 253-2600
WWW.ACTIONAMBULANCE.COM

FREEDOM FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Freedom Fire-Rescue Department received 408 calls for service in 2025.

Two new members were added this year, one EMT-Advanced and one EMT-Basic.

One member obtained Firefighter One Certification as well as one member getting Firefighter one and going on to obtain Firefighter level two Certification this year.

The Scarborough road fire pond dredging was completed.

We acquired a zodiac inflatable boat from Government Surplus. Through fundraising and donations our association purchased a new boat trailer and a new 25hp motor and all equipment needed to put the boat in service. This project was completed at no cost to the town.

We are also happy to announce that we were successful in obtaining a federal grant to replace all our old 1 ¾" hose and nozzles at a sum of \$34,952.38. We will continue to apply for grants when they become available.

This past summer was a bit difficult due to the mandated fire ban. I would like to thank the residents and visitors of Freedom for their cooperation and understanding during this ban.

As a reminder, fire permits are required once there is no adequate snow cover until there is adequate snow cover. Please contact the department with any questions. Permits can be obtained online at nhfirepermit.com.

A very big thank you to the members of this department. Your dedication and time away from family is not unnoticed. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Congratulations Chief Mullen on your retirement and THANK YOU.

To the Residents of Freedom Thank You for your continued support.

Sincerely

Chief Rob Cunio

2025 Call Breakdown

Structure Fire	3
Chimney Fire	1
Fire Alarms	46
CO Alarms	14
Smoke Investigations	3
Brush/Woods fire	3
Illegal Burns	23
Tree's/Wires down	18
MVA with Injury	4
MVA with No Injury	12
Snowmobile/ATV Accident	1
Mutual Aid Fire	20
Search for Person	1
Service Calls	22
Police Standby/Assist	15
Medical Aid	207
Mutual Aid Rescue	3
Boat Response	2
Propane Leak	9
Propane Explosion	1
Transported to Hospital	154
Not transported to Hospital	67
ALS Care Provided	1
No Medical Responders Available	2
No Responders Available	11
Members Transporting w/ambulance	2
Daytime Calls 7a-7p	253
Nighttime Calls 7p-7a	155
Duty Crew Responses	106
Fire Chief On Duty Responses	101
Fire Chief Off Duty Responses	161
Total Calls for Service	408

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

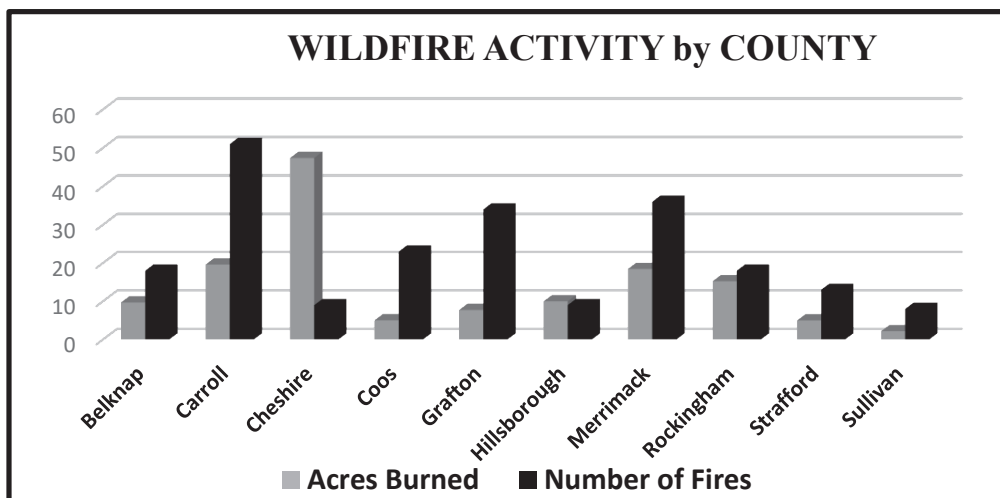
In 2025, New Hampshire experienced a lower-than-average spring wildfire season. However, flash drought conditions quickly took hold as New Hampshire experienced the driest summer on record in 130 years. This led to deep burning wildfires across the state. The state assisted local fire departments on these multi-day events, providing resources and technical assistance. This included our thermal imaging unmanned aircraft system, which was deployed on multiple incidents, including in North Hampton where a wildfire burned for 5 days. Wildfire risk increased to the level where the Governor and Council set forth a statewide prohibition on outdoor burning. This resulted in fewer wildfires and reduced the risk until rain came in late October.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. In 2025, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 10 structures threatened by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful with fire**. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2026 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com or using the QR code. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.dnrcr.nh.gov. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2025 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



(All fires reported as of December 01, 2025)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2025	157	146	62
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Fireworks	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	3	62	17	87	8	4	16	1	1	1	18

Freedom Police Department

2025 TOWN REPORT

It has been my distinct honor to serve the communities of Carroll County, and as I prepared to depart from my role as Chief of Police for the Town of Freedom, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have made this journey so meaningful starting with my family and the leaders who gave me so much.

My career in law enforcement has spanned several wonderful towns, starting in 2001 as a police officer in Tuftonboro, NH and continuing with service in Ossipee, NH, Freedom (2004), NH Effingham, NH, and Madison, NH, before culminating here in Freedom, as Chief. Each community has a unique character, and I cherish the relationships and experiences I've gained in each of them.

To the citizens of Freedom: your support and partnership have been the foundation of our work. It is your trust that empowers us to protect and serve. I thank you for your resilience and for making this town a safe and welcoming place.

To the Board of Selectmen: I deeply appreciate the guidance, support, and vision you have provided during my tenure. Your commitment to the well-being of our town has been invaluable.

To my fellow department heads: The spirit of cooperation and camaraderie among us has made navigating challenges much smoother. Your professionalism and willingness to collaborate have truly exemplified effective local governance.

And finally, to the dedicated staff and officers of the Freedom Police Department: It has been a privilege to lead such a professional and committed team. Your tireless efforts, bravery, and dedication to our mission are the true backbone of this department. I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together. We cleared a backlog of serious cases, stabilized the roster, put a quality k9 team on the road, updated some policies and improved accountability by rolling out body cameras. I have full confidence in your continued success. I want to leave you with the words of retiring Florida Sheriff John H. Rutherford, "people don't care what you know until they know you care".

As I sign off, I wish the Town of Freedom and all the neighboring towns nothing but the best. Thank you for an unforgettable career.

Sincerely,

Chief Jamie Mullen

Freedom Police Department

Freedom Police Department

2025 Activity Report

Assist Motorist/Disabled Vehicle:	33
Arrests	28
911 Hang-Up	15
Alarm Activation	79
Building Check	151
Community Policing	6
Criminal Mischief	3
Criminal Trespass	11
Civil Standby	4
Disturbance	15
Directed Patrol	710
Motor Vehicle Accident:	25
Motor Vehicle Stop	450
Suspicious Activity	64
Theft	12
Welfare Check	39
Statutory Sex Asslt.	2
Animal Cruelty	1

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

TOWN REPORT: 2025

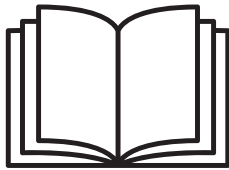
WITH STATISTICS FROM 1/1/2025-12/31/2025



995 people hold a card at our library.



Cardholders saved **\$157,611.27** by borrowing materials from the library.



9,164 physical titles were checked out of the library.

While **4,428** electronic materials were downloaded by our library users from Libby, hosted by the NH State Library...

contributing to a total of **13, 592** total checkouts.



The library planned and hosted **230** programs.

1,715 people attended in total.

Most popular programs included: Summer Reading Program Launch, Magic Fred, Wildlife Encounters, Mahjongg, Pre-K Story Hour, and NH Fish and Game Presentations.



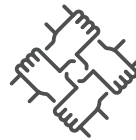
Over **4,187** people walked through our doors.



We lent over **587** items through Interlibrary Loan and we borrowed over **483** items for cardholders and book groups.



The library was open **1,144** hours in 2025.



Our service was delivered by **3** PT dedicated staff.

Volunteers contributed over **150** hours of service to the library.

Town of Freedom Transfer Station 2025 Annual Report

Thank you to all the residents for your cooperation while the transfer station was under construction this past year. The new compactor relocation made a world of difference in the amount of congestion we used to have; now the flow of traffic moves continuously. Thank you to all who took the time to sort and save out aluminum cans, this year we shipped out 6, 30-yard containers full. Thank you to F T S crew for your hard work despite the heat and extreme cold you endured. **Reminder it is time for the 2026 permits, to which you may purchase at the transfer station.**

The following is 2025 Report

Cassella Waste

Total Hauls

MSW (household trash= 51

Combined tons

C/D construction debris) = 33 } 117 combined hauls

Recyclables (Comingle) = 33

Total Tons

MSW } 583.08

Rec = 127.94 } 942.68

C/D = 231.66

Facility Permits (Dump Stickers) sold @ transfer station in 2025

406 Stickers sold

\$5.00 permits } Revenue = \$ 2,690.00

\$10.00 permits }

North Coast services

Fluorescent tubes 558 lbs. = @ a cost of .42 per lbs =\$234.36

Intake of all TVs - 119 / x 25 = \$2,975. 00 of revenue

Crt television = 2.178.00lbs at .20 per lb. expense = \$435.60

Flat screen TV's intake 93 x \$25.00per _____ \$2,325.00.

Microwave = 38 @ \$10.00 = \$ 380 revenue _____ \$380.00

Printers= 25 @ \$10.00 = \$250 revenue _____ \$250.00

Miscellaneous 30 @ \$10.00 = \$300.00 _____ \$300.00

Total \$ 3,255.00

Mattress: intake - 305 x 20 = \$6,100.00

Expense - \$669.96

Cost to export, if all went out \$13,725.00

Revenue = \$2,585.04

Brush

Brush 194 loads = Revenue \$4,985.00

1grinding = \$5,500

D&L Disposal (freon extraction service)

A/C = 134 units } 197 units at \$6.00 per unit = 1,182.00 expense.

Refrigerators = 63 units }

Rickers; Scrap Metal

19 loads shipped out = 78.37 tons, valued at \$3,915.49

} \$7,277.17 Revenue

In-house recycling: 8004 lbs. = 4.2 tons at a value of \$3,361.68

Respectfully Submitted: Alan Libby/ FTS

Building & Zoning Permits Issued for the year 2025

We issued a total of 564 permits with total fees collected at \$66,111.77

The summary of permits and fees collected:

Building Permit	231	\$48,299.46
Electrical Permit	111	\$6,840.00
Plumbing Permit	44	\$2,760.00
Gas Permit	77	\$4,620.00
Certificate of Occupancy	15	\$0.00
Driveway Permit	1	\$0.00
Zoning Permit	2	\$0.00
Foundation Permit	12	\$117.20
STR Conditional Use Permit	16	\$1,085.11
Tree Removal Permit	17	\$1,250.00
Oil Burner Permit	2	\$120.00
HVAC Permit	17	\$1,020.00
Demolition Permit	8	\$0.00
Erosion Control Permit	11	\$0.00

Freedom Building and Zoning
Bryan Fontaine

2026

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Freedom Conservation Commission/Forest Advisory Committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 6:30 pm at the Freedom Town Hall. Deadline for agenda items is the Tuesday prior to the meeting date.

January 20	May 19	September 15
February 17	June 16	October 20
March 17	July 21	November 17
April 21	August 18	December 15

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Freedom Heritage Commission will meet on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 8	June 11	November 12
April 9	September 10	

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular Planning Board Meeting
December 29, 2025	January 15
January 29	February 19
February 26	March 19
March 26	April 16
April 30	May 21
May 28	June 18
June 25	July 16
July 30	August 20
August 27	September 17
September 24	October 15
October 29	November 19
November 25	December 17

2026

FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustments are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular ZBA Meeting
January 12	January 27
February 9	February 24
March 9	March 24
April 13	April 28
May 11	May 26
June 8	June 23
July 13	July 28
August 10	August 25
September 8	September 22
October 13	October 27
November 2	November 17
November 30	December 15

Planning Board Submission for the 2025 Town Report

Your Freedom Planning Board is comprised of dedicated volunteers – myself (Linda Mailhot, Chair), Melissa Florio (Vice Chair), Jane Davidson, James Guido, Bobbi McCracken, Robert Rafferty, as well as alternates Anne Cunningham, Darwin Moulton, and Brian Taylor. The Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board is Les Babb. Lastly, the Board is lucky to have Melissa Donaldson, our Recording Secretary.

Through the month of December, the Planning Board heard applications for site plan review (2), minor lot line adjustment (1), subdivision (2), merger of lots (1), as well as (2) conditional use applications for a solar array and a number of short-term rental applications. The low volume of applications gave the Board an opportunity to update all of our regulations. In addition, we overhauled the conditional use application for a solar ray based on comments received to make the process less cumbersome.

The Planning Board recommends (6) proposed zoning ordinance changes for voters to consider in March. The first four proposed amendments are all a direct result of changes in State law.

The fifth amendment is to clean-up the zoning ordinance from a prior change, while amendment six is proposed by the Planning Board. The full text of these articles is on file at the Town Clerk's office as well as on the Town's website: www.townoffreedomnh.gov.

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 1 revises Article 3 "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS," Section 304.6 to authorize the Town Zoning Officer to approve erosion and sedimentation control plans on projects which require no other ZBA action.

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 2, pursuant to RSA 674:16, revises Article 24 "DEFINITIONS," Section 2402 to update "family, unrelated" and add Sections 1108.1 and 1108.2 to Article 11 "RESIDENTIAL USES" to limit occupants per bedroom, ensure septic systems can support dwellings with more than four occupants, and update parking requirements in accordance with updated "family, unrelated" definition.

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 3, pursuant to RSA 674:16 and :72, revises Article 11 "RESIDENTIAL USES," Sections 1102.1.6 and 1103.2.4 to update parking requirements for elderly/senior independent and group residences and updates Article 10 "OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS," to reflect revised Sections 1102.1.6 and 1103.2.4 and reduces parking requirements for single and multi-family dwellings.

Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 4, pursuant to RSA 674:77 and :78, revises Article 3 "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS," Table 304.4, to make "multi-family housing" a permitted use in the Town's Residential/Light Commercial District.

Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 5 revises Article 11 "RESIDENTIAL USES" by repealing the text of Section 1104 in its entirety and replacing it with accessory dwelling unit regulation pursuant to RSA 674:71 - :73 and additionally prohibits accessory dwelling units associated with multiple-single family dwellings attached to each other and limits the size of accessory dwelling units to two (2) bedrooms.

Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amendment 6 revises Article 3 "DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS," Section 307.2 to allow 12" or less roof overhangs to project into a lot's minimum yard area in all districts except the Shore Front District.

Many thanks to the Town staff in their efforts to support the Planning Board.

Respectfully, Linda Mailhot, Chair



Lakes Region Planning Commission

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FY25 Annual Report

Town of Freedom

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 communities that span across the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack, and is enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC acts as an essential conduit for federal funding for many programs including Watershed Management, Transportation, Hazard Mitigation, Brownfields, CDBG, and Household Hazardous Waste. The LRPC employs highly trained professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with municipally appointed Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by the Executive Director.

The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:

- Environmental Planning such as Watershed Management, Household Hazardous Waste, and Brownfields.
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Circuit Rider assistance, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Developments of Regional Impact, and Zoning & Site Plan Regulations.
- Economic development assistance including CDBG and NBRC.
- Transportation planning includes Ten Year Plan project inclusion, Scenic Byways Planning, Corridor Management, Transportation Alternatives Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality grant funding.

The following are highlights of the FY25 services provided and available to your municipality. For our full FY25 Annual Report, including regional services, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at <https://lakesrpc.nh.gov>.

Award Presentation	• A Community Service Award was presented to Anne Cunningham at the LRPC Annual Meeting in June in recognition of over 18 years of service on the Planning Board leading efforts to update the Master Plan, improve zoning ordinances, and guide responsible town growth—all with diplomacy and commitment. Also recognized was her commitment to volunteerism on multiple committees and local organizations.
Brownfields	• LRPC provides Brownfields Assessment and Reuse Planning funding for priority redevelopment sites, as well as assistance for municipal Clean-up Grants.
Culverts & Closed Drainage Systems (CCDS)	• LRPC provides fee-based inventory and analysis of municipal culvert and closed drainage systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.
Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)	• Per RSA 36:56, LRPC reviews Developments of Regional Impact as determined by local land use boards. • In accordance with NH RSA 36:54, the LRPC conducted a DRI review as requested by the Town of Freedom concerning the following: Applicant: Vertex Towers, LLC Project: Wireless Telecommunication Service Facility at 835 Eaton Road A site plan application was reviewed and analyzed for potential regional impacts and an opinion letter with comments was provided to the Freedom Planning Board.
Economic Development & Housing	• LRPC assists communities with Housing Opportunity Program grant activities such as Housing Master Plan Chapters, Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinances, and Tax Increment Financing districts. • LRPC provides regional support for the Northern Border Regional Commission grants. • The 2023 Housing Needs assessment is complete with an update on the way. Visit our website to access a copy and understand your community's needs. • LRPC provides regional support for Community Development Block Grants.
General & Technical Assistance including Circuit Riding, Master Plan, Ordinance and Regulations	• Information on applications subject to site plan review was provided to the Planning Board Chair. • LRPC works with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership.

	- As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact us regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues. - Land Use Board members are encouraged to reach out with technical or process related questions. - Fee-based services provided include Master Plan Chapter updates, Capital Improvements Plan Assistance, Ordinance drafting, and Site Plan & Subdivision Regulations development.
GIS Mapping	LRPC is a great resource for land use planning maps. LRPC provides both digital and large-scale hard copy zoning, town road, natural resource or community facility maps.
Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)/Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)	LRPC provides consulting services for HSEM Hazard Mitigation Plan grants, including Plan audit, update, and community outreach.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	- LRPC coordinated our 39th annual HHW collection event in the Summer & Fall of 2025. This event was widely promoted to reach the maximum number of households to provide a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities. A total of 1,635 vehicles brought in over 40 tons of household hazardous waste. - Resident concerns about the town's non-participation in the HHW event were addressed, with inquiries referred to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for follow-up. In addition, the Town Administrator was supplied with requested details on FY26 HHW pricing.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	- Coordinated the purchase and distribution of 340 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$113.00 per book/e-book and \$198.00 per book with supplemental e-book for a total regional savings of \$40,375.00. - Freedom purchased 31 books, 1 book with eBook, and 2 eBooks. Total saved: \$3,927.00
Road Surface Management System (RSMS)	LRPC offers fee-based inventory and analysis of municipal road surface systems to support asset management and capital planning efforts.
Solid Waste Management	- LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events, regional purchase opportunities, and much more. - Training and signage were provided for the Lead Tackle Collection Program through the Loon Preservation Committee.
Transportation Planning	- LRPC is the regional contact for: - Municipal submissions of projects to the State's Ten-Year Transportation Plan (TYP), as well as host of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact us regarding their TAC appointee. - The allocation of federal highway funding, including Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grants. - Other NHDOT programs such as Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP), Scenic Byways, and Complete Streets.
Watershed Management Planning	LRPC provides community assistance with both NHDES 604b Watershed Assistance Grants, and 319 Infrastructure Grants.

The LRPC is a participation-based organization where Commissioners have the final say on the annual budget and can determine what services the organization provides. • Freedom representatives to the LRPC during FY25 were:

Commissioner	Term Expiration
Mark McConkey	06/01/29
Alternate	Term Expiration
Vacant	

TAC Member	Term Expiration
Scott Brooks	07/01/25
TAC Alternate	Term Expiration
Vacant	

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna B. Saunders
Executive Director

2025 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment received applications from nine applicants. The applications comprised of sixteen variance requests (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Six requests were withdrawn, ten were approved.

Of the nine applications, five contained requests for special exceptions. Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. Two of the requests were withdrawn and three were approved.

The Zoning Board would like to hear from citizens who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee Annual Report – 2025

The Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC), established pursuant to RSA 36-A, continued its mission in 2025 to conserve, protect, and responsibly manage the natural resources of the Town of Freedom. The Commission served in an advisory role to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and State agencies, with a primary focus on shoreland protection, water quality, forest stewardship, and compliance with applicable statutes and local ordinances.

Throughout the year, the FCC conducted regular public meetings, often jointly with its subcommittee, the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC). The Commission reviewed land-use applications and permit notices involving shorefront development, wetlands, stormwater management, vegetation disturbance, and impervious surface coverage. Where appropriate, the FCC provided written advisory comments to municipal boards and State agencies to support environmentally sound decision-making and regulatory compliance. Shorefront development and stormwater management remained a significant area of focus, reflecting continued development pressure on lakes and ponds within the Town.

A large portion of the FCC's work in 2025 involved oversight of the Town Forest through the dedication of the FAC. Major accomplishments included the reconstruction and stabilization of Trout Pond Trail, implementation of erosion control measures, culvert improvements, boundary blazing, gate and signage upgrades, wildlife opening maintenance, and completion of the annual Department of Natural and Cultural Resources forest inspection. The Commission also supported public access and education through Old Home Week forest wagon rides and student and volunteer engagement projects.

In response to declining timber revenues and increasing maintenance obligations under conservation easements, the FCC and FAC evaluated long-term funding needs for the Town Forest. This work resulted in the development and recommendation of warrant articles, including the establishment of a capital reserve fund to support trail, road, and easement maintenance.

The FCC also assumed responsibility for coordinating aquatic invasive species activities and water-quality oversight. In 2025, the Commission worked with State agencies and partner organizations to support milfoil remediation, water-quality monitoring, and the Lake Host Program, including grant administration and inter-municipal coordination.

The Freedom Conservation Commission appreciates the continued support of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town staff, partner organizations, and the many residents.

and volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to the stewardship of Freedom's natural resources.

The FCC welcomes community members interested in conservation issues and encourages public participation in meetings and volunteer opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Nicoll, Chair

Freedom Conservation Commission

2025 FCC By the Numbers

Meetings & Governance

- Regular FCC/FAC meetings held: 12
- Special meetings held: 1
- Joint FCC/FAC meetings: All meetings
- Formal motions acted upon: 90+
- Mission statements adopted: FAC

Land-Use & Regulatory Review

- Total applications reviewed: 21
- Projects receiving written FCC/FAC comments: 14
- Projects reviewed over multiple meetings: 5

Town Forest & Forest Advisory Committee

- Annual DNCR forest inspections: 1
- Major infrastructure project: Trout Pond Trail reconstruction
- Boundary blazing, gates, signage, and wildlife opening maintenance
- Public education events: 2 Old Home Week wagon rides
- Capital Reserve Fund recommended for forest maintenance

Aquatic Invasive Species & Water Quality

- Water bodies actively monitored or managed: 4+
- Milfoil removed: 232 gallons
- Lake Host Program administered seasonally
- NH DES grants managed with 50% reimbursement

Financial Oversight & Coordination

- Invoices reviewed and approved: 45+
- Warrant articles drafted and recommended: 5
- Coordination with Selectboard, PB, ZBA, Fire Department, and State agencies

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FREEDOM TOWN FOREST ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT
May 2025 - April 2026

TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN

The Freedom Town Forest Stewardship Plan was first signed in 2005, updated in 2017, and amended in 2019. Several administrative issues delayed the requirement to update the Plan every 10 years. Discussions between the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), the Town Forester, the Freedom Conservation Commission and the Forest Advisory Committee (FCC/FAC) determined the next Forest Stewardship Plan update is due in 2030. Implementation of management prescriptions as outlined in the Forest Stewardship Plan will continue.

ACCESS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Trout Pond Trail repairs were completed in early July. The road is stable and re-vegetation along trail sides are complete. Six new waterbar and four new culvert installations redirect surface water drainage away from the trail. Swales and drainage ditches will continue to be monitored. The Annual Forest Maintenance Checklist is being developed, updated, and utilized to ensure continued safe access within the Freedom Town Forest.

WILDLIFE OPENING MAINTENANCE

Ten permanent wildlife openings (approx 6 acres) were mowed in the fall. The Forest Stewardship Plan recommends bi-annual mowing of these areas. Other principle areas mowed and maintained this fall by the Scrub Oak Scrambler Snowmobile Club include approximately 4 miles of existing snowmobile trails.

TIMBER HARVEST

A scheduled 135 acre timber sale and salvage harvest is planned within Compartment 3 between the “airstrip” and the western property boundary. Another area of approximately 40 acres positioned between Trout Pond Trail and the western shore of the pond is also planned for salvage harvesting. Future timber management operations will center within Compartment 2 and sections of property on Hurd Road and Shawtown Trail.

BEAVER PIPE CONTROL

The beaver pipe continues to be monitored for flooding, erosion control, and maintenance as required.

FOREST BOUNDARY INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE

The town forest perimeter is approximately 13 miles. Given the extent of the boundary, boundary corners and portions of the boundary line are periodically inspected, blazed, and painted.

ANNUAL MONITORING MEETING AND SITE INSPECTION

The annual meeting and site inspection by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) was conducted on 31 October 2025. No violations were observed and no follow-up required. The only noted action item is to inform DNCR when the timber harvest becomes active.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will no longer serve as the “Fire Boss” in conducting controlled burns on land not held or under easement by TNC. The State of New Hampshire has re-authorized the formation of a “Prescribed Burn Council”. The FCC/FAC and Town Forester will engage the Council to determine viable options.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Trout Pond water quality testing by the Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) and the FAC will be conducted during the summer of 2026. Optimal testing dates are the July / August time-frame.

EDUCATIONAL / INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

The FAC conducted a Work Study Program for twelve Prospect Mountain High School students. The one-day program consisted of forest trail sign installations in the morning, lunch at Town Hall, and a mock Conservation meeting in the afternoon.

The FAC organized two horse-drawn wagon tours to Trout Pond during Old Home Week. Approximately 15 people participated in each tour. The horses and wagon were donated by Josh Battles and the wagons were driven by Josh and daughter Josie.

The FAC installed 15 new trail signs; 14 forest gates were sanded / repainted; and 11 NO FIRES / NO CAMPING signs during the state-wide drought. Approximately 35 more trail signs are planned to be install in 2026. For informational purposes: fires in the town forest are always strictly PROHIBITED unless approved by the Freedom Fire Warden..

HERITAGE COMMISSION OF FREEDOM, NH

Annual Report for the year 2025

This Commission was established at the March 2009 Town meeting under RSA 674:44-a “to recognize, use, and protect resources that hold historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance.” The Commission researches and records the history of buildings and land features in the Town of Freedom, NH, in cooperation with the Historical Society.

The six members, Select Board Representative and Alternates meet at the Town Hall five times a year to report, plan and transact formal business of the Commission and at other times as needed. Agenda and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town Web Site and in printed form at the Town Office. The public is always welcome at these meetings and to participate in the activities.

The two major efforts this year were to review progress on the Schoolhouse Hill project—dealing with the Masonic Hall and the Town Office/Schoolhouse. These projects are under the Board of Selectmen, with Alan Fall as the project lead.

1. Masonic Hall

- Annette Day finalized the plans to address structural issues. Jason Earle was contracted to do the work, which is almost complete.
- Beth Miller, North Country Architects, completed a Historic Building Assessment. It highlights the character-defining features and identifies the rehabilitation needs. The town received a grant from the NH Preservation Association for \$4,500, half of the total project costs. The Heritage Commission managed this grant.

2. Town Office/Schoolhouse

- Town meeting (March 2025) approved a warrant article to hire architectural and engineering services for the design of the office space. Beth Miller was contracted to complete a Historic Building Assessment and create architectural plans for the renovation. This project also included the provision of office space during construction of the town office. LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) awarded the town a \$20,000 grant, half of which has been collected through the Heritage Commission.
- The project has clear goals for the renovation of the two buildings and beginnings of specific plans for housing town functions in the two preserved buildings.
- Plans to propose a bond issue for rehabilitation for March 2026 are postponed until March 2027 because of the need for additional time to bring all needed information before town meeting.

The Heritage Commission has the responsibility to communicate with townspeople about these projects. The Commission will hold two meetings in January to update the progress-to-date, describe the goals for improving the buildings, and present some preliminary ideas for renovation.

Sincerely,

Anne Cunningham, Chair
Mark McKinley, Vice Chair
Kyle Thomas, Secretary
Sue Hoople, Member

Arlene Knight, Member
Sarah Tabor, Member
Alan Fall, Selectmen’s Representative

And with great thanks to two members who resigned and moved out of town:
Brandy Buttrick, Vice Chair
Karrie Buttrick, Secretary

2025 Senior Resource Coordinator Report

2025 marked another significant year of growth and engagement as the demand for services continues to trend upward: 74 requests in 2023, 95 in 2024, 102 requests in 2025. The requests continue to be related to transportation, home maintenance, energy assistance, and general information of specific resources for older adults.

My involvement with several key committees and councils continues to ensure that Freedom remains at the forefront of aging-in-place initiatives:

- Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council (North Country Council) - transportation
- MWV AARP Age-Friendly Community - community connections
- Lifelong Maine Community Leaders (UMaine Center on Aging)
- Gibson Center Programs and Services - Staying Warm, Safe & Dry Program; HomeShare
- AARP Rural Lab
- Carroll County Food Access Network - food access
- Carroll Community Health Workers - coordination of services between the local Community Health Workers
- Carroll County Public Health Advisory Council

After the success of our 2024 Emergency Preparedness event, I was invited to present at the LifeLong Maine Annual Conference on June 18, 2025. My presentation focused on our community's proactive approach to safety, specifically highlighting our Emergency Preparedness Backpacks and the Emergency Household Document Organizer.

To better serve the health and financial well-being of our residents, I have hit several professional milestones this year:

- PreventT2 Facilitator: I am now certified through Granite YMCA as a facilitator for the PreventT2 program. This lifestyle change program helps individuals at risk for type 2 diabetes improve their health through sustainable lifestyle shifts. Stay tuned for when this will be offered.
- Medicare Counseling: I am currently working toward my certification to become a Medicare Counselor. My goal is to be fully certified by mid-2026. Once completed, I will be able to provide in-depth assistance to residents navigating the complexities of Medicare enrollment, plans, and benefits.
- Community Health Worker: My ongoing status as a certified Community Health Worker continues to provide the foundation for my advocacy and case management efforts.

The Freedom Bulletin Board remains a primary tool for digital outreach. The Google-based website, linked via the Town of Freedom site, continues to serve as a 24/7 hub for the community calendar, resource links, and my contact information.

The Staying Warm, Safe & Dry program continues to bridge the gap for homeowners needing small repairs or safety modifications. By connecting residents with licensed contractors or assisting low-income individuals in applying for USDA Rural Development grants (up to \$10,000), we can ensure older adults are able to remain in their homes safely and comfortably.

The Mount Washington Valley Age-Friendly Community initiative continues to support Freedom's older adult population by updating the essential service provider lists across the Domains of Livability. Residents of the area can utilize the "Aging Services Resource Guide for Mount Washington Valley" to access information on local providers and services related to home health care, nutrition & food security (such as Meals on Wheels, SNAP and congregate meals), and non emergency medical transportation via Carroll County RSVP. By organizing these regional providers into a single, navigable framework, the guide ensures older adults will have the direct links necessary to age safely and independently within our community.

I look forward to the upcoming year as I continue to expand these resources and strengthen the connections that make Freedom a supportive home for all ages.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée Wheaton

Senior Resource Coordinator Town of Freedom

The Freedom Committee on Aging continues to support Renee Wheaton in her duties as Senior Resource Coordinator, providing information on services available to seniors and community members that include:

- Health services
- Housing assistance
- Fitness
- Education
- Nutrition
- Transportation

Renee's services continue to demonstrate strong impact and growing demand. Her Emergency Preparedness Backpacks program has been well received, with presentations benefiting a broad range of residents, not just older adults.

Renee is currently training to become a Medicare counselor, addressing a critical service gap. New Hampshire has approximately 350,000 Medicare recipients and only 37 certified counselors statewide. Upon certification, she will assist residents with Medicare plan comparisons and enrollment, particularly during open enrollment.

Requests for Renee's assistance increased from 74 in 2023 to 102 in 2025, reflecting rising community need. Residents increasingly seek help connecting to local services, and Renee provides this support through organized referral resources.

There has been a notable increase in requests for home health services, indicating a strong desire among residents to age in place. This trend aligns with the Aging Committee's goals and underscores the value of the Senior Resource Coordinator position. Renee is also collaborating with the local library to expand community outreach and educational programming.

Submitted by,

Rick Davidson Chairperson

Anne Cunnigham

Cindy Fleming

Linda Habif

Freedom

The Freedom Food Pantry provides food for qualified, in need, Freedom residents. Our distribution of food enables each person served the food necessary to prepare 21 meals per week, including 4-5 packages of meat. This year (2025) is the busiest for our pantry since its inception in 1992.

2025		
Freedom Food Pantry Statistics for Freedom		
Month	# of People Served	# of Meals Provided for Clients to Cook
January	64	1,344
February	85	1,785
March	81	1,701
April	88	1,848
May	67	1,407
June	57	1,197
July	54	1,134
August	61	1,281
September	56	1,176
October	56	1,176
November	98	2,058
December	117	2,457
Total to Date	884	18,564

In 2025, the Town of Freedom contributed \$5,000 to the Freedom Food Pantry. As a result of this contribution, the cost was \$5.65 per person weekly to produce 21 meals each week, including 4-5 packages of meat.

Thank you for the support the Pantry receives from the Town of Freedom.

Vicki McVitty, Director

Freedom Old Home Week Report 2025

Freedom Old Home week celebrates our town's rich history and heritage, while reinforcing what makes Freedom so special. During FOHW, families gather, old friends come back to visit and reminisce, and the community joins together—permanent residents and part timers, lake people and village people, young and old— to celebrate our love for Freedom and to have fun.

The 2025 FOHW celebration provided ample opportunities spread out over 10 days for Freedom residents to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new ones. One of the largest crowds ever attended the kickoff event, the always popular lawn party, hosted by the Freedom Art Gallery, and helped honor the 2025 Grand Marshal, Doris Sirois. In addition to longtime favorites like the parade and ice cream social, the OHW committee added several new events in 2025, including a horse drawn wagon ride through the town forest, and a LEGO building contest hosted by C3Brix. And for the first time in many years, the young and the young at heart spent a full day on the FES baseball field to determine who would win bragging rights and be crowned the Softball tournament champion. In a sign of the growing popularity of OHW, we had to close registration early for several events that sold out.

Thanks again to the generosity of our sponsors, particularly our Signature sponsors, GW Brooks & Sons Inc, and Camp Robin Hood, many of the OHW events were free, providing everyone an opportunity to participate. The sense of community established during OHW is further exemplified by the number of events and fundraisers held during the week by other Community organizations including the Freedom Public Library and Friends of the Library, the Historical Society and Heritage Commission, the First Christian Church and the Ladies Guild, the Community Club, the Masons, the FES PTO, the Fire Department, and the Recreation Department. All together there were 35 events on the calendar during OHW in 2025, led and organized by dozens of committed volunteers who donated thousands of hours planning and running the events.

Planning is already underway for the 2026 FOHW, which will be held on July 24-Aug 2. Ducky Day will be on June 20th. The OHW committee meets the first Saturday of every month (except January and July) at 9 am at the Town Hall and welcomes new members at any point during the year. For more information on FOHW and the 2026 schedule, check out our website, freedomoldhomeweek.com or our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Freedom Old Home Week Committee,

Bill Carney
FOHW Chairperson

**Ossipee Lake Dam Authority
P.O. Box 359
Freedom, NH 03836**

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority's Report for 2025

The following is a report of the 2025 expenses for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority for the year, October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, and the payments due from the towns of Freedom and Ossipee to balance the Dam Authority Account for 2025-2026. Figures for the split between the two towns of Freedom and Ossipee are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A in 2024.

Sum Required by DES to fund the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority Account: \$30,000.

Total Amount due is based on the commitment to keep \$30,000 in the Ossipee Lake Dam
The balance in the current account for 2025-2026 is \$1385. To bring the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority Account balance to \$30,000, the charge to the towns is \$28,615 for the current year of October 1, 2025- September 30, 2026. The breakdown between the towns is the following:

Payment due from the Town of Ossipee (58% equalization): \$16,598.

Payment due from the Town of Freedom: (42% equalization): \$12,018

Actual Ossipee Lake Dam Authority Expenses for the year, 2024-2025 were \$19,341.55. This is a 12% increase over last year, the 2023-2024.

List of expenses for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority from October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025:

Eversource Electricity. \$256.46
Post Office Box \$36.00
Bank Checks \$23
Consolidated Communications \$1076.09
Plowing: \$1320
John Picard (Payment for services) \$5,000.00
D.E.S. Bear Camp Gage \$11,630
Total Expenses for 2025: \$19,341.55

Submitted by
Roberta MacCarthy, Secretary/Treasurer Ossipee Lake Dam Authority
October 28, 2025

Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council
Annual Report 2025
Town of Freedom, NH

The mission of the Economic Council has a 35-year history of fostering business development in the area while preserving the region's natural beauty. That effort continues while the Council experiences evolving challenges with property development, mixed-use disciplines and shared facilities.

One of the major developments that gets completed in the Spring is the continuation of the road loop, named Technology Lane, that will bring property access even closer to the Avesta Housing Project. Most importantly, this nearly \$1 million project will open the potential development of several new parcels of land for business creation or expansion. All of this can aid the reduction of debt that is inherent in the Council's valuable properties.

The ongoing commitment of the Council's Revolving Loan Fund for community investment has some \$456,000 of loans at work in the valley supporting existing business. The Council's reach includes the towns of Conway, Jackson, Bartlett, Chatham, Tamworth, Madison, Ossipee, Freedom and both Fryeburg and Brownfield ME. A couple of business failures impacted the fund this year, but there are still funds available that exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

The Council remains active in the counseling and support of new business ventures or expansions that enrich the opportunities for employment in the valley. This emphasis has always been beyond the traditional scope of the mainstay retail and/or recreation businesses in the valley so as to diversify our local economy. The recent recipients of the Bob Morrell and John Bruni Awards are great examples of the commitment, leadership and opportunity that the Council attempts to foster.

Completions, challenges and change are ahead for the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council as indicated above with the ongoing effort to enhance the quality of life in this area.

Respectfully submitted,

Jac Cuddy
Executive Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father/Partner</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
08/01/2025	Steadman, William Christopher	Steadman, Mark Christopher	Steadman, Alina	Nashua, NH
09/28/2025	Costable, Thoren Michael	Costable, Jr, Michael	Sjolander, Teala Joy	N. Conway, NH

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
01-05-25	Freedom	Deyoe, June Beverly	White, Walter	Pratt, Lucy
01-31-25	No Conway	Saucier, Charles Jesse	Saucier, John	Lambert, Ruth
02-25-25	Freedom	Watson, Jacquelin Ruth	Roy, Wilfred	Dick, Ruth
03-13-25	Freedom	Kershaw, Nancy Sue	Plummer, Edgar	Johnston, Charlotte
03-24-25	Freedom	Johns, Marlene Jewell	Jewell, Lawrence	Rice, Mildred
04-19-25	Freedom	Steeves, Ernestine Dorothy	Murphy, Ernest	Driscoll, Dorothy
04-23-25	No Conway	Miskelly, Donald Bain	Miskelly, Raymond	Bain, Jessie
07-12-25	Wolfeboro	Carlson, David Charles	Carlson, Carl	Clark, Edith
08-18-25	Freedom	Rivera, Robert Richard	Rivera, Joseph	D'aroujo, Custodia
10-06-25	Freedom	Pydynkowski, Elise Lavoie	Lavoie, Gerard	Cody, Jean
10-10-25	Portsmouth	Brooks, Dorothy Lois	Osgood, Leroy	Richardson, Ida
10-25-25	Freedom	Elliot Jr, William Henry	Elliot, William	Smith, Thelma
10-28-25	Freedom	Johnson, Raymond Alfred	Johnson, Alfred	Dewitt, Evelyn
12-08-25	Freedom	Dennison, Jr, Richard Wesley	Dennison Sr, Richard	Unknown, Miriam
12-18-25	Freedom	Hand, Brian Mark	Hand, Walter	Donovan, Ann

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name and Surname of Person A and Person B</u>	<u>Residence at time of Marriage</u>
07-05-2025	Eastman, Elizabeth Rose Robacher, Alex Jeffrey	Freedom Rollinsford
09-27-2025	Jones, Abigail Jean Perry Boyd, Garrett Robert	Freedom Silver Lake
10-07-2025	Robinson Benjamin Michael Albert, Charlotte Angel	Freedom Madison
10-24-2025	Dubois, Dylan James Stinchfield, Ariana Paige	Freedom Freedom

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

Town Buildings Report 2025

Thank You for your continued support and stewardship to our Town Buildings. Freedom is often defined as a community of “neighbor helping neighbor.” Just as this is true, we are also recognized and validated by our Town Buildings. This year we are being asked to make some much needed and important repairs to: Town Hall, Town Office and the Masonic Temple.

I hope you will support these Articles as presented. They are addressing present needs and repairs to the buildings. These buildings are some of our most important Town Buildings, in terms of use and Town History. Your support is much Appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark McKinley
Facilities Custodian

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER
APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Full Time Resident: Yes/No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes/No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you ever served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee?

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with: _____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute?

The completed form will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and the appropriate department(s).
The filing of this form does not assure appointment. Citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a
particular capacity will be considered for all vacancies.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

NOTES

SELECTMEN

Leslie Babb, Chairman
Alan G. Fall
Gary Williams

Hours:

Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE

Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK

A. Elizabeth Priebe
Kali Eldridge, Deputy

Office Hours:

Monday 11am to 5pm
Tuesday 11am to 5pm
Wednesday 9am to 5pm
Thursday 11am to 5pm
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR

Susan Miller-Goodnow
Samantha Porter, Deputy

Office Hours:

Monday 11am - 1pm
Wednesday 11am - 1pm
Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING-BUILDING-CODE OFFICER

Bryan Fontaine

Office Hours:

By Appt.
Cell 986-0486

**TRANSFER/RECYCLING
FACILITY****Year-Round Hours:**

Monday 8 am to 4 pm
Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 8 am to 4 pm
Telephone: 539-5364

*Meeting times and office hours
are subject to change.*

TOWN OFFICE**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day: Mon 5/25/2026
July 4: Mon 7/6/2026 (Observed)
Labor Day: Mon 9/7/2026
Columbus Day: Mon 10/12/2026
Veterans Day: Wed 11/11/2026
Thanksgiving Day: Thurs 11/26/2026
Christmas: Friday 12/25/2026
New Years: Fri 1/1/2027
Civil Rights Day: Mon 1/18/2027
Presidents Day: Mon 2/15/2027

TAX COLLECTOR**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day: Mon 5/25/2026
July 4: Mon 7/6/2026 (Observed)
Labor Day: Mon 9/7/2026
Columbus Day: Mon 10/12/2026
Veterans Day: Wed 11/11/2026
Thanksgiving Day: Thurs 11/26/2026
Christmas: Friday 12/25/2026
New Years: Fri 1/1/2027
Civil Rights Day: Mon 1/18/2027
Presidents Day: Mon 2/15/2027

TOWN CLERK**HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY
CLOSINGS**

Town Meeting & Elections: Tues 3/10/2026
Memorial Day: Mon 5/25/2026
July 4: Mon 7/6/2026 (Observed)
Labor Day: Mon 9/7/2026
Columbus Day: Mon 10/12/2026
Veterans Day: Wed 11/11/2026
Thanksgiving Day: Thurs 11/26/2026
Christmas: Friday 12/25/2026
New Years: Fri 1/1/2027
Civil Rights Day: Mon 1/18/2027
Presidents Day: Mon 2/15/2027
Town Meeting & Elections: Tues 3/9/2027

TRANSFER STATION**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Easter: Sun 4/5/2026
Christmas: Friday 12/25/2026
New Years: Fri 1/1/2027

