



Circa 1910



Circa 1925



Circa 1915

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Circa 1933

Freedom Village from
Towle Ledge Circa
1900



Circa 1965

George Allard Raising Flag



Circa 1939



Circa 1975



Circa 2015

TOWN OF FREEDOM



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Freedom Village throughout the years. Photos provided by the Historical Society.

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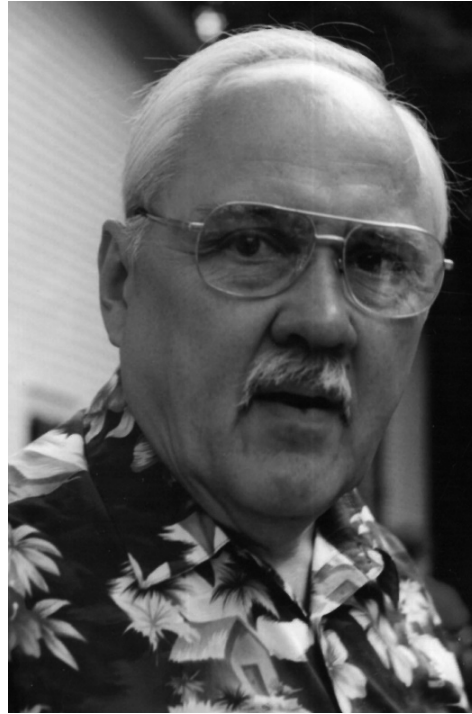
Town of
Freedom, New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023
Vital Statistics for 2023

IN MEMORY

Charles Bojus Jr.

January 2, 1944 – October 7, 2023



Charles Bojus Jr., was a well-known and well-loved member of the Freedom, N.H. community. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1944, he later moved to Connecticut, where he met his love Patricia Huntley. They moved to Freedom where they married and built their home together. He was a proud step-father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Charlie was a master mechanic in Connecticut for 25 years. He opened Charlie's Shop and loved working on all makes and models. He could fix anything from cars and trucks to snow blowers and lawn mowers. He loved his home, woodworking, canoeing, and his animals. The community was grateful for his service as chairman of the trustee committee for the First Christian Church in Freedom as well as the custodian for the Town of Freedom. His friendly face was a staple at many elections throughout his years here. Charlie will be greatly missed.

DEDICATION

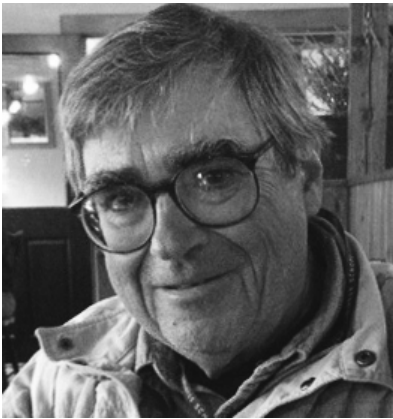
This year's annual report is dedicated to Annette Babb and Scott Cunningham for their years of hard work and dedication to the Town of Freedom.



Anne came to Freedom in 1968, the year the Freedom Hardware store was built. She was grateful to raise her family here. Anne was a paralegal for her entire working career, she committed to driving to Portland every day to work after closing the hardware store.

Anne's quirky sense of humor is always sure to make everyone laugh. She is a die-hard Patriots fan even when they are terrible! Don't be surprised by her telling you exactly how she feels about their performance. When asked about her beautiful sweaters she would comment "Oh yes I knit...a little."

For the last 15 years Anne was dedicated to the Town of Freedom as the Tax Collector, retiring in 2023. That fall, Anne took the trip of a lifetime with her family to Scotland. There were many laughs shared and memories made. She continues to love on her grandchildren and great grandbabies which leave nothing but a huge smile on her face. We thank Anne for her love and dedication to the Freedom Community over the years.



Freedom has always been a part of Scott's life. His grandfather, William Cunningham, bought land on Watson Hill in 1917. Scott visited the beloved family Barn on Watson Hill before he was three months old. Scott spent summers in Freedom on Watson Hill and later on Berry Bay. Wherever Scott lived or traveled, he has always called Freedom his spiritual home.

Scott followed in his family's tradition when he and his wife Anne moved to Freedom full-time in January 2001. Scott was still working and spent much of his time traveling away from Freedom. But even then, he began to connect to day-to-day life in Freedom.

Following in his mother's footsteps (a founder of the friends of the library), Scott moved books for the Friends of the Library book sales. A great lover of books, he was also a prolific buyer at the sales.

Scott became involved with the Freedom Historical Society and has served on the board for fourteen years, more years than any current board member. Given Scott and his family's long-time involvement in Freedom, he has acted as both sage and guide. The Board turns to Scott frequently for his perspective and ideas. Important items and stories in the Historical Society reflect his family's presence in town. In 1965, Scott's mother was also one of the founders of the Freedom Historical Society. Scott has participated in Historical Society activities large and small—helping to sort and organize historical items to helping form the strategic plan that still guides the Society today. His most recent project has been working to restore the snow roller that the Society acquired—with the goal of moving the restored snow roller into Freedom's historical snow roller shed. Once complete, this display (shed and roller) will be the only one in the whole State of New Hampshire--It will be one-of-a-kind, just like Scott.

From 2010 to 2013, Scott served on the board of selectman. During his tenure, the board benefited from his experience as a consultant who could identify, define, and propose solutions to programs. Scott enjoyed working to find ways to improve the town's services while keeping taxes low, including funding and constructing the Public Safety building.

Scott also serves as the Freedom representative on the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council. He thoroughly enjoys this role because it gives him an opportunity to help small businesses succeed, as well as define and address broader challenges faced by all participants in the local economy.

Scott has contributed to the community in other ways. He is always ready to pitch in to support a project or a party in this special community that he calls home. Throughout the spring, summer, and fall, he contributes to the economy by patronizing local yard sales. And what would the Freedom Old Home Week be without Scott's beloved Woodie?

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TOWN OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Selectmen (3-Year Term)

Leslie R. Babb (C)2026
Ernest F. Day, Jr.2025
Melissa M. Florio.....2024

Town Administrator
Stacy Bolduc

Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Pettengill

Bookkeeper
John Roman

Road Agent (3-Year Term)
Scott Brooks2025

Police Chief
Jamie Mullen

Fire Chief
Rob Cunio
Eric Seamans, Deputy Fire Chief

Forest Fire Warden
Rob Cunio

Town Buildings Custodian
Mark McKinley

Transfer Station Manager
Vacant

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector
Gary Williams

Senior Resource Coordinator
Renee Wheaton

Emergency Management Director
Jim Stone2024, *Resigned*

Safety Officer
Doug Welch
Vacant

Animal Control
Jamie Mullen

Health Officer

Frank Evitts 2025, *Resigned*
Leslie Babb, Deputy Health Officer

Welfare Officer

Tracy Hayes

Moderator (2-Year Term)

Donald G. Johnson..... 2024

Town Clerk (3-Year Term)

A. Elizabeth Priebe..... 2025
Kali Eldridge, Deputy Town Clerk

Treasurer (3-Year Term)

M. Jayne Britton..... 2025
Joyce Watson, Deputy Treasurer

Tax Collector

Samantha Porter

Supervisors of the Checklist (6-Year Term)

Maureen Brooks..... 2028
Patricia McCoy..... 2026
Carol Stansell 2024

Cemetery Trustees (3-Year Term)

Alan Fall (C)..... 2026
Joyce Watson 2025
Frederick Watson..... 2024

Trustees of Trust Funds (3-Year Term)

Patricia McCoy (C)..... 2024
Anne Cunningham..... 2025
Paul Olzerowicz 2026

Library Trustees (3-Year Term)

Paul Mathieu (C)..... 2026
Robin Waters 2026
Maureen Elliott 2024
Ann Pierce..... 2024
Luane Genest..... 2025

(C) - Chair

TOWN OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Planning Board (3-Year Term)

Anne Cunningham (C) 2025
Linda Mailhot.....2024
Melanie Glavin...2026, *Resigned*
Bobbi McCracken..... 2026
Carol McIntire.....2024
Brian Taylor2025
Jeffrey Nicoll, Alt2024
Chuck Brooks, Alt.....2024
Jane Davidson, Alt2024
Melissa Florio, Selectmen's Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-Year Term)

Scott Lees (C)2026
Craig Niiler.....2024
Peter Keenan2025
Karl Ogren.....2025
Denny Anderson2024
Jacob Stephan, Alt.....2025
Pamela Keith, Alt2025
Daniel Footit, Alt2024
Timothy Cupka, Alt2024

Conservation Commission (3-Year Term)

Jeff Nicoll (C)2024
Linda Mailhot.....2025
Alice Custard ...2023, *Resigned*
Michelle Keenan2025
Robert Oram2025
Paul Elie.....2024
Susan Hoople, Alt.2023
Vacant, Alt.....2024

Town Forest Advisory Committee

(3-Year Term)

Janet Johnson (C)..2025, *Resigned*
Janet Meyers.....2024, *Resigned*
Sean Coriaty2023
Yvonne Hoyt.....2026
Ron Newbury, Alt2025
John Roman Alt.2025
Vacant, Alt.....2023
Les Babb, Selectmen's Rep.
Vacant, Planning Board Rep.
Vacant, Conservation Comm. Rep.

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (3-Year Term)

Ned Kucera (C) 2026
Michel Cloutier..... 2026
Bruce Howlett 2024
Gerard Costantino..... 2025
Vacant..... 2025

Heritage Commission (3-Year Term)

Alan Fall (C)..... 2024
Brandon Buttrick..... 2025
Karrie Buttrick 2024
Susan Hoople..... 2024
Scott Cunningham..... 2025
Mark McKinley 2025
Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen's Rep.

Advisory Committee on Aging

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

Town Office Advisory Committee

Anne Cunningham (C)
Mark McKinley
Dennis Anderson
Karrie Buttrick
Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen's Rep.

Carroll County Broadband Communications

District Planning Committee

Melissa Florio
Linda Mailhot

Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC)

Mark McConkey 6/1/2025
Jean Marshall...6/1/2025, *Resigned*

LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee

Scott Brooks 7/1/2025

(C) - Chair

TOWN OF FREEDOM, N.H.
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
(Abridged)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The election and town meeting were held this year on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Town Hall, located at 16 Elm Street, in the Village.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, opened the polls in the downstairs of the Town Hall at 9:00 a.m., then went upstairs to commence Town Meeting at approximately 9:08 am.

Mr. Johnson welcomed everyone in attendance, introduced himself, then the officials sitting at the table on the stage: Selectmen: Melissa Florio, Les Babb and Ernie Day, Town Administrator, Ellen White, and Town Clerk, Libby Priebe. Mr. Johnson noted that the town's attorney, Diane Garrow, would be available, if needed for the meeting by telephone, due to the storm. Mr. Johnson also noted that Moderator's assistant, Chuck Brooks and election helper, Samantha Porter were present to assist if needed. Mr. Johnson noted that the Supervisors of the Checklist, Maureen Brooks and Patricia McCoy, were seated at the back of the room and had been checking people in and providing voting cards to be used.

[Additional election workers managed the polls downstairs during Town Meeting, including: Mike Gaudette, Moderator's Assistant, Rochelle Brooks and Beth Earle, Ballot Clerks, Carol Stansell, Supervisor of the Checklist with Cheryl Harris assisting, and Tammy Nason sitting in for the Town Clerk, and Don Harris as a greeter.]

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Rules of Procedure, as set forth on Page 25 of this year's Town Report.

Jerry Brown questioned why this meeting was taking place on a Tuesday? Mr. Johnson addressed the question, suggesting that this was an item that should be brought up under the 'any other business' article as shown on the Warrant later in the meeting.

Mr. Johnson – also the Freedom School District Moderator – advised the meeting that the School District Annual Meeting held the night before had approved a total budget of \$3,880,877.38.

Mr. Johnson brought it to the meeting's attention that this year's Town Report has been dedicated to all the elected officials and volunteers serving on various boards and committees for the Town of Freedom. He asked that the minutes show support by a round of applause.

Mr. Johnson also directed the meeting to the Town Report 'In Memory' section, remembering four people who had passed away this year who had made contributions to the Town of Freedom: William A. Stoops, Lee R. Fritz, Jim Breslin and Neal Boyle. Mr. Johnson called for a moment of silence.

Mr. Johnson then led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Johnson then commenced with the reading of the 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 2023 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held in two separate sessions. The first session will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 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.

The second session of Town Meeting will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 beginning at 9 a.m., at which all other warrant articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

For the purposes of these minutes, the Election Results are included herein.

There were approximately 100 people in attendance for Town Meeting, with voting cards supplied to 73 people. The polls were opened at 9 am in the downstairs of the town hall and remained open until 7:00 pm. At the polls downstairs, 183 votes were cast during the day, with three new voters registering to vote in Freedom for the first time. [It was a stormy day with heavy snow and winds predicted, but although steady throughout the day, the snow stayed light and didn't start to build up until later in the day. Voting and town meeting took place as scheduled. Due to the storm conditions later in the day and early evening, the counting of the cast ballots took place the next day, Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.]

Article 1 (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

[For the purposes of these minutes, a person must have received 5 or more write in votes to be included in these minutes or have been declared the winner with less than 5.]

TOWN OFFICIALS

Selectman, Three (3) Year Term:	Leslie R. Babb	164 votes
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Leslie R. Babb declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three (3) Year Term:

Paul J. Olzerowicz	155 votes
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Paul J. Olzerowicz declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee, Three (3) Year Term: Alan G. Fall	152 votes
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Alan G. Fall declared the winner.

Library Trustee, Three (3) Year Term – VOTE FOR TWO:

Robin Waters	163 votes
Paul Mathieu	158 votes

Robin Waters and Paul Mathieu were declared the winners.

Planning Board Members, Three (3) Year Term – VOTE FOR TWO:

Barbara A. McCracken	124 votes
Paul J. Olzerowicz	84 votes
Robert P. Rafferty	31 votes
Melanie Glavin	92 votes

Barbara A. McCracken and Melanie Glavin were declared the winners.

Planning Board Member, One (1) Year Term: Linda L. Mailhot 150 votes

Linda L. Mailhot declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

School District Moderator, One (1) Year Term: Donald G. Johnson 173 votes

Donald G. Johnson declared the winner.

School Board Member, Three (3) Year Term – VOTE FOR TWO:

Foster Maxwell	153 votes
Gail Bizer	161 votes

Foster Maxwell and Gail Bizer were declared the winners.

School Auditor, One (1) Year Term: Scott Cunningham – write in 5 votes

Scott Cunningham declared the winner.

School Clerk, One (1) Year Term: Kim Reis – write in 14 votes

Kim 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 amend Section 1102 Elderly Housing to harmonize with Section 1105 Workforce Housing to comply with RSA 674:17 IV which mandates that effective July 2023, Workforce Housing will be subject to the same rules as Elderly Housing? Currently Section 1102 is more permissive than Section 1105. The proposed amendment also changes the name of "Elderly Housing" to "Independent Living Elderly/Senior Housing" in Section 1102 and throughout

the Zoning Ordinance and eliminates assisted living and/or extended care facilities from Section 1102.

138 YES 15 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 amend Section 304.5 and Section 702 to allow "shoreland or wetland projects eligible for a permit by notification or expedited minimum impact permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services" as a permitted use? This means that the code enforcement officer can issue zoning permits for these projects after review of materials submitted to DES for the permit. Language to include wetlands permits will also be included in Article 7.

133 YES 21 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 specifications for the tree cutting plans in Section 703.5 for tree cutting in the shorefront from 75 feet to 300 feet from the reference line?

108 YES 46 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 amend Section 406 to mirror the state's requirement of a septic tank or leach field setback to poorly drained soils? Setbacks from poorly drained soils and septic systems in the shorefront district do not change.

136 YES 15 NO

ARTICLE 5 carries.

Article 6 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board to amend town septic system approval process (Section 2402.3 Septic System Plan Requirements) to reflect changes made to Wetlands Section 406 Septic Tank and Leach Field Setback approved in 2022?

132 YES 21 NO

ARTICLE 6 carries.

Article 7 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board to clarify

terms in Sections 1503 and 1507 for short-term rentals, specifically that any owner can rent the primary dwelling on the lot and add language to the ordinance to prohibit special events at STRs?

127 YES 49 NO

ARTICLE 7 carries.

[NOTE: during the meeting, after this Article had been read, there was a discussion on the floor regarding permitting and it was noted, for clarification, that this article pertains to STR properties only.]

Article 8 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board to clarify the definition of dwelling unit in Article 23 Definitions to specify that the term "rental" refers to long-term rentals?

131 YES 46 NO

ARTICLE 8 carries.

Article 9 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board to add a definition of special events to Article 23 Definitions?

129 YES 39 NO

ARTICLE 9 carries.

Article 10 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the planning board to amend Section 1107.2 to allow single story manufactured homes on a floating/monolithic slab or on a four-foot frost wall?

133 YES 33 NO

ARTICLE 10 carries.

Article 11 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 6-1-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the planning board to amend Section 805 to specify conditions for driveways and driveway permits?

119 YES 48 NO

ARTICLE 11 carries.

[Note: discussion on the floor during the meeting regarding why circular driveways are not allowed: they interfere with the plow routes, sight lines, road edges, creates more time and expense to maintain.]

Article 12 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the planning board to add Article 20 to regulate food trucks?

121 YES 48 NO

ARTICLE 12 carries.

[Note: discussion on the floor during the meeting regarding definitions, life safety issues vs land use, private home vs private events held at a commercial venue.]

Article 13:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,180,567 (Three million one hundred eighty thousand five hundred sixty-seven 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.

The Moderator read through the Article in sections for discussion purposes.

	FY 2022 Appropriations	FY2022 Expenditures	FY2023 Appropriations
General Government			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, and Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 66,480	\$ 66,054	\$ 62,310
Selectmen's Fees	200	-	200
Town Clerk Costs	5,600	4,829	5,600
Deputy Town Clerk	18,018	545	18,018
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,000	18,821	26,500
Deputy Tax Collector	6,000	3,028	6,000
Salaries - Full-Time	120,000	120,370	127,000
Salaries - Part-Time	15,000	16,117	16,000
Retirement	3,600	4,545	7,500
Health/Dental Insurance	40,435	40,733	42,000
Life/Disability Insurance	1,300	1,237	1,300
Total Wages, Fees, and Benefits	296,633	276,278	312,428
Town Office Expense	63,000	64,005	66,556
Total Town Office	359,633	340,283	378,984
Assessing	32,784	32,784	33,768
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	17,150	15,990	8,450
Legal Expenses	30,000	22,348	30,000
Payroll Taxes	57,500	61,488	65,500
Planning and Zoning Boards,			
Wages - Part-Time	1,950	1,154	1,950
Expenses	6,600	6,584	6,600
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	8,550	7,738	8,550
Public Buildings:			

Wages - Part-Time	10,300	8,709	10,300
Expenses	61,075	53,332	64,125
Total Public Buildings	71,375	62,041	74,425
Cemeteries	7,725	6,020	8,725
Insurance	53,325	49,942	58,612
Lakes Region Planning Commission	2,506	2,506	2,843
Total General Government	640,548	601,140	669,857
Public Safety			
Police Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	221,360	192,373	236,500
Salaries - Part-Time	42,000	41,774	42,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	10,025	9,365	10,025
Retirement	76,98.5	62,880	79,957
Health/Dental Insurance	40,430	37,886	43,295
Life/Disability Insurance	1,770	1,437	2,218
Total Wages and Benefits	392,570	345,715	413,995
Expenses	35,900	34,293	37,900
Total Police Department	428,470	380,007	451,895

	FY 2022 Appropriations	FY2022 Expenditures	FY 2023 Appropriations
Fire Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries, Full-Time Chief	70,200	72,066	75,000
Salaries, Part-Time Station Duty	3,000	1,575	3,600
Stipends for Responses	35,000	35,000	35,000
Retirement	2,106	2,218	3,375
Health/Dental Insurance	3,600	3,900	3,600
Life/Disability Insurance	900	889	890
Expenses	77,650	76,559	80,350
Total Fire Department	192,456	192,207	201,815
Ambulance	104,759	104,759	105,450
Building Inspector	16,163	6,268	-
Zoning Officer	20,500	31,738	36,663
Forest Fire Protection	3,000	4,323	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500	-	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,487	6,847	6,969
Water Precinct	400	400	400
Total Public Safety	772,735	726,549	806,692
Highway Department			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	214,081	188,899	228,681
Salaries - Part-Time	25,800	38,960	44,900
Salaries - Overtime	58,924	41,372	17,821
Retirement	6,800	4,675	10,000
Health/Dental Insurance	84,500	80,062	76,610
Life/Disability Insurance	4,500	4,675	5,200
Total Wages and Benefits	394,605	358,643	383,212
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	162,372	215,451	206,170
Contract Services	28,038	30,449	28,038
Operating Expenses	355,091	288,630	430,893
Total Expenses	545,501	534,529	665,101
Total Highway Department	940,106	893,172	1,048,313
Street Lighting	5,000	3,590	5,000
Total Highways and Streets	945,106	896,762	1,053,313
Sanitation			
Transfer Station:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	50,200	54,774	98,000
Salaries - Part-Time	40,000	45,213	5,000
Retirement	1,506	1,535	7,759
Health/Dental Insurance	19,682	22,146	32,845
Life/Disability Insurance	1,380	1,407	1,800
Total Wages and Benefits	112,768	125,076	145,404
Expenses:			
Engineering	8,000	6,750	8,000
Transport Materials	185,000	145,066	185,000
Operating Expenses	24,181	17,871	24,296
Total Expenses	217,181	169,687	217,296
Total Sanitation	329,949	294,763	362,700

	FY 2022 Appropriations	FY 2022 Expenditures	FY 2023 Appropriations
Health			
Salary and Expenses	500	392	500
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Tri-County Community Action Program	3,550	3,550	3,800
White Mountain Community Health Center	2,040	2,040	2,030
Central NH VNA	2,500	2,500	2,500
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	1,300
Starting Point	2,965	2,965	4,146
CASA	500	500	500
Ossipee Children's Fund	500	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	372	500	500
Total Health	17,660	17,680	19,209
Welfare			
Salary - Welfare Officer	2,000	-	2,000
Salary - Senior Resource Coordinator	11,150	8,684	11,150
Town Needy	34,100	25,406	10,600
Total Welfare	47,250	34,090	23,750
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	12,900	9,180	14,000
Patriotic Purposes	1,400	1,300	1,400
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Heritage Commission	850	11	850
Total Culture and Recreation	17,150	12,491	18,250
Conservation			
Conservation Commission	2,600	1,642	2,250
Water Quality Testing	4,500	4,650	5,625
Milfoil Remediation	-	-	-
Aquatic Invasive Species	750	388	750
Total Conservation	7,850	6,679	8,625
Debt Services			
Bond Principal - Road	125,000	125,000	125,000
Lease Principal- Pump Truck	68,677	68,677	-
Lease Principal- Rescue	-	-	64,830
Bond Interest - Road	28,875	28,875	22,600
Lease Interest - Pump Truck	1,863	1,863	-
Lease Interest - Rescue	-	-	5,741
Other Interest	-	342	0.00
Total Debt Service	224,415	224,757	218,171
TOTAL ARTICLE 13	\$ 3,002,663	\$ 2,814,911	\$ 3,180,567

Les Babb explained that the Selectmen work to keep the taxes low and have worked well with the school in anticipating the needs. Freedom's tax rate is one of the lowest in the state. The Selectmen worked with all of the department heads to hold a hard line on budget needs. For the Road Agent, all of the items required for the job were drastically affected.

General Government - \$669,857.

Jane Davidson asked about the Deputy Town Clerk line item - \$18,018 appropriated for 2022, but only \$545 expended - but \$18,018 appropriated for 2023? It was explained that the position had been open for 2022 but expected to be filled in 2023. Jane also inquired about the tax collector amounts and it was explained that the position is no longer elected - it is now appointed; and the variations in the amounts requested for elections. The Moderator spoke to the elections question, noting that the amounts are based on the number of elections per year. It is expected that we only have one election in 2023.

Public Safety - \$806,692. No discussion.

Highway Department - \$1,053,313. Discussion regarding the amounts for salaries and overtime - trying to keep employees.

Sanitation - \$362,700. James Guido questioned the income amount. Mr. Babb explained it was shown on Page 43. Mr. Babb also noted that every car coming into the dump must have a dump permit. Jane Davidson asked why the salary amounts had doubled. Mr. Babb explained it was to reduce part time help and add another full time.

Discussion.

Health - \$19,209. No discussion.

Welfare - \$ 23,750. No discussion.

Culture and Recreation - \$18,250. No discussion.

Conservation - \$8,625. No discussion.

Debt Services - \$218,171. No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13 - \$3,180,567: 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 \$120,000 (One hundred twenty thousand dollars) for the annual appropriation for the library. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Chuck Brooks

Mr. Babb explained that the Library had come forward to the town for this amount. No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14 - \$120,00.00: 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 \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) to be added to the Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Anne Cunningham.

Mr. Babb explained that this money is for ongoing projects and will be added to the amount

of \$17,085 currently in this existing capital reserve fund.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15 - \$15,000: 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 \$145,704 (One hundred forty-five thousand seven hundred four dollars) to repave town roads. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Anne Cunningham

Selectman Day explained that this money would be used to complete the Swett Hill Road project.

Kate Chaput asked how decisions are made as to what roads are worked on – and noted that in Lake Ossipee Village, there is a section that is in very bad shape.

Question turned over to the Road Agent, Scott Brooks, Sr. – who asked if they were talking about the East Danforth Road. It is on the schedule to be re-built, but due to Covid, two years were lost, and they are now playing catch up.

Paul Olzerowicz asked if a project not done but the money appropriated, what happens? It was explained by the Selectmen that the money is encumbered and put back into the general fund.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16 - \$145,704: YES, Article 16 carries.

Article 17: (Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 (Sixty-two thousand dollars) to sealcoat town roads. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Mr. Day explained that this is for annual maintenance, to include Scarboro Road, Watson and Youngs Hill Roads.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17 - \$62,000: 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 \$29,200 (Twenty-nine thousand two hundred dollars) to crack seal town roads. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Mr. Day explained that this is for annual maintenance, to include Bennett Road, Pequawket Trail

and the Public Safety Building.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18 - \$29,200: 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 \$139,723 (One hundred thirty-nine thousand seven hundred twenty-three dollars) for the purpose of installing a new culvert on Watson Hill Road. The sum of \$104,533 to come from unreserved fund balance (monies received in 2022 from Senate Bill 401 to be used for municipal roads and bridges). The balance of \$35,190 to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Mr. Day explained that the majority of the money for this project came from a grant from the State.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19 - \$139,723: 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 \$80,000 (Eighty thousand dollars) for improvements to the traffic pattern of the Transfer Station including but not limited to tree cutting, creating a new entrance/exit, and adding an attendant's hut. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Maureen Elliott

Selectwoman Florio explained that this project was started about 16 months ago and they have been assessing the plans with Scott Brooks and Justin Brooks. The changes are needed to address safety and environmental issues. The plan should begin to roll out in May. The highway department will be able to do part of it and some of it will be put out to bid.

James Guido stated that he felt everything worked fine as it is and this is a waste of money.

Selectman Babb stated that this had been being discussed for 15 to 18 years. There are very poor sight lines. The biggest goal is to move the entrance and to be able to control what's coming in better and to be able to avoid hazardous waste coming in. There will be paving to reduce the runoff. The traffic pattern will be changed. Four-hundred-foot sight lines are required.

Robert Raffety asked for information regarding any accidents that had occurred – and wondered why anything should be changed if it is working.

Ms. Florio noted that it was eye opening having had the opportunity to work at the facility and there had been multiple accidents. This will allow the Town to be in compliance and allow better monitoring, such as keeping live ashes from being thrown in the brush pile and to keep all the cars off the road.

Mr. Babb noted that because of contamination, the Town hadn't been able to burn the brush pile and noted that cars have rolled back and hit the compactor. These are the kinds of things that the town needs to prevent.

Jane Davidson spoke in favor of this article – noting it is like bumper cars some days there.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20 - \$80,000: 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 \$40,000 (Forty thousand dollars) for dredging and dry hydrant installation at the fire pond on Watson Hill Road. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Rob Cunio

Selectwoman Florio spoke to the article noting that it is necessary to dredge the hydrant as it is not currently functional. Fire Chief Cunio also spoke to the article noting that it is part of the hazard mitigation plan. There needs to be a water source in that area.

Nadine Chapman asked how many dry hydrants there are in Freedom and what determines placement?

Chief Cunio noted that there are multiple dry hydrants and the locations are determined by availability and in certain locations they are looking to add more.

Paul Olzerowicz asked if \$40,000 was enough and did they get bids? Chief Cunio said yes – and they had reached out for numbers.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21 - \$40,000: 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 \$45,000 (Forty-five thousand dollars) to purchase and equip a new SUV for the Fire Department. Said vehicle to be purchased through State Bid process. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio.

SECONDED: Rob Cunio

Selectwoman Florio spoke to the Article, noting that the Town has had a program in place for buying vehicles and passing them down through the departments. Chief Cunio's vehicle is a 2013 Tahoe, and he needs something newer – and reliable – for responding to all the calls. The 2013 Tahoe will go to the Zoning/Building Department. It is important that residents are able to easily recognize the Town's logo on the vehicle for ID purposes. The officer has been using his own vehicle and is being reimbursed for mileage but wear and tear is not covered.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 22 - \$45,000: 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 \$2,500 (Two thousand five hundred dollars) to fund the NH Lake Host Program. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Maureen Brooks

Selectwoman Florio spoke to the Article, noting that the lakes are very important, and this program helps to educate the public regarding milfoil and the inspections prevent the spread.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 23 - \$2,500: 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 \$26,725 (Twenty-six thousand seven hundred twenty-five dollars) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds, and other lakes and streams as needed. The sum of \$19,650 to come from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant. The balance of \$ 7,075 to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Maureen Brooks

Selectman Babb noted that this money is for the ongoing fight against milfoil, noting that the State has stepped up with matching funds. Not all of the money was spent last year. \$12,575 was encumbered.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 24 - \$26,725: 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 \$4,000 (Four 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. Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Jeff Nicoll asked for a correction, noting that somehow the amounts requested had been switched in this Article 25 and in the next Article 26.

Jeff Nicoll made a MOTION TO AMEND Article 25 to raise the amount requested to \$6,700.00: the article would now read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700 (Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forest activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

MOTION TO AMEND SECONDED by Anne Cunningham.

Mr. Nicoll explained that the numbers were just placed in the wrong order.

No further discussion.

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

Discussion on Article 25 as amended.

Bob Rafferty asked if this contract was put out to bid?

Mr. Nicoll said yes – and that they have a current ongoing contract in place.

Selectman Babb said that they have looked in to putting this out to bid – and there is a cost for somebody new to get up to speed.

Mr. Rafferty stated that it should be put out to bid.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 25 as amended to \$6,700:

YES, Article 25 as amended carries.

Article 26:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700 (Six thousand seven hundred dollars) for 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. Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll.

Jeff Nicoll made a MOTION TO AMEND this article, making the amount \$4,000.00, so the article will read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) for 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.

MOTION TO AMEND SECONDED by Janet Johnson.

No discussion.

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

No discussion on Article 26 as amended.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 26 as amended - \$4,000:

YES, Article 26 as amended carries.

Article 27:

(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 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. Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article, noting that this is the road up to Trout Pond and it has washed out. This amount is an estimate for the repairs – and it will be put out to bid.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 27 - \$35,000:

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 \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to allow the Town Office Advisory Committee to expend for any associated design and engineering costs in order to consider the option of constructing a new building for a Town Office. Said funds to be withdrawn from the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Town Office Advisory Committee's study is completed or by 2025, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Maureen Elliott

Selectman Day deferred to Anne Cunningham, the Chairman of this Committee. Ms. Cunningham explained that in March of 2020 there had been an article on the warrant to establish a committee to address renovations to the 'old' building and the construction of a 'new' building. The article had been amended to direct the committee to only explore renovations to the existing building. Then Covid hit. In 2021 the committee selected Bergeron Technical Services, which has experience with saving buildings. What the committee would like to do now is get information together to be able to come to the Town in March 2024 with proposals for both renovations to the existing site and new construction of a one-story complex to be located at the town owned property at 50 Eaton Road.

Brian Taylor inquired about the Masonic Temple?

Ms. Cunningham noted there had been 3 options – using the existing building as an add-on to the town office or as a mixed-use. They have two engineer assessments noting the building would require significant renovations and it is unable to be used.

Bob Rafferty asked if there is a committee for this? Ms. Cunningham said there is and listed the members as Denny Anderson, Karrie Buttrick, Ernie Day, Mark McKinley and herself. Mr. Rafferty volunteered if they need any other help.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 28 - \$10,000: YES, Article 28 carries.

Article 29:

(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. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting this amount will be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which has a balance of \$45,196.72.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 29 - \$10,000: YES, Article 29 carries.

Article 30:

(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. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Rob Cunio.

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting this amount will be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which has a balance of \$75,990.13.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 30 - \$10,000: 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 \$40,000 (Forty thousand dollars) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Jr.

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting this amount will be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which has a balance of \$55,270.09, stating next year the loader was scheduled to be replaced, and this money will be used to offset that.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 31 - \$40,000: 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 \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to be added to the Road Right-of-Way Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Paul Tung

Selectwoman Florio spoke to the Article, noting this amount would be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which currently has a balance of \$6,391.82 and there is already a project in place.

Kate Chaput asked what it is?

Selectman Babb said it is a fund that was established to assist the town to establish its rights-of-way – for survey purposes. The town is looking to connect Sherwood Forest Way to West Bay Road for winter maintenance.

Selectwoman Florio noted that is also for safety purposes for the fire and police to allow access.

Paul Olzerowicz asked – and it was verified – that the Select Board can act as the agents to withdraw funds.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 32 - \$5,000:

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 Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Paul Lindahl

Selectwoman Florio spoke to the Article, noting this amount would be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which currently has a balance of \$44,104.42.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 33 - \$10,000:

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 \$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars) to be added to the Town Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Theresa Jones

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting that this amount would be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which currently has a balance of \$7,440.12. This fund was established in 2015 and \$250,000 was used for the Danforth Bay Bridge project.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 34 - \$20,000:

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 \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.

SECONDED: Maureen Brooks

Selectman Day spoke to the Article, noting that this amount would be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund which currently has a balance of \$10,162.53.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 35 - \$10,000:

YES, Article 35 carries.

Article 36:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town of Freedom readopt the optional Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$250.00? (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Kate Darlington

Selectman Florio noted that this credit is already in place, but it needs to be renewed – and this Article will do that.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 36

YES, Article 36 carries.

Article 37:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

Shall the Town of Freedom readopt the All Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Freedom under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Maureen Elliott

Selectman Florio said that this article is renewing the commitment.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 37:

YES, Article 37 carries.

Article 38:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

Shall the Town of Freedom accept the provisions of RSA 53-G:1-RSA 53-G:11 providing for the establishment of a communications district, together with the municipalities of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hales Location, Harts Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tuftonboro in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with the Town Office.

MOTION: Melissa Florio

SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

Selectman Florio spoke to the Article. She is on a special committee with Linda Mailhot. The communications district has been put together to bargain with entities regarding the use of fiber optics, as they will have more power as a group.

Robert Libby asked for clarification. Is this establishing a district? Ms. Florio said yes – geographically – this has closed loopholes.

Selectman Babb noted that as he understands it, the money has already been approved, we are just voting to take part.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 38:

YES, Article 38 carries.

Article 39: (Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

(Submitted by Petition) The Freedom Historical Society respectfully requests the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to help defray the cost of preservation and storage of Freedom records held by the museum and making them accessible to the public. These items consist of original documents, photographs, maps, artwork, narratives, books, magazines and newspaper articles and a wide variety of artifacts. The Society researches, preserves and stores records that tell the story of Freedom's people, events (including Old Home Week) and buildings. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Linda Habif

Selectman Babb stated that this article has been brought to the town for several years by the Historical Society and it will be in the budget going forward.

Roberta McCarthy, on behalf of the Historical Society, spoke to the Article, noting they have a large collection of original documents, noting they have 12,000 records on the data base, 4,137 bios, 4,526 images/photos, 2017 collected objects, 285 postcards, 1400 media links – data bases, 527 archived items, information on 171 houses, homes and sites – all for future generations.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 39 - \$2,000:

YES, Article 39 carries.

Article 40:

(Submitted by Petition) The Freedom Cemetery Trustees are directed by the people of Freedom to allow the choice of natural burial in the Freedom cemetery. This directive shall be effective immediately upon passage at Town Meeting and shall be in effect whether the cemetery is run by the town or by an entity acting to fulfill the town duty of providing a cemetery. For the purposes of this article, natural burial is defined as the choice of being buried without requirements for embalming, a casket, or a burial vault. There shall be no added charge for the provision of natural burial. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Jerry Knirk

SECONDED: Jeff Nicoll

Jerry Knirk spoke to the Article – stating this would allow Freedom to have a natural burial option. Natural burials consume less resources, money etc. State law does not require caskets or tombs. This has become a recent tradition.

Jeff Nicoll spoke to the Article, noting that his 19-year-old daughter, Anya, had worked with Jerry Knirk and others on this Article, and that she is at school and unable to attend today's meeting, but did ask her father to read the following on her behalf:

From Anya:

Everyone who knew Lee Fritz knew she was an amazing citizen of Freedom - smart and caring. It is through her that I learned we do not have the right to be buried naturally in a town of Freedom funded cemetery.

And when Lee Fritz saw an issue she didn't just complain- she put the work in to make change happen. This was no different. She started the whole process to get the roadblocks out of the way - gathering in Rep. Jerry Knirk and myself, Anya Nicoll.

She wrote to us this past fall telling us she was hanging on but we better hurry..... Unfortunately, she wasn't able to have the burial of her religion here in the town of Freedom. One that also supported her wish to be returned to the earth as quickly as possible - as she put it to Anya, "to be pushing up daisies as soon as possible".

I want to thank Jerry Knirk for taking up her fight on behalf of all of us working to make sure that unlike Lee we will be able to elect, if we so choose, to be buried naturally here in our own town. We shouldn't have to go to Tamworth or the many other towns that offer the opportunity - you and I should have that opportunity here in our beautiful town.

Thank you...
Anya Nicoll

Alan Fall asked, 'how is it enforceable?'. Cemetery trustees are involved with the management of the cemetery not the interment of residents. The Lakeview Cemetery was incorporated in 1892 as a private cemetery and is privately owned and run with its own board of trustees. It has its own Bylaws. The Town of Freedom does not have a municipal cemetery. Statutes allow – by written agreement – to supply to Freedom residents the right to be buried in the Lakeview Cemetery. This is a written agreement. Mr. Fall said he's not sure how this would work. They might not wish to serve as the Town Cemetery and might say no.

Jerry Knirk read RSA Chapter 392 – nothing that this Statute seems to cover that the cemetery would be subject to such regulations as the municipality provides:

Section 289:2

289:2 Municipality to Provide. – Every municipality shall provide, or may enter into agreements with adjacent municipalities or nonprofit entities to provide, one or more suitable cemeteries for the interment of deceased persons, which shall be subject to such regulations as the municipality may establish. In the absence of regulations established by vote of the legislative body, the Cemetery trustees may establish such regulations pursuant to RSA 289:7, I(a). The operation and maintenance of all cemeteries owned and maintained by the municipality shall be in the charge of the Cemetery trustees.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 40:

YES, Article 40 carries.

Article 41:

(Submitted by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to accept Friedman Lane, which has been constructed consistent with the Town of Freedom's road construction standards, as a Class V town-maintained road. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Rick Constantino

SECONDED: Robert Libby

Mr. Constantino spoke to the Article, noting that the road is considered a Class V standard. The residents on the road would have no impact on the school, as a 55 and over community. The road is 1400 feet long – most of the residents are on fixed incomes.

Anne Cunningham asked how many people were currently living on the road?

Mr. Constantino told her there were currently 2, with 2 more homes being built.

Nadine Chapman asked what a Class V Road is?

Scott Brooks, Road Agent -- stated that a Class V road is a private road to be maintained by the town.

Chuck Brooks asked who certifies that the road is up to Class V status?

Selectman Babb stated that Friedman Road was constructed to a Class V road, but he said this request is premature. The request would usually be made at the point of 50% of the build out. The developer did not put the finish coat of asphalt down. There is an additional 400 to 450 yards of dirt on site and moving all this around would be a problem on the finished surface. This request is premature.

Chuck Brooks asked: so, this is engineered to be a Class V road, but it is not yet built to the Class V status?

Mr. Babb said that was correct.

Discussion.

Jane Davidson made a MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION.

VOTE to move the question (and discontinue discussion); YES, motion to move carries.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 41: NO, Article 41 fails.

Article 42:

(Submitted by Petition) To ask the Town of Freedom, NH if they would vote in favor of paving a portion of N. Broad Bay Rd. from the beginning of Ossipee Lake Rd. to 58 N. Broad Bay Rd. (approximately 1/4 mile). (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Gerard Costantino.

SECONDED: Karen Chaput.

Mr. Costantino said this article requires the paving, as the traffic has increased on the road and there is a lot of dust. He said he likes dirt roads, but the dust is awful and there are potholes.

Don Johnson, the Moderator -- read a note from the town's attorney to the meeting: This Article cannot be amended to add an appropriation for this pavement. The Warrant Article is not illegal; however, it is not legal without a monetary amount for the paving. This Article should be passed over at this time.

Karen Chaput asked if this is passed over -- how can they obtain an amount -- and what should be done to proceed?

Mr. Johnson stated that an article has to have a monetary amount to warn about an appropriation of money. Once an amount has been included, the article can be amended to change the amount.

Karen Chaput asked why some roads are in the budget and others aren't?

Scott Brooks, the road agent, verified that this is a town owned road. Mr. Johnson asked how it could be included in the highway department budget.

Selectman Babb explained that the Road Agent comes to the Selectmen with a list of roads, traffic counts, impacts etc., and then the list is discussed to determine where on the list each road should be. There are at least 7 or 8 roads, if not more, that are ahead of this road on the list. In order to be paved, this road would have to be rebuilt.

Karen Chaput asked if this road was on the list -- and at least there was movement forward. Selectman Babb agreed.

Road Agent Brooks said that roads are very different than driveways. Roads today have to be built to handle all loads. Any road that is not paved was not built to be paved. The road would have to be totally rebuilt.

When asked to provide an estimate of cost: Mr. Brooks estimated \$240,000 to repair and pave.

Karen Babb asked if this road had always been a dirt road? Mr. Brooks said yes – and it is a dead-end road.

Discussion.

Chuck Brooks made a MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION.

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

VOTE ON ARTICLE 42: NO, Article 42 fails.

Article 43:

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

Nadine Chapman suggested a correction to the vital reports in the Town Report. Town Clerk Priebe explained that only those records for which the information had been provided could be included.

Kate Chaput asked why this meeting was held on a Tuesday, during the day?

Moderator Johnson turned to the Selectmen to respond.

Selectman Babb explained that the meeting had been held on other days and we'd ended up with less people.

Moderator Johnson thanked everyone for being here, noting it had been a good attendance.

Monica Simmons agreed with Kate.

Robert Libby said for the last few years we'd been lucky not to have long discussions.

Moderator Johnson said he remembered having to break for lunch.

Selectman Babb announced that our Town Administrator, Ellen White, is leaving, noting that she had been a true blessing and will be greatly missed. Ellen received a thank you round of applause/standing ovation.

Ellen spoke to the meeting – stating that she will miss Freedom. She said the town is very lucky to have such a fiscally responsible Board of Selectmen who are always monitoring ways to save money, keep the tax rate down and doing the very best for you. She is leaving on good terms due to family commitments – and thanked everybody she'd worked with for all the support.

Selectman Babb presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

Sue Hoople – 35 years – Conservation Commission etc.

Scott Lees – 21 years – ZBA

Scott Brooks Sr – 27 years as Road Agent

Patricia McCoy – 21 years as a Supervisor of the Checklist, 24 years as a Trustee of the Trust Funds

Libby Priebe – 48 years – Town Clerk

Karl Ogren – 19 years - ZBA

Ernie Day 10 years – Selectman

Don Johnson- 34 years - Moderator

Craig Niiler – 21 years – ZBA

Anne Cunningham – 15 years – Planning Board

Donald Johnson – 34 years

Anne Cunningham – 15 years

Anne Babb – 18 years – Tax Collector

Selectman Florio noted that Les Babb is recognized for 21 years as a Selectman.

Brian Taylor asked how much money had been raised and appropriated at today's meeting.

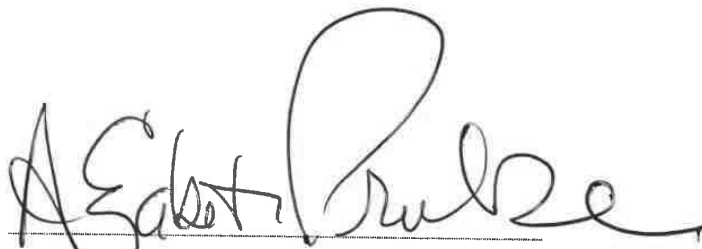
Moderator Johnson responded, with assistance from Town Administrator, Ellen White, that from today's Town Meeting the total amount of \$4,049,119 had been appropriated with the amount of \$2,918,736 raised by taxation, (noting that some of the money is offset by revenues).

Anne Cunningham **MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

SECONDED by everybody.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



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
2024 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 2024 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held in two separate sessions. The first session will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, **March 12, 2024**, 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.

The second session of the Town Meeting will be held at the Freedom Elementary School on **Saturday, March 16, 2024**, beginning at 9 a.m., at which 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 No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Table 304.5 and Section 304.6.3.2 to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to approve erosion and sedimentation control plans requiring no other action by the Zoning Board.

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 which adds Sections 104, 202 and 906.A, and amends Section 2402, #64 to define storage containers and portable structures as structures subject to setback, lot coverage, and building permit requirements. Any such Structures existing at the time this article passes may be continued.

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 amend Section 1107.2 to change the width of manufactured homes from fifteen ft. (15) to fourteen ft. (14).

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 amend Section 310.1.6 to define the total lot area for condominiums as the limited common area for the unit.

Article 6 (To vote by official ballot):

(Planning Board vote 7-0-0)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board to add Section 805.1.4 to comply with RSA 153:5, VI on the issuance of driveway permits.

Article 7:

(Selectmen Recommend 2-1-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600,000) (gross budget) for the design, construction, and original equipping of renovations and improvements to the Town Offices at 33 Old Portland Road, with One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and with the remaining One-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be withdrawn from the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept any federal, state, other aid or private grants for this project and take any other action necessary to carry out this vote, including acquisition and/or conveyance of any necessary utility easements to support the project? 3/5 Ballot Vote required

Article 8:

(Selectmen Recommend 1-1-1)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) (gross budget) for the design, construction, and original equipping of a new Town Office at 50 Eaton Road, with One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and with the remaining One-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be withdrawn from the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept any federal, state, other aid or private grants for this project and take any other action necessary to carry out this vote, including acquisition and/or conveyance of any necessary utility easements to support the project? 3/5 Ballot Vote required

Article 9:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,502,664 (Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Four dollars) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Article 10:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 (One Hundred Twenty Thousand dollars) for the annual appropriation for the library. (Majority vote required)

Article 11:

(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 yet expended from 2022's Article 20. (Majority vote required)

Article 12:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty-Thousand dollars) for the purpose of crushing gravel. \$96,305 (Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Five dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance for monies allocated from FEMA for 2023 and the remainder \$53,695 (Fifty-Three Thousand Six-Hundred Ninety-Five dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

	FY 2023 Appropriations	FY 2023 Expenditures	FY 2024 Appropriations
General Government			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, and Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	\$ 62,310	\$ 75,165	\$ 62,838
Selectmen's Fees	200	-	200
Town Clerk Costs	5,600	6,114	7,000
Deputy Town Clerk	18,018	13,376	29,800
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	26,500	16,192	26,500
Deputy Tax Collector	6,000	-	6,000
Salaries - Full-Time	127,000	122,003	127,000
Salaries - Part-Time	16,000	15,366	16,000
Retirement	7,500	3,612	7,500
Health/Dental Insurance	42,000	43,601	50,642
Life/Disability Insurance	1,300	1,769	2,000
Total Wages, Fees, and Benefits	312,428	297,198	335,480
Town Office Expense	66,556	83,586	85,256
Total Town Office	378,984	380,784	420,736
Assessing	33,768	33,768	34,776
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,450	7,381	28,500
Legal Expenses	30,000	33,264	35,500
Payroll Taxes	65,500	64,289	70,645
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part-Time	1,950	1,592	1,950
Expenses	6,600	7,881	8,550
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	8,550	9,473	10,500
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part-Time	10,300	8,887	10,300
Expenses	64,125	93,168	65,125
Total Public Buildings	74,425	102,055	75,425
Cemeteries	8,725	7,522	8,725
Insurance	58,612	58,612	67,625
Lakes Region Planning Commission	2,843	2,843	2,895
Total General Government	669,857	699,991	755,327
Public Safety			
Police Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	236,500	228,164	237,474
Salaries - Part-Time	42,000	33,264	42,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	10,025	8,695	10,025
Retirement	79,957	71,387	79,957
Health/Dental Insurance	43,295	60,926	81,469
Life/Disability Insurance	2,218	1,283	2,218
Total Wages and Benefits	413,995	403,719	453,143
Expenses	37,900	43,470	41,900
Total Police Department	451,895	447,189	495,043

	FY 2023 Appropriations	FY 2023 Expenditures	FY 2024 Appropriations
Fire Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time Chief	75,000	76,289	77,084
Salaries - Part-Time Station Duty	3,600	1,670	3,600
Stipends for Responses	35,000	35,019	35,000
Retirement	3,375	2,207	3,375
Health/Dental Insurance	3,600	15,587	34,428
Life/Disability Insurance	890	1,263	1,300
Expenses	80,350	69,042	82,600
Total Fire Department	201,815	201,077	237,387
Ambulance	105,450	105,772	109,200
Building Inspector	-	-	-
Zoning Officer	36,663	42,270	52,358
Forest Fire Protection	3,000	1,854	3,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500	500	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	6,969	6,969	7,269
Water Precinct	400	500	800
Total Public Safety	806,692	52,093	905,557
Highway Department			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	228,681	218,491	228,681
Salaries - Part-Time	44,900	45,007	49,400
Salaries - Overtime	66,329	40,288	66,329
Retirement	10,000	5,081	10,000
Health/Dental Insurance	76,610	89,853	110,000
Life/Disability Insurance	5,200	6,208	5,200
Total Wages and Benefits	431,720	404,928	469,610
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	206,170	187,247	216,370
Contract Services	34,881	76,671	36,974
Operating Expenses	375,542	348,394	389,516
Total Expenses	616,593	612,312	642,860
Total Highway Department	1,048,313	1,629,552	1,112,470
Street Lighting	5,000	3,590	5,000
Total Highways and Streets	1,053,313	1,633,142	1,117,470
Sanitation			
Transfer Station:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full-Time	98,000	86,716	139,440
Salaries - Part-Time	5,000	21,471	15,000
Retirement	7,759	524	7,000
Health/Dental Insurance	32,845	34,030	17,220
Life/Disability Insurance	1,800	2,551	3,900
Total Wages and Benefits	145,404	145,292	182,560
Expenses:			
Engineering	8,000	2,800	15,000
Transport Materials	185,000	206,367	210,270
Operating Expenses	24,296	24,247	24,900
Total Expenses	217,296	233,414	250,170
Total Sanitation	362,700	378,706	432,730

	FY 2023 Appropriations	FY 2023 Expenditures	FY 2024 Appropriations
Health			
Salary and Expenses	500	118	500
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	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	2,030	2,030	1,334
Central NH VNA	2,500	2,500	2,500
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	1,300
Starting Point	4,146	4,146	4,067
CASA	500	500	500
Ossipee Children's Fund	500	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	500	500	500
Total Health	19,209	18,827	18,434
Welfare			
Salary - Welfare Officer	2,000	-	2,000
Salary - Senior Resource Coordinator	11,150	5,848	11,150
Town Needy	10,600	15,142	14,600
Total Welfare	23,750	20,990	27,750
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	14,000	6,336	16,300
Patriotic Purposes	1,400	1,537	1,600
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Historical Society	-	-	2,000
Heritage Commission	850	-	850
Total Culture and Recreation	18,250	9,873	22,750
Conservation			
Conservation Commission	2,250	1,006	2,250
Water Quality Testing	5,625	6,246	6,500
Milfoil Remediation	-	-	-
Aquatic Invasive Species	750	359	750
Total Conservation	8,625	7,611	9,500
Debt Services			
Bond Principal - Road	125,000	125,000	125,000
Lease Principal - Fire Rescue	64,830	59,622	5,741
Bond Interest - Road	22,600	22,600	17,575
Lease Interest - Fire Rescue	5,741	9,378	64,830
Other Interest	-	88	-
Total Debt Service	218,171	216,688	213,146
TOTAL ARTICLE 9	\$ 3,180,567	\$ 3,037,921	\$ 3,502,664

Article 13:

(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 purpose of Huckins Road reconstruction to include excavation, drainage, install gravel, reclaim existing asphalt and install winter binder pavement. \$96,305 (Ninety-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Five dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance. (For FEMA money allocated in 2023). \$28,695.00 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Six-Hundred Ninety-Five dollars) to come from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 14:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 (One hundred Twenty- Thousand dollars) to repave town roads. (Majority vote required)

Article 15:

(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. (Majority vote required)

Article 16:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 (Thirty-Two Thousand dollars) to crack seal town roads. (Majority vote required)

Article 17:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000 (One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand dollars) for the purpose of installing a precast concrete box culvert rise on Watson Hill Road. \$40,000 (Forty Thousand dollars) to come from Highway Drainage Structure Improvement Fund Capital Reserve Fund. The remaining \$115,000 (One Hundred Fifteen Thousand dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 18:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,400 (Two-Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four-Hundred dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new loader for the highway department with \$62,500 (Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for a trade in value and \$50,000 (Fifty-Thousand dollars) to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The remainder of \$103,900 (One Hundred Three Thousand Nine-Hundred dollars) to come from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 19:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,000 (Fifty-Eight Thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser with \$40,000 (Forty-Thousand dollars) to come from the Police Department Equipment Fund. The remainder of \$18,000 (Eighteen- 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 \$48,600 (Forty-Eight Thousand Six- Hundred dollars) for dredging and dry hydrant installation at the fire pond on Watson Hill Rd. \$30,600 (Thirty Thousand- Six Hundred dollars) to come from unassigned fund balance for funds that were not expended last year. The remainder \$18,000 (Eighteen-Thousand dollars) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 21:

(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 repairing the chimney at the Town Hall. Funds to be raised by 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 \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand dollars) for the purpose of repairing the roof at the Village Fire Station. Funds 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 \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand dollars) for the purpose of a town revaluation. Funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article 24:

(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 FAC/FCC has applied for a grant to cover \$1,500 (One-Thousand Five Hundred dollars) of this total expense. If this grant is not received the total amount of \$5,000 (Five Thousand dollars) will be required. (Majority vote required)

Article 25:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700 (Six Thousand Seven- Hundred 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 \$6,673.78 (Six Thousand Six-Hundred Seventy-Three dollars and Seventy-Eight cents) Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0. (Majority vote required)

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 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. Prior years expenditures were \$26.22 (Twenty-six dollars and Twenty-Two cents). Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 27:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 (Thirty-Seven Thousand 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 years expenditures were \$0 as work was not completed in that period. Conservation Commission recommends this appropriation 4-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 28:

(Selectmen Recommend 3-0-0)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,330 (Forty-Four Thousand Three- Hundred Thirty dollars) for milfoil treatment in Danforth Ponds and other lakes and streams needed. The sum of \$22,165 (Twenty-Two Thousand One-Hundred Sixty-Five dollars) comes from the Exotic Aquatic Weed Control Project Grant. The remainder of \$22,165 (Twenty-Two Thousand One-Hundred Sixty-Five dollars) is to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

Article: 29:

(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 Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

Article: 30: (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. (Majority vote required)

Article: 31: (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 Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

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 Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (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 Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

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 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

Article: 35: (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 Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.)

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 Town Hall/Office Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.)

Article 37: (Not recommended by Selectmen 0-0-3)

(Submitted by Petition) To ask the Town of Freedom, NH if they would vote in favor to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four-Thousand dollars) to help subsidize a portion of the rent during the winter months for the Freedom Village Store a not-for-profit organization (501c4) so they can stay open January-April, and expand the range and availability of grocery items local residents need and want in the winter when winter conditions can make it hard to get to the larger markets.

Article 38:

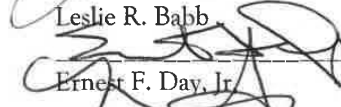
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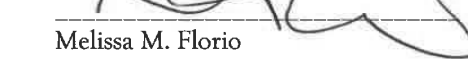
Given our hands and seal this 05th day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Town of Freedom

By Its Board of Selectmen:



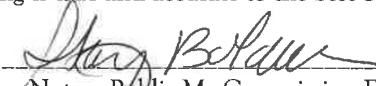
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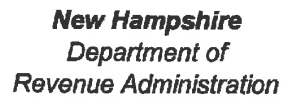
State of New Hampshire
County of Carroll, ss

Personally, appeared the above-named Leslie R. Babb, Ernest F. Day, Jr., and Melissa M. Florio, 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:

Feb 19, 2024





2024
MS-636

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

Date The First Session will be held March 12, 2024 Polls Open 9:00 AM and Close 7:00 PM at 16 Elm St

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 21, 2024

Second Session will be Held on March 16, 2024 at the Freedom Elementary School at 9:00 AM at 40 Loon Lk. Rd

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.

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:

For assistance please contact:



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2024
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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	09	\$75,165	\$62,310	\$62,838	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	09	\$7,381	\$8,450	\$28,500	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	09	\$310,598	\$316,674	\$357,898	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	09	\$33,768	\$33,768	\$34,776	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	09	\$33,597	\$30,000	\$35,500	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	09	\$64,289	\$65,500	\$70,645	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	09	\$51,742	\$8,550	\$10,500	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	09	\$102,055	\$74,425	\$75,425	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	09	\$1,203	\$8,725	\$8,725	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	09	\$58,612	\$58,612	\$67,625	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	09	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,895	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$741,253	\$689,857	\$755,327	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	09	\$0	\$451,895	\$495,043	\$0
4215	Ambulances	09	\$0	\$105,450	\$109,200	\$0
4220	Fire	09	\$0	\$204,815	\$237,387	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	09	\$0	\$36,663	\$52,358	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	09	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	09	\$0	\$47,369	\$11,069	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$0	\$846,692	\$905,557	\$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	09	\$0	\$1,424,940	\$1,112,470	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	09	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$0	\$1,429,940	\$1,117,470	\$0



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			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	09	\$0	\$362,700	\$432,730	\$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			\$0	\$362,700	\$432,730	\$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	09	\$0	\$500	\$400	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	09	\$0	\$18,709	\$18,034	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$0	\$19,209	\$18,434	\$0
Welfare						
4441	Welfare Administration	09	\$0	\$13,250	\$13,150	\$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	09	\$0	\$10,500	\$14,600	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$0	\$23,750	\$27,750	\$0



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			period ending 12/31/2023	for period ending 12/31/2023	ending 12/31/2024	(Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Culture and Recreation						
4520	Parks and Recreation	09	\$0	\$14,000	\$16,300	\$0
4550	Library		\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	09	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	09	\$0	\$32,825	\$5,600	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$0	\$168,225	\$23,500	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611	Conservation Administration	09	\$0	\$53,575	\$8,750	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$2,000	\$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			\$0	\$55,575	\$8,750	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	09	\$0	\$189,830	\$130,741	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	09	\$0	\$28,341	\$82,405	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$218,171	\$213,146	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$0	\$135,000	\$0	\$0



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			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(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					\$3,502,664	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4312	Highways and Streets	13	\$125,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Huckins Road Reconstruction</i>		
4312	Highways and Streets	17	\$155,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Install a new culvert on Watson Hill</i>		
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	12	\$150,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Gravel Crushing</i>		
4329	Other Sanitation	11	\$49,532	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Continue planned site improvement and updates</i>		
4419	Other Health	37	\$0	\$4,000
		<i>Purpose: As an all Volunteer organization the Freedom Villa</i>		
4611	Conservation Administration	25	\$6,700	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Town Forester</i>		
4611	Conservation Administration	26	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Town Forest Maintenance</i>		
4611	Conservation Administration	27	\$37,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: FAC - Trail/Road Repairs</i>		
4619	Other Conservation	24	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To Conduct a Controlled Burn</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	18	\$216,400	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To Purchase a New Loader</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	19	\$58,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To purchase a new police cruiser</i>		
4903	Buildings	07	\$1,600,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To renovate the Town Office located at 33 Old Port</i>		
4903	Buildings	08	\$1,600,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Building a new Town Office at 50 Eaton Rd</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	29	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: TS CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	30	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Infrastructure CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	31	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: PSB CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	32	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: PD CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	34	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To Fund the Highway Equipment Fund</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	35	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: To Appropriate funds to Highway Drainage CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	36	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Appropriate funds to the Town Hall/Office CRF</i>		
4916	To Expendable Trusts	33	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Library ETF</i>		



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Total Proposed Special Articles

\$4,087,632

\$4,000



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4152	Property Assessment	23	\$30,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: For the purpose of Town Revaluation</i>		
4312	Highways and Streets	14	\$120,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Paving</i>		
4312	Highways and Streets	15	\$65,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Seal Coating</i>		
4312	Highways and Streets	16	\$32,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Crack Sealing</i>		
4550	Library	10	\$120,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Library</i>		
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	28	\$44,330	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Milfoil Removal</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	20	\$48,600	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Pond Dredging</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	21	\$3,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Repairing the Chimney at the Town Hall</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	22	\$12,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Repair the Roof at the Village Fire Station located</i>		
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$475,430	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund		\$32,562	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Taxes		\$7,308,472	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	09	\$48,079	\$35,000	\$45,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes	09	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	09	\$27,273	\$25,000	\$10,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$7,416,386	\$66,500	\$61,500
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$30,000	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	09	\$0	\$450,000	\$500,000
3230	Building Permits	09	\$0	\$58,000	\$65,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	09	\$0	\$38,000	\$40,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$0	\$576,000	\$605,000
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	09	\$0	\$158,564	\$158,564
3353	Highway Block Grant	09	\$0	\$88,493	\$88,482
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	09	\$0	\$19,650	\$26,799
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH	28	\$0	\$0	\$22,165
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$266,707	\$296,010



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	09	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
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	09	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$0	\$22,000	\$22,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	09, 18	\$0	\$20,000	\$82,500
3502	Interest on Investments	09	\$0	\$5,000	\$6,000
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	09	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$0	\$37,000	\$100,500
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	08, 07, 17, 19, 18	\$0	\$10,000	\$330,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	24, 25, 26, 27	\$0	\$45,700	\$53,700
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$55,700	\$383,700
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	11, 13, 16, 12, 20	\$0	\$0	\$304,742
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$3,304,742



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Total Estimated Revenues and Credits	\$7,416,386	\$1,023,907	\$4,773,452
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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,502,664
Special Warrant Articles	\$4,087,632
Individual Warrant Articles	\$475,430
Total Appropriations	\$8,065,726
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,773,452
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$3,292,274

TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

Source	Amount
Property Tax Levy	\$ 7,308,472
Interest & Penalties (Late Taxes)	\$ 27,273
Yield Tax (Timber)	\$ 48,079
Boat Tax	\$ 6,248
Land Use Change Tax	\$ -
State Aid:	
Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$ 158,564
Highway Block Grant	\$ 88,482
Other State Aid (Special Highway Block Grant)	\$ 24,989
Town Clerk:	
Dog Licenses	\$ 874
Vehicle Registrations	\$ 513,148
Other Fees	\$ 5,895
Transfer Station:	
Permits	\$ 10,675
Tipping Fees	\$ 44,899
Recycling Revenue	\$ 3,612
Building Inspector:	
Permits	\$ 72,819
Police Department:	
Reports, etc.	\$ 2,050
Special Detail Fees	\$ 945
Selectmen:	
Short Term Rentals	\$ 3,197
Copies, Printouts, Maps, Checklists, Fax	\$ 269
Donations	\$ 11,400
Planning Board Fees	\$ 330
ZBA Fees	\$ 1,010
Winter Road Maintenance Fees	\$ 1,755
Uncashed Checks	\$ -
Town of Eaton (Fire)	\$ 15,000
Cable TV Franchise Fee	\$ 39,558
Rent of Property	\$ -
Sale of Property	\$ 49,120
Interest Income	\$ 6,474
Fines	\$ 12,043
Other:	\$ 4,459
Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements	-
From Capital Reserve Fund/Expendable Trust Fund	\$ -
From Special Revenue Funds	\$ -
From Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,461,641

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

SOURCE	BALANCE 1/1/2023	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	DUE TO/FROM OR A/R	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/2023
INTERFUND TRANSFER IN:						
Cemetery P/C Interest	\$ 4,479.03					\$ 4,479.03
Municipal Building/Land	\$ 5,000.00					\$ 5,000.00
Town Road R-O-W	\$ 4,800.00					\$ 4,800.00
Total Interfund Transfers In	\$ 14,279.03					\$ 14,279.03
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:	\$ -					\$ -
General Government:	\$ -					\$ -
Town Hall Kitchen	\$ 3,727.61	\$ 4,000.00				\$ 7,727.61
Town						\$ -
Public Safety:	\$ -					\$ -
Police Department	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 14,750.00
Fire Department	\$ 1,065.00					\$ 1,065.00
Highways:	\$ -					\$ -
Highway Department	\$ 5,345.70					\$ 5,345.70
Culture and Recreation:	\$ -					\$ -
Recreation	\$ 2,768.71					\$ 2,768.71
Heritage Commission	\$ -					\$ -
Total Gifts and Donations	\$ 22,657.02					\$ 22,657.02
POLICE:	\$ -					\$ -
Outside Detail						\$ -
First Responder Stipend	\$ -					\$ -
Total Police	\$ -					\$ -
FIRE:	\$ -					\$ -
Firefighter's Grant	\$ -					\$ -
First Responder Stipend	\$ -					\$ -
Total Fire	\$ -					\$ -
CONSERVATION:	\$ -					\$ -
Gifts	\$ 194.70					\$ 194.70
Milford Grant	\$ -					\$ -
Milfoil Gifts	\$ 9,324.98					\$ 9,324.98
Land Use Tax	\$ 32,562.12					\$ 32,562.12
Wildlife Habitat	\$ 25,298.05					\$ 25,298.05
Town Forest Maintenance	\$ 78,504.21					\$ 78,504.21
Town Forest Stewardship Gifts	\$ 27,146.24					\$ 27,146.24
Total Conservation	\$ 173,030.30					\$ 173,030.30
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$ 209,966.35	\$ 9,000.00				\$ 218,966.35



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
4130-4139	Executive	13	\$62,310
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	13	\$8,450
4150-4151	Financial Administration	13	\$316,674
4152	Revaluation of Property	13	\$33,768
4153	Legal Expense	13	\$30,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	13	\$65,500
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	13	\$8,550
4194	General Government Buildings	13	\$74,425
4195	Cemeteries	13	\$8,725
4196	Insurance	13	\$58,612
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	13	\$2,843
4199	Other General Government		\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$669,857
Public Safety			
4210-4214	Police	13	\$451,895
4215-4219	Ambulance	13	\$105,450
4220-4229	Fire	13	\$204,815
4240-4249	Building Inspection	13	\$36,663
4290-4298	Emergency Management	13	\$500
4299	Other (Including Communications)	13,21	\$47,369
Public Safety Subtotal			\$846,692
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Administration		\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	13,16,17,18,19	\$1,424,940
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	13	\$5,000
4319	Other		\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$1,429,940
Sanitation			
4321	Administration		\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	13	\$362,700
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$362,700



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Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0
Electric			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0
Health			
4411	Administration	13	\$500
4414	Pest Control		\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	13	\$18,709
Health Subtotal			\$19,209
Welfare			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	13	\$13,250
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	13	\$10,500
Welfare Subtotal			\$23,750
Culture and Recreation			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	13	\$14,000
4550-4559	Library	14	\$120,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	13	\$1,400
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	13,23,24	\$32,825
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$168,225
Conservation and Development			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	13,25,26,27	\$53,575
4619	Other Conservation	39	\$2,000
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$55,575



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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted
Debt Service			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	13	\$189,830
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	13	\$28,341
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$218,171
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	22	\$45,000
4903	Buildings	28	\$10,000
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	20	\$80,000
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$135,000
Operating Transfers Out			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	29,30,31,33,3 4,35	\$100,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	15,32	\$20,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$120,000
Total Voted Appropriations			\$4,049,119

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
TOWN OFFICER SALARIES				
TOWN OFF SAL - SELECTMEN	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN OFF SAL - CLERK	39,360.00	39,359.84	0.00	0.16
TOWN OFF SAL - TREASURER	4,350.00	4,800.00	0.00	(450.00)
TOWN OFF SAL - TAX COLLECTOR	0.00	12,180.00	0.00	(12,180.00)
TOWN OFF SAL - TRUSTEES	600.00	1,128.00	0.00	(528.00)
TOTAL	62,310.00	75,467.84	0.00	(13,157.84)
ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
ELECTIONS - WORKERS	3,300.00	1,985.50	0.00	1,314.50
ELECTIONS - SUPERVISORS	900.00	995.50	0.00	(95.50)
ELECTIONS - PRINTING	3,750.00	4,236.66	0.00	(486.66)
ELECTIONS - OPERATING	500.00	57.69	0.00	442.31
TOTAL	8,450.00	7,275.35	0.00	1,174.65
TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE				
TOE - SELECTMEN'S FEES	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
TOE - TOWN CLERK COSTS	5,600.00	6,083.53	0.00	(483.53)
TOE - TAX COLLECTOR'S FEES	16,500.00	3,012.60	0.00	13,487.40
TOE - TAX COLLECTOR COSTS	10,000.00	13,178.71	0.00	(3,178.71)
TOE - FULL TIME SALARY	127,000.00	122,945.87	0.00	4,054.13
TOE - PART TIME SALARY	16,000.00	15,474.88	0.00	525.12
TOE - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	18,018.00	13,375.75	0.00	4,642.25
TOE - DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
TOE - RETIREMENT	7,500.00	3,612.30	0.00	3,887.70
TOE - LIFE/DISABILITY	1,300.00	1,769.16	0.00	(469.16)
TOE - HEALTH/DENTAL	42,000.00	43,601.29	0.00	(1,601.29)
TOE - OFFICE SUPPLY	7,500.00	7,351.06	0.00	148.94
TOE - POSTAGE	2,500.00	2,676.24	0.00	(176.24)
TOE - TRAINING/CONF/MTG	1,000.00	580.70	0.00	419.30
TOE - REIMBURSEABLE EXP	2,750.00	917.90	0.00	1,832.10
TOE - COMPUTER SUPPORT	22,000.00	25,665.65	0.00	(3,665.65)
TOE - DUES	3,006.00	2,991.00	0.00	15.00
TOE - REGISTRY OF DEEDS	200.00	24.94	0.00	175.06
TOE - TAX MAPS REVISIONS	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOE - PROFESSIONAL AUDIT	15,000.00	17,909.32	0.00	(2,909.32)
TOE - TELEPHONE	3,500.00	6,794.73	0.00	(3,294.73)
TOE - PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,500.00	2,814.50	0.00	(1,314.50)
TOE - EQUIP PURCHASE/REPAIR	1,500.00	6,738.00	0.00	(5,238.00)
TOE - BANK CHARGES	1,100.00	1,417.90	0.00	(317.90)
TOTAL	316,674.00	298,936.03	0.00	17,737.97
ASSESSING	TOTAL	33,768.00	33,768.00	0.00
LEGAL EXPENSE				
LEGAL - TOWN OFFICES	20,000.00	26,177.50	0.00	(6,177.50)
LEGAL - PLANNING	2,500.00	6,822.50	0.00	(4,322.50)
LEGAL - ZONING	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
LEGAL - BLDG/ZONING OFFICER	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
LEGAL - CONSERVATION	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
LEGAL - TAX DEEDED	1,500.00	144.00	0.00	1,356.00
LEGAL - PERSONNEL	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
TOTAL	30,000.00	33,144.00	0.00	(3,144.00)
PAYROLL TAXES				
TOWN - FICA	53,000.00	52,207.99	0.00	792.01
TOWN - SUTA	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
TOWN - MEDICARE TAX	12,000.00	12,209.94	0.00	(209.94)
TOTAL	65,500.00	64,917.93	0.00	582.07
PLANNING BOARD				
PLANNING - PART TIME SALARY	800.00	1,061.00	0.00	(261.00)
POSTAGE	1,000.00	1,511.24	0.00	(511.24)
TRAINING/CONFERENCE	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
NOTICES	750.00	1,287.00	0.00	(537.00)

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
OPERATING	200.00	316.97	0.00	(116.97)
TOTAL	3,050.00	4,176.21	0.00	(1,126.21)
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT				
ZONING - PART TIME SALARY	1,150.00	531.01	0.00	618.99
ZONING POSTAGE	2,000.00	3,183.87	0.00	(1,183.87)
NOTICES	2,200.00	1,314.95	0.00	885.05
OPERATING	150.00	17.39	0.00	132.61
TOTAL	5,500.00	5,047.22	0.00	452.78
ZONING OFFICER				
ZO/BI SALARY	33,075.00	35,000.00	0.00	(1,925.00)
OPERATING	3,588.00	7,348.71	0.00	(3,760.71)
TOTAL	36,663.00	42,348.71	0.00	(5,685.71)
TOWN BUILDINGS				
TOWN BLD - JANITOR	10,300.00	8,963.00	0.00	1,337.00
TOWN BLD - OPERATE SUPPLY	1,000.00	1,018.71	0.00	(18.71)
TOWN BLD - VILLAGE FIRE MAINT	500.00	6,590.00	0.00	(6,090.00)
TOWN BLD - OFFICE MAINT/REP	7,000.00	35,821.23	0.00	(28,821.23)
TOWN BLD - TOWN HALL MAINT/REP	8,000.00	3,825.06	0.00	4,174.94
TOWN BLD - PSB MAINT/REPAIR	4,500.00	3,295.51	0.00	1,204.49
TOWN BLD - MASONIC LODGE MAINT	1,000.00	1,031.95	0.00	(31.95)
TOWN BLD - GROUNDS	3,500.00	5,909.92	0.00	(2,409.92)
TOWN BLD - EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
TOWN BLD - UTILITIES	37,625.00	35,257.55	0.00	2,367.45
TOTAL	74,425.00	101,712.93	0.00	(27,287.93)
CEMETERIES				
CEMETERIES - PART TIME LABOR	3,225.00	1,620.00	0.00	1,605.00
CEMETERIES - LAKEVIEW	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
CEMETERIES - OPERATING	500.00	901.90	0.00	(401.90)
TOTAL	8,725.00	7,521.90	0.00	1,203.10
INSURANCE				
INSURANCE - WORKMEN'S COMP	23,215.00	23,215.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE - GENERAL TOWN INS	35,397.00	35,397.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	58,612.00	58,612.00	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS				
LAKES REGION PLANNING	2,843.00	2,843.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2,843.00	2,843.00	0.00	0.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
TOTAL	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
POLICE - FULL TIME SALARIES	236,500.00	228,811.32	0.00	7,688.68
POLICE - PART TIME SALARIES	42,000.00	34,367.80	0.00	7,632.20
POLICE - HOLIDAY	10,025.00	8,694.96	0.00	1,330.04
POLICE - RETIREMENT	79,957.00	71,387.33	0.00	8,569.67
POLICE - LIFE/DISABILITY	2,218.00	1,283.00	0.00	935.00
POLICE - HEALTH & DENTAL INS.	43,295.00	60,925.64	0.00	(17,630.64)
POLICE - OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00	262.55	0.00	737.45
POLICE - OPERATE SUPPLIES	500.00	501.91	0.00	(1.91)
POLICE - UNIFORMS	2,500.00	5,557.61	0.00	(3,057.61)
POLICE - COMPUTER SUPPORT	4,000.00	2,218.17	0.00	1,781.83
POLICE - MEETINGS	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
POLICE - TRAINING	2,500.00	795.00	0.00	1,705.00
POLICE - TELEPHONE	4,200.00	4,328.86	0.00	(128.86)
POLICE - GAS/OIL	9,000.00	12,146.83	0.00	(3,146.83)
POLICE - VEH MAINT/REP	6,000.00	6,306.91	0.00	(306.91)
POLICE - RADIO/EQUIP REPAIRS	2,500.00	268.50	0.00	2,231.50
POLICE - EQUIPMENT PURCH	5,000.00	9,396.94	0.00	(4,396.94)
POLICE - ANIMAL CONTROL	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	451,895.00	447,753.33	0.00	4,141.67
AMBULANCE				
TOTAL	105,450.00	105,771.84	0.00	(321.84)

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
FIRE - CHIEF FULL TIME SALARY	75,000.00	76,865.51	0.00	(1,865.51)
FIRE - PART-TIME STATION DUTY	3,600.00	1,670.00	0.00	1,930.00
FIRE - STIPEND FOR RESPONSE	35,000.00	35,018.60	0.00	(18.60)
FIRE - RETIREMENT	3,375.00	2,206.77	0.00	1,168.23
FIRE - LIFE/DISABILITY	890.00	1,262.50	0.00	(372.50)
FIRE - HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	3,600.00	15,586.68	0.00	(11,986.68)
FIRE - OFFICE EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,028.13	0.00	(28.13)
FIRE - TRAINING/CONF	2,500.00	158.85	0.00	2,341.15
FIRE - TURN OUT GEAR	11,000.00	9,311.23	0.00	1,688.77
FIRE - MUTUAL AID DUES	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE - TELEPHONE	1,200.00	1,394.59	0.00	(194.59)
FIRE - GAS/OIL/DIESEL	4,000.00	4,800.66	0.00	(800.66)
FIRE - DRY HYDRANTS	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
FIRE - REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	31,550.00	23,223.78	0.00	8,326.22
FIRE - RADIO/EQUIPMENT	3,500.00	2,072.10	0.00	1,427.90
FIRE - PREVENTION	800.00	793.00	0.00	7.00
FIRE - EQUIP PURCH	8,000.00	12,226.58	0.00	(4,226.58)
FIRE - FIRST RESPONDERS	5,000.00	4,202.48	0.00	797.52
FIRE - IMMUNIZATIONS	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
FIRE - SEAGRAVES	500.00	37.79	0.00	462.21
FIRE - OPERATING	1,000.00	790.25	0.00	209.75
TOTAL	201,815.00	201,649.50	0.00	165.50
FOREST FIRE				
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION -	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
FOREST FIRE - EQUIP. PURCHASE	2,000.00	1,853.65	0.00	146.35
TOTAL	3,000.00	1,853.65	0.00	1,146.35
HYDRANTS	TOTAL	400.00	500.00	0.00
DAM OPERATIONS	TOTAL	6,969.00	6,968.96	0.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
HIGHWAYS - SUMMER LABOR	153,400.00	136,492.75	0.00	16,907.25
ASPHALT	2,288.00	3,523.43	0.00	(1,235.43)
GRAVEL	16,868.00	28,388.67	0.00	(11,520.67)
STONE	4,180.00	6,572.07	0.00	(2,392.07)
CULVERT	4,200.00	10,992.36	0.00	(6,792.36)
SIGNS & SIGNALS	6,000.00	621.47	0.00	5,378.53
CONTRACT SERVICES	34,881.00	76,671.12	0.00	(41,790.12)
DRAINAGE STRUCTURES	2,000.00	33,575.18	0.00	(31,575.18)
ROAD STRIPPING	18,200.00	0.00	0.00	18,200.00
RENTAL EQUIPMENT SUMMER	68,700.00	75,823.00	0.00	(7,123.00)
HIGHWAYS - WINTER LABOR	186,510.00	263,067.30	0.00	(76,557.30)
SALT	88,300.00	67,546.02	0.00	20,753.98
SAND	46,900.00	25,103.25	0.00	21,796.75
VILLAGE SNOW REMOVAL	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
RENTAL EQUIPMENT WINTER	137,470.00	111,424.00	0.00	26,046.00
ROAD AGENT MILEAGE	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
HIGHWAYS - OPERATING	7,920.00	3,044.76	0.00	4,875.24
RETIREMENT	10,000.00	5,080.61	0.00	4,919.39
LIFE/DISABILITY	5,200.00	6,207.77	0.00	(1,007.77)
HEALTH INSURANCE	76,610.00	89,852.70	0.00	(13,242.70)
DRUG TESTING	570.00	129.00	0.00	441.00
TRAINING	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
UNIFORMS	5,700.00	6,146.08	0.00	(446.08)
BUILDING/SAFETY SUPPLIES	2,400.00	3,739.91	0.00	(1,339.91)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	98.08	0.00	401.92
MEALS & BEVERAGES	1,100.00	832.82	0.00	267.18
WATER	700.00	675.00	0.00	25.00
ELECTRIC	4,550.00	2,624.87	0.00	1,925.13

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
TELEPHONE	900.00	479.88	0.00	420.12
FUEL OIL	9,100.00	9,750.00	0.00	(650.00)
GASOLINE	6,920.00	4,122.65	0.00	2,797.35
DIESEL FUEL	52,620.00	59,652.67	0.00	(7032.67)
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	79,676.00	59,376.14	0.00	20,299.86
TOOLS/EQUIPMENT	4,200.00	325.54	0.00	3,874.46
VEHICLE SUPPLIES	1,200.00	643.20	0.00	556.80
OILS SUPPLIES	5,600.00	(53.09)	0.00	5,653.09
OXYGEN & ACETYLENE	450.00	137.98	0.00	312.02
TOTAL	1,048,313.00	1,092,667.19	0.00	(37,321.52)
STREET LIGHTS - ELECTRIC	5,000.00	3,885.67	0.00	1,114.33
TRANSFER STATION				
SANITATION - FULL TIME SALARY	98,000.00	87,092.05	0.00	10,907.95
SANITATION - PART TIME SALARY	5,000.00	22,012.75	0.00	(17,012.75)
SANITATION - RETIREMENT	7,759.00	524.00	0.00	7,235.00
SANITATION - LIFE/DISABILITY	1,800.00	2,551.26	0.00	(751.26)
SANITATION - HEALTH/DENTAL	32,845.00	34,029.96	0.00	(1,184.96)
SANITATION - UNIFORMS	1,500.00	976.58	0.00	523.42
SANITATION - ENGINEERING	8,000.00	2,800.00	0.00	5,200.00
SANITATION - SUPPLIES	200.00	350.12	0.00	(75.06)
SANITATION - ELECTRIC	4,500.00	5,243.91	0.00	(743.91)
SANITATION - TELEPHONE	1,000.00	1,074.19	0.00	(74.19)
SANITATION - DIESEL	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
SANITATION - EQUIPMENT RENT	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
SANITATION - TRANSPORT	185,000.00	206,367.42	0.00	(21,367.42)
SANITATION - SITE IMPROVEMENTS	2,000.00	2,117.20	0.00	(117.20)
SANITATION - BUILDING MAIN	750.00	2,349.25	0.00	(1,599.25)
SANITATION - EQUIPMENT REPAIR	4,000.00	830.29	0.00	3,169.71
SANITATION - BACKHOE	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
SANITATION - HAZARDOUS	3,546.00	4,752.80	0.00	(1,206.80)
SANITATION - PRINTING	600.00	1,870.85	0.00	(1,270.85)
SANITATION - OPERATING	1,000.00	4,213.54	0.00	(3,213.54)
TOTAL	362,700.00	379,156.17	0.00	(16,456.17)
HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES				
HEALTH - PARTTIME	400.00	108.50	0.00	291.50
HEALTH - OPERATING SUPPLY	100.00	9.17	0.00	90.83
HEALTH AGENCIES	18,709.00	18,709.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	19,209.00	18,826.67	0.00	382.33
GENERAL ASSISTANCE				
WELFARE - PART TIME	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
SR. RESOURCE COORD	11,150.00	6,118.14	0.00	5,031.86
SRC OPERATING SUPPLY	100.00	426.50	0.00	(326.50)
WELFARE - UTILITIES	1,000.00	439.90	0.00	560.10
WELFARE - GENERAL	1,000.00	3,903.00	0.00	(2,903.00)
WELFARE - FOOD	3,500.00	4,948.00	0.00	(1,448.00)
WELFARE - FOOD PANTRY	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	23,750.00	20,835.54	0.00	2,914.46
PARKS & RECREATION				
P & R - PARTTIME SALARY	850.00	283.50	0.00	566.50
P & R - ELECTRIC SUPPLY	500.00	547.62	0.00	(47.62)
P & R - EQUIP MAINT/REPAIRS	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
P & R - WATER	575.00	675.00	0.00	(100.00)
P & R - BALLFIELD MOW/MAINTAIN	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
P & R - PORT A POTTIES	4,000.00	4,135.11	0.00	(135.11)
P & R - FISHING DERBY	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
P & R - BEACHES	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
P & R - TENNIS COURTS	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
P & R - TOWN BEAUTIFICATION	400.00	245.00	0.00	155.00
P & R - LITTLE LEAGUE	900.00	450.00	0.00	450.00

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
TOTAL	14,000.00	6,336.23	0.00	7,663.77
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	1,400.00	1,537.06	0.00	(137.06)
OLD HOME WEEK	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
HERITAGE COMMISSION	850.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES	750.00	358.60	0.00	391.40
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
CONSERVATION - PART TIME	750.00	748.00	0.00	2.00
CONSERVATION - OPERATING	600.00	7.99	0.00	592.01
CONSERVATION - DUES	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
CONSERVATION TRAINING	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
CONSERVATION - MEETINGS	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL	2,250.00	1,005.99	0.00	1,244.01
WATER QUALITY TESTING	5,625.00	6,246.00	0.00	(621.00)
DEBT SERVICES				
BOND - PRINCIPAL PSB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LEASE - PRINCIPAL FIRE TRUCK	64,830.00	59,622.21	0.00	5,207.79
BOND- ROAD BOND	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	189,830.00	184,622.21	0.00	5,207.79
INTEREST EXPENSE				
INTEREST - FIRE TRUCK	5,741.00	9,377.79	0.00	(3,636.79)
ROAD BOND INTEREST	22,600.00	22,600.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INTEREST -IRS	0.00	88.28	0.00	(88.28)
TOTAL	28,341.00	32,066.07	0.00	(3,725.07)
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	3,180,567.00	3,538,912.80	0.00	(62,712.13)
CAPITAL OUTLAY / INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES				
TOWN SENIOR COORDINATOR	0.00	432.66	0.00	(432.66)
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
WATSON HILL CULVERT	139,723.00	139,723.00	0.00	0.00
FAC - FOREST MAINTENANCE	4,000.00	1,376.22	0.00	2,623.78
TRANSFER STATION - IMPROVEMENTS	80,000.00	16,640.27	0.00	63,359.73
NH LAKE HOST PROGRAM	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
FAISC - MILFOIL REMOVAL	26,725.00	25,988.00	0.00	737.00
FAC - FORESTER	6,700.00	6,107.25	0.00	592.75
LIBRARY	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY - HOT TOP	145,704.00	139,756.24	0.00	5,947.76
HIGHWAY - SEALING	62,000.00	62,000.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY - CRACK & SEAL	29,200.00	0.00	0.00	29,200.00
TOWN OFFICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE	10,000.00	700.00	0.00	9,300.00
FAC - TRAIL/ROAD REPAIRS	35,000.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00
FIRE - FIRE POND DREDGING	40,000.00	9,400.00	0.00	30,600.00
FIRE - TAHOE	45,000.00	44,784.50	0.00	215.50
TOTAL	748,552.00	568,908.14	0.00	179,643.86
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS				
CAPITAL RESERVES				
CAPITAL RESERVE - POLICE	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - HIGHWAY EQUIP.	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - FIRE EQUIP.	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - TRANSFER STATION	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - ROAD R.O.W	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE - INFRASTRUCTURE	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE -PSB MAINT/REP	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	Budgeted	Expenditure	Encumbered	Remaining
TOTAL	105,000.00	105,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY/INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES	853,552.00	673,908.14	0.00	179,643.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,034,119.00	4,212,820.94	0.00	116,931.73

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUATION

	Acres	Valuation	Total
Value of Land Only			
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,511.76	\$ 626,585	
B. Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.26	450	
C. Residential	6,238.75	\$ 283,803,000	
D. Commercial/Industrial	415.01	6,386,400	
Total of Taxable Land	18,165.78		\$ 290,816,435
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	3,437.39	14,725,400	
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		332,826,962	
B. Manufactured Housing		30,011,900	
C. Commercial/Industrial		11,063,700	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (22 Structures)		78,038	
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$ 373,980,600
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		15,580,500	
Public Utilities - Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric		4,608,200	
Total Public Utilities			\$ 4,608,200
Valuation Before Exemptions			\$ 669,405,235
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:38-b			
Total Number Granted - 0			
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b			
Total Number Granted - 4		175,000	
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
Total Number Granted - 1		20,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			\$ 195,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed			\$ 669,210,235
Less Public Utilities			\$ (4,608,200)
Net Valuation without utilities which the Tax Rate for State Education is Computed			\$ 664,602,035



Tax Rate Breakdown Freedom

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,624,380	\$669,210,235	\$3.92
County	\$877,014	\$669,210,235	\$1.31
Local Education	\$2,575,796	\$669,210,235	\$3.85
State Education	\$1,261,982	\$664,602,035	\$1.90
Total	\$7,339,172		\$10.98

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Freedom Village Water	\$0	\$18,101,598	\$0.00
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$7,339,172
War Service Credits	(\$30,700)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$7,308,472

Sam Greene
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

11/8/2023

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,049,119	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,023,907)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$209,533)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$232,619)
War Service Credits	\$30,700	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$10,620	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,624,380	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$877,014	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$877,014	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$3,837,778	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,261,982)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$2,575,796	
State Education Tax	\$1,261,982	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,261,982	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$669,210,235	\$661,617,101
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$664,602,035	\$656,790,201
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$669,210,235	\$661,617,101

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
Freedom Village Water	\$18,101,598

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$8,763,911
Final Overlay	\$10,620

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), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund..*

[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance.*

2023 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Freedom	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (17.00%)	\$1,489,865
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$1,489,865
10% Retained	\$876,391
8% Retained	\$701,113
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$438,196

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

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2023

Town Hall, Land and Building.....	\$553,900
Town Office, Land and Building	\$328,900
Public Safety Building and Land.....	\$899,300
Roller Shed, Land and Building.....	\$32,700
Masonic Lodge Land and Building	\$373,300
Library, Land and Buildings	\$492,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings.....	\$372,000
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings.....	\$95,100
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches.....	\$635,800
Schools, Land and Building	\$4,008,700
Conservation Commission	\$759,280
Trout Pond Town Forest	\$2,656,700
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deed.....	\$541,800
All Other Property:	
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	\$48,300
abuts Danforth Pond/Ossipee Lake Road	\$71,200
	\$11,868,980

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
2014 Cat 924K 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
1992 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

2022 Chevrolet Tahoe
2020 Chevrolet Tahoe
2016 Ford Explorer
2 Axon Taser 7 Units
2 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
Stationary Radar Unit
3 RhinoTab M1 Mobile Data Transmitters

Zoning Officer

2013 Chevy Tahoe

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

DEBT AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose: Rescue

2023 Installment	\$69,000.00
Interest Rate	2.89%
Date of Final Payment	1/10/2027
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$324,491.00
Bonds issued this year	\$0.00
Bonds retired this year	\$0.00
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$264,868.68

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation (debt as of 12/31/23)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2024	\$64,829.44	2.89%	\$5,741.03	\$70,570.47
2025	\$64,789.33	2.89%	\$5,781.14	\$70,570.47
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	\$264,868.79		\$17,413.10	\$288,281.88

Purpose: Ossipee Lake & Bennett Roads

2023 Installment	\$125,000.00
Interest Rate	4.02%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/2026
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	\$375,000.00
Bonds issued this year	\$0
Bonds Retired this year	\$0
Bonds o/s at end of year	\$250,000.00

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation (debt as of 12/31/23)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2024	\$125,000	4.02%	\$17,575	\$142,575
2025	\$125,000	5.02%	\$12,550	\$137,550
2026	\$125,000	5.02%	\$6,275	\$131,275
Total	\$375,000		\$36,400	\$411,400

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year	\$ 784,936.00
Assessment for Current Year	\$ 3,837,778.00
 Total Liability within Current Year.....	 \$ 4,622,714.00
 Payments made to School District.....	 \$ 3,234,936.00
Liability at End of Year.....	\$ 1,387,778.00
 Total.....	 \$ 4,622,714.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023)

Report of Revenue Received

3265	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$ 513,148.38
168	Dog Licenses	\$ 861.00
60	Vital Copies	\$ 760.00
6	Marriage Licenses	\$ 300.00
12	Facilities Permits	\$ 145.00
	Postage	\$ 57.00
	State – UCC Filings	\$ 645.00
	State Checklist Copies	\$ 400.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Dog License Late Charges	\$ 13.00
Power Line Filing fee	\$ 10.00
Photocopies	\$ 10.00
Vital Records VSX (3)	<u>\$ 30.00</u>

TOTAL: \$ 516,379.38

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

DEBITS				
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levy for Year of this Report	2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes		289,026.61		
Land Use Change Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes		3,758.21		
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd				
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(18,763.02)			
This Year's New Credits				
Tax Committed This Year:		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	7,312,041.09	4,358.00		
Land Use Change Taxes	-			
Timber Yield Taxes	46,641.11			
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd	-			
Overpayment:		2022	2021	2020
Credits Refunded	16,553.00			
Interest - Late Taxes	3,697.28	10,078.17		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 7,360,169.46	\$307,220.99	\$ -	\$ -
CREDITS				
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	6,913,813.83	223,995.57		
Land Use Change Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes	45,203.46	3,385.48		
Interest	3,247.28	5,881.17		
Penalties	450.00	4,197.00		
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd				
Converted to Liens (principal only)		65,287.09		
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned				
Abatements Made:		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	2,773.87	4,358.00		
Land Use Change Taxes	-			
Timber Yield Taxes	1,437.65			
Current Levy Deeded	1,116.00			
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	411,355.12	116.68		
Land Use Change Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @\$.02/yd	-			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(19,227.75)			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 7,360,169.46	\$307,220.99	\$ -	\$ -

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES / TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

SUMMARY OF DEBITS		Prior Levies:	
	2022	2021	2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		42,220.92	25,517.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	70,755.98		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,617.00	5,248.53	6,648.97
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 72,372.98	\$ 47,469.45	\$ 32,165.97
SUMMARY OF CREDITS		Prior Levies:	
	2022	2021	2020
Redemptions	36,360.74	28,490.86	23,179.84
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	1,617.00	5,248.53	6,648.97
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	-		
Liens Deeded to Municipality	2,396.50	2,544.73	1,181.92
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	31,998.74	11,185.33	1,155.24
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 72,372.98	\$ 47,469.45	\$ 32,165.97

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Porter
Tax Collector

ABATEMENTS

Name	Location	Tax Year(s)	Amount
Seavey, James	Map 60, Lot 1-YWH06	2023	348.00
Purity Springs	Map 60, Lot 1 - N35	2023	74.66
Beyer, Barbara	Map 60, Lot 1-YPI13	2023	208.62
Currier, Brett	Map 60, Lot 1-YAD12	2023	184.00
Arnold, David	Map 60, Lot 1-N1	2023	253.00
Chapman, Robert	Map 13, Lot 21-02	2023	9.78
York, Alex	Map 60, Lot 1-Q08	2023	121.00
Polce, Karla	Map 60, Lot 1-P16	2023	138.00
Smith, Brian	Map 60, Lot 1-YLA02	2023	138.00
Graceffa, Anne Marie	Map 60, Lot 1-YOQ47	2023	131.00
Heeney, Mike	Map 60, Lot 1-N26	2023	208.00
Edgett, Karen Doucet	Map 60, Lot 1-YOW19	2023	145.00
Lane, Trustees Caryl & Gere	Map 4, Lot 6	2023	16.09
Benn, Jennifer	Map 23, Lot 2	2022	4358.00
Glavin, Melanie	Map 12, Lot 35-1	2023	193.00
Scalzilli, Julianne	Map 60, Lot 1-YMO17	2023	90.00
Banks, Robert	Map 60, Lot 1-YMI09	2023	153.00
Stephens, Luciano	Map 60, Lot 1-YCA11	2023	126.00
Herrholz, Mark	Map 60, Lot 1-N27	2023	136.00
Michaud, Tom	Map 60, Lot YHA07	2023	88.00
Stagliano, Michael	Map 60, Lot 01-YLI41	2023	103.00
Conlon, Martin	Map 60, Lot 01-YFL06	2023	112.00
Sullivan, Joseph	Map 60, Lot 01-LA16	2023	14.00
Matte, Michael	Map 60, Lot 1-YMO01	2023	130.00
Brano, Richard	Map 60, Lot 1-B1	2023	161.00
Corey, Calvin	Map 60, Lot 1-YOW16	2023	124.00
Woodward, John	Map4, Lot 24	2023	1437.65
Total			\$9,076.80

Town of Freedom
Treasurers Report
January thru December 2023

Bank Balance as of 12/31/22	2,875,050.55
	Jan - Dec 23
Income	
Boat	6,248.40
Building	73,010.65
Fema	40,611.48
Highway Bond	53,111.82
Interest Income	7,062.51
Rt Check Fees Recovered	615.00
Selectmen	444,515.74
Short Term Rental Permits	3,197.15
Tax Collector	7,340,593.83
Town Clerk	517,084.38
Trustees of Trust Fund	462,198.98
Total Income	8,948,249.94
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	1,314.00
Operating Expenses	7,151,048.42
Payroll Expenses	1,095,125.97
Trust Expenses (NHPDIP)	390,000.00
Total Expense	8,637,488.39
Net Income	310,761.55
Bank Balance as of 12/31/22	2,876,570.64

Respectully Submitted
M. Jayne Britton, Treasurer

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Fire Department		
	Rob Cunio	\$ 67,091.95
	Charlie Hatfield	\$ 6,549.64
Highway Department		
	Lance Bolduc	\$ 78,578.51
	Scott Brooks, Sr.	\$ 54,048.90
	Barry Kittredge	\$ 44,831.25
	Jim MacDonald	\$ 78,585.01
	JP McVitty	\$ 2,866.24
	Bruce Morgan	\$ 20,035.50
	Rusty White, Jr.	\$ 21,507.78
	Michael Willey	\$ 26,380.00
Police Department		
	Michael Bedley	\$ 203.00
	Clayton Cyr	\$ 42,193.42
	Eric Diaz	\$ 29,204.67
	Tyler Eldridge	\$ 920.00
	William French	\$ 17,402.24
	Rich Laferriere	\$ 77,000.73
	Michael Mosher	\$ 891.00
	James Mullen	\$ 93,206.24
	Jocelyn Rogers-Hamalainen	\$ 1,788.00
Transfer Station		
	Edgar Batista	\$ 6,529.50
	Justin Brooks	\$ 14,638.13
	Brian Cummings	\$ 18,631.13
	Richard Despres	\$ 883.00
	Cecelie Ekse	\$ 9,229.00
	Michael Gaudette	\$ 1,022.00
	Charlene MacCurtain	\$ 55,854.27
	John MacCurtain	\$ 1,687.50
	Jack Montero	\$ 2,092.50
	Brian Taylor	\$ 630.00
Office		
	Stacy Bolduc	\$ 54,906.72
	Kali Eldridge	\$ 12,630.00
	Lindsay Pettengill	\$ 57,283.07
	Samantha Porter	\$ 13,799.50
	John Roman	\$ 10,202.75
	Barbara Savage	\$ 395.25
	Ellen White	\$ 27,206.88
	Jo Williams	\$ 1,660.63
Zoning Officer/Building Inspector		
	Gary Williams	\$ 31,349.00
PB/FAISC/FAC/FCC		
	Melissa Donaldson	\$ 2,149.00
ZBA		
	Lindsay Pettengill	\$ 601.76
Facilities Custodian		
	Mark McKinley	\$ 9,168.50
Health Officer		
	Frank Evitts, <i>Resigned</i>	\$ 108.50
Senior Resource Coordinator		
	Renee Wheaton	\$ 5,645.75

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue

George Boewe, Jr.	\$	1,782.20
Robert Brown	\$	131.20
Dave Cribbie	\$	535.76
Patrick Cunio	\$	50.00
Jason Daggett	\$	288.64
Albion Doe, Jr.	\$	1,178.52
Michael Eldridge, Jr.	\$	4,638.80
David Farinella	\$	288.64
Cameron Grimes	\$	2,019.36
Charles Hatfield	\$	5,385.64
Daniel Jones	\$	157.44
JP McVitty	\$	26.24
Peter Peterson	\$	2,494.00
Eric Seamans	\$	4,859.68
James Stone	\$	3,932.04
Richard Ullrich	\$	4,793.32
Christopher Vittum	\$	2,430.88

TOWN OFFICIALS

	Salary	Costs/Fees	Expenses	Total
Selectmen				
Leslie R. Babb	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00
Ernest F. Day, Jr.	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00
Melissa M. Florio	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 6,000.00
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	\$ 39,359.84	\$ 6,083.53		\$ 45,443.37
Tax Collector				
Annette Babb	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00
Moderator				
Don Johnson	\$ 239.19			\$ 239.19
Chuck Brooks	\$ 165.00			\$ 165.00
Supervisors of the Checklist				
Maureen Brooks	\$ 522.50			\$ 522.50
Patricia McCoy	\$ 406.25			\$ 406.25
Carol Stansell	\$ 734.25			\$ 734.25
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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VENDORS

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
A&B LOCK AND SECURITY	\$3,134.50	CONWAY DAILY SUN	\$6,157.45
Action Ambulance	\$105,771.84	Charles Watts III	\$7,948.00
ADMIRAL FIRE & SAFETY, INC.	\$5,532.61	Consolidated Comm of NNE	\$1,627.67
Advanced Diesel	\$30,722.62	Charter Communications	\$21,996.09
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$419.20	CONWAY AREA HUMANE SOCIETY	\$500.00
AMERIGO TECHNOLOGY LLC	\$7,515.00	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES	\$16,430.00
ANNE GAUDETTE	\$16.50	Cote, Dennis & Tina	\$127.00
ALL STATES ASPHALT, INC.	\$208,233.99	Crest Auto World	\$51.57
ALL-TEMP SERVICES INC	\$1,058.50	Cummings, Brian	\$2,075.76
ALLIED EQUIPMENT, LLC	\$2,189.50	CUNIO, ROBERT	\$1,500.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$1,300.00	Cunningham, Anne	\$322.48
ANNETTE M. BABB	\$2,899.50	Cunningham, Scott	\$16.50
Ann Pierce	\$16.50	CWS Fence	\$5,468.75
Aqualogic Inc	\$6,260.00	Davidson, Jane	\$16.50
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	\$399.00	Davidson, Richard	\$16.50
AUBUCHON HARDWARE	\$123.07	DEL R. GILBERT & SON	\$400.98
AVITAR ASSOC. OF NEW ENGLAND	\$12,383.00	Deyab Electric LLC	\$237.50
AWSI	\$29.00	DJ's Septic Pumping Services	\$1,627.50
AXON ENTERPRISES	\$1,979.35	Don Harris	\$55.00
Barbara Pelton	\$16.50	DONAHUE, TUCKER & CIANDELLA	\$360.00
B.H. KEITH ASSOCIATES	\$7,457.25	Donna Tung	\$16.50
BANK OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$6,538.00	Dig & Doze, LLC	\$3,500.00
BLAKE FAMILY ROADSIDE ASST LLC	\$150.00	Diprizio GMC Trucks Inc	\$168.60
BDS TIRE RECYCLING	\$1,375.00	D&L Disposal LLC	\$732.00
BERGERON TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$10,206.25	E.J. PRESCOTT INC.	\$10,992.36
BOEWE, GEORGE JR.	\$1,620.00	Eastern Minerals Inc	\$37,068.82
BOLDUC, STACY	\$3,862.08	Eastern Propane	\$439.90
BOLDUC, LANCING	\$148.50	EASTMAN'S WELDING	\$1,183.50
BROOKS, JUSTIN	\$75.02	Elizabeth Earle	\$148.50
BROOKS, SCOTT	\$113,934.53	E&E Electric	\$2,746.80
BROOKS JR, SCOTT	\$1,378.00	EFTPS	\$229,665.86
Breslin, Andrea	\$45.00	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$35,000.20
BUSINESS MGT SYSTEMS	\$500.00	Elliot, Maureen	\$16.50
BURKE QUARRY	\$697.74	Elliot, William	\$99.00
C.C. REGISTRY OF DEEDS	\$550.87	Eldridge Logging LLC	\$25,200.00
C.C. TREASURER	\$877,014.00	Eldridge, Kali	\$153.75
C.N. BROWN	\$88,257.43	Ekse, Cecelie	\$245.49
C.N. Brown	\$18,458.27	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	\$3,067.54
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	\$539.67	Eric Diaz	\$712.09
Carroll Stansell	\$734.25	ERNEST DAY JR	\$77.00
CARROLL MATERIALS	\$2,491.39	EVERSOURCE	\$3,868.29
CASA	\$500.00	EVERSOURCE	\$18,780.32
CASELLA WASTE MGT INC	\$191,093.87	Finley & Mulvena Inc	\$2,174.31
Certified Laboratories	\$6,383.00	Finn, Michael	\$45.00
CHARLES BROOKS	\$165.00	FIREMATIC SUPPLY CO, INC.	\$19,106.66
Chappell Tractor Sales	\$1,544.17	Fire Plates N'More	\$53.97
Cheryl Harris	\$99.00	Flo's North Auto Bath LLC	\$59.40
CHILDREN UNLIMITED, INC.	\$2,000.00	FRANK L. EVITTS	\$17.92
CINTAS FIRE PROTECTION	\$4,599.56	FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$3,419,226.00
Clean Harbors Environmental	\$12,789.10	FREEDOM FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	\$7,731.07
CMA ENGINEERS, INC.	\$5,137.28	FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY	\$5,000.00

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VENDORS

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
COLEMAN CONCRETE INC.	\$944.00	FREEDOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$2,000.00
COLEMAN RENTAL & SUPPLY	\$4,864.45	FREEDOM LIBRARY	\$120,018.34
Coleman, A.J. & Son	\$23,377.14	Freedom School District	\$59,688.00
Clark's Grain Store	\$252.92	Freedom Title Services	\$1,555.00
Freedom Old Home Week	\$2,000.00	Moody, Betsy	\$100.00
FREEDOM VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT	\$3,875.00	McManus, Sean	\$1,450.00
G.W. BROOKS & SON, INC.	\$227,435.70	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	\$310.79
GAFTEK, LLC	\$244.00	MacCurtain, Charlene	\$39.30
GBD Enterprises LLC	\$4,347.50	MATTON SECURITY SYSTEMS	\$240.00
GEMINI SIGN & DESIGN, LTD	\$1,720.00	Maureen Brooks	\$522.50
Granite VNA	\$2,500.00	MCCOY, PATRICIA	\$406.25
GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION	\$6,246.00	MCVITTY, J.P.	\$220.00
Goldstar Products	\$339.49	Melissa Florio	\$909.79
Gworks	\$3,459.00	MICHIE CORP	\$78,725.48
Hampton, Diava	\$7,856.72	Mike Gaudette	\$165.00
Hartford Communications LLC	\$7,042.00	MINUTEMAN PRESS	\$12,855.13
HEALTHTRUST	\$236,077.41	MORTON SALT, INC.	\$39,250.25
HEB ENGINEERS, INC.	\$5,000.00	Misiaszek Turpin PLLC	\$700.00
Hope McGowan	\$16.50	Moultonbrook Farm Greenhouses	\$245.00
Holt, Richard	\$16.50	MWVCRRL	\$450.00
Horizons Engineering	\$6,586.25	Municipal Mgmt Assc of NH	\$110.00
HSE Fire Safety Equipment	\$1,065.75	NH Dept of Revenue Admin	\$10.00
Huckins Towing	\$150.00	N.H. MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	\$2,996.00
IIA Fire Department Testing	\$3,036.25	N.H. RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$91,036.33
INDUSTRIAL PROTECTION SERV.	\$505.00	N.H. TAX COLLECTOR ASSOC.	\$40.00
Irwin Automotive	\$665.54	National Stormwater Center	\$824.00
INTERWARE DEVELOPMENT	\$3,466.00	Nelson, Scott	\$45.00
Janet Johnson	\$16.50	NE LIFT CO.	\$375.00
JGS Overhead Doors	\$2,502.50	New England Barricade	\$1,768.69
Jarrold Hurd	\$8,440.00	NFPA	\$1,725.00
Jay Hounsell Gen Contractor	\$46,948.00	NH ASSOC.OF ASSESSING OFFICIAL	\$20.00
JC Madigan Inc	\$5,412.73	NH ASSOC.OF CONSERVATION	\$250.00
Jeff Nicoll	\$1,708.08	NH BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOC.	\$245.00
JOHNSON, DONALD	\$239.19	NH MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSN	\$100.00
John Roman	\$81.22	NH MUNICIPAL BOND BANK	\$147,600.00
JOYCE WATSON	\$16.50	NORTH COAST SERVICES, LLC	\$3,595.04
KARL E OGREN	\$27.50	NORTH CONWAY INCINERATOR	\$775.42
Kendall, Lucy	\$16.50	Northeast Autobody	\$876.52
Kennedy, Bradford	\$45.00	NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY	\$135.52
KEZAR FALLS AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	\$168.21	NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES	\$1,433.00
LAKES REGION FIRE APP.INC	\$9,372.60	NORTHWAY BANK	\$123.00
LAKES REGION PLANNING	\$6,622.50	O'Connor Motor Company	\$485.62
Lakes Region Regional/NHCTCA	\$75.00	O'Reilly/First Call	\$250.34
LAKESIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	\$1,200.00	OSSIPEE AGGREGATES	\$12,990.73
LAKEVIEW CEMETERY	\$5,069.94	OSSIPEE AUTO PARTS	\$2,485.01
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC.	\$560.46	OSSIPEE CHILDREN'S FUND	\$500.00
LESLIE BABB	\$55.00	OSSIPEE CONCERNED CITIZEN	\$5,810.75
Lees, Rebecca	\$27.50	OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY	\$6,968.96
MACDONALD MOTORS	\$522.99	OSSIPEE MT. ELECTRONICS	\$1,409.85

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VENDORS

Vendor Name	Payment	Vendor Name	Payment
MacMulkin Chevrolet	\$42,660.00	OSSIPEE VALLEY MUTUAL AID	\$6,000.00
Maine Commercial Tire	\$3,744.00	Palmer Spring	\$1,056.18
Mark McKinley	\$23.99	Paul Olzerowicz	\$200.00
Paul Tung	\$16.50	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	\$120,000.00
Pine River Sand & Gravel	\$159.44	Uline	\$1,483.23
PINNACLE PUBLIC FINANCE	\$69,000.00	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$8,119.70
Pitney Bowes Inc	\$733.44	Union Leader	\$901.90
POPE SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC	\$1,324.00	United Site Services	\$1,553.83
PORTER OFFICE MACHINES	\$6,925.72	USPS	\$286.00
PRIEBE, A.E.	\$1,418.40	VACHON CLUKAY & COMPANY PC	\$19,909.32
PRIMEX	\$59,112.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$2,935.94
Purity Spring Resort, Inc	\$171.00	Windy Ridge	\$41.00
R.B. WOOD & ASSOCIATES, LLC.	\$33,768.00	WELLS FARGO ADVISORS	\$25,399.71
Reliance Standard Life Ins Co	\$13,073.69	Wells Fargo	\$3,244.36
Renee Wheaton	\$90.39	WHITE MT. COMMUNITY HEALTH CT.	\$2,030.00
Rusty White	\$568.86	WHITE MTN OIL & PROPANE, INC.	\$3,663.32
Rochelle Brooks	\$132.00	White Mtn Overhead Door	\$325.00
RYMES PROPANE & OIL INC.	\$650.72	WM Corporate Services	\$3,260.02
S.Al. McLean & Sons	\$610.00	Williams, Gary	\$1,350.18
Samanth Porter	\$1,312.37	Witmer Public Safety Group	\$788.18
SB Signs Inc	\$799.06	WRS II Trucking LLC	\$6,480.00
SCHAEFFER'S	\$14,196.41	WSB TECHNOLOGIES	\$853.88
SCHWAAB, INC.	\$338.28	12 East Ridge Prop Maint	\$6,648.66
SKEHAN HOME CENTER	\$1,039.73	Zowasky, Robert & Theresa	\$440.01
SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT	\$19,728.00		
Soule, Leslie, Kidder, Sayward	\$33,235.00		
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON, INC.	\$24,223.84		
Spencer Ogren	\$27.50		
Susan Monteiro	\$45.00		
Susan Harris	\$3,903.00		
Stantec Consulting Services	\$2,800.00		
STAPLES	\$4,280.28		
STARTING POINT	\$4,146.00		
State of NH-Criminal Records	\$125.00		
Stratham Tire	\$564.00		
STRYKER MEDICAL	\$41,639.63		
TAMMY NASON	\$55.00		
TEXAS REFINERY CORP	\$1,685.12		
The Kindness Animal Hospital	\$235.30		
THE LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION	\$500.00		
Thibodeau-Pettengill, Lindsay	\$274.44		
TMDE CALIBRATION LABS, INC.	\$187.50		
TOWN OF MADISON	\$346.76		
TREASURER STATE OF NH	\$2,532.00		
TRI-COUNTY COM. ACTION PROGRAM	\$3,800.00		
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	\$1,818.18		
Truelove, John	\$45.00		

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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL		EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE		TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
				NEW FUNDS						ADDED TO		
										PRIN		PRINCIPAL
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1924	Ina E Foss	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard	Cem P/C	150.00	0.00		0.00	150.00	7.86	7.86	0.00		150.00
1924	Edward H Nason	Cem P/C	210.00	0.00		0.00	210.00	11.01	11.01	0.00		210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1927	F W Towle	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00		0.00	500.00	26.21	26.21	0.00		500.00
1927	Parsons Yard	Cem P/C	700.00	0.00		0.00	700.00	36.69	36.69	0.00		700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00		0.00	500.00	26.21	26.21	0.00		500.00
1928	John W Smith	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1932	James Wood	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1935	George W Chase	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson	Cem P/C	50.00	0.00		0.00	50.00	2.62	2.62	0.00		50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1939	Frank P Corson	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1941	Stevens, Sweetser, Marston, Harmon	Cem P/C	450.00	0.00		0.00	450.00	23.59	23.59	0.00		450.00
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle	Cem P/C	112.00	0.00		0.00	112.00	5.87	5.87	0.00		112.00
1952	John J Giles	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00		0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00		100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00		0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00		200.00
SUBTOTAL Page 1			6,272.00	0.00		0.00	6,272.00	328.74	328.74	0.00		6,272.00

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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE		PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE		TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
			START OF YEAR	FUNDS	NEW	EXPENDED DURING YEAR				ADDED TO PRIN		
COMMON TRUST:												
1960	Chester H Drake	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	26.21	26.21	0.00	500.00	
1963	Emelie P Holmgren	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1963	Charles H Watts	Cem P/C	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	23.59	23.59	0.00	450.00	
1963	Nelson C Works	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1965	Cutting Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1965	Andrews Lot	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00	200.00	
1966	Lord Cemetery	Cem P/C	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	104.83	104.83	0.00	2,000.00	
1966	Florence Seymour	Cem P/C	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	26.21	26.21	0.00	500.00	
1968	John Works	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1968	John C & Marie Lee	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	7.86	7.86	0.00	150.00	
1969	Drake Lot	Cem P/C	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	15.72	15.72	0.00	300.00	
1972	Lord Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1976	Charles Bryant Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1977	David Smith Lot	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00	200.00	
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00	200.00	
1988	Gordon D Stokes	Cem P/C	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	41.93	41.93	0.00	800.00	
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds	Cem P/C	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	10.48	10.48	0.00	200.00	
1988	Abe Sargent	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle	Cem P/C	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	15.72	15.72	0.00	300.00	
1988	Mary S Morrison	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1989	William A & Sally Stoops	Cem P/C	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
1989	David Sargent	Cem P/C	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	2.10	2.10	0.00	40.00	
1999	Town Cemetery Fund	Cem P/C	1,841.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	96.49	96.49	0.00	1,841.00	
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,653.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	820.43	820.43	0.00	15,653.00	
LIBRARY FUNDS												
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	52.42	52.42	0.00	1,000.00	
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	5.24	5.24	0.00	100.00	
TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	57.66	57.66	0.00	1,100.00	
TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			16,753.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,753.00	878.09	878.09	0.00	16,753.00	

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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	BALANCE		PRINCIPAL		BALANCE		CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME		TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
			START OF YEAR	END OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	END OF YEAR	ADDED TO PRIN					
GENERAL FUNDS:													
Expendable Trust Funds:													
2002	Town	Road Right of Way	6,391.82		5,000.00	2,786.25	8,605.57	420.80	0.00	420.80		9,026.37	
2006	Milfoil Removal	Remediation of Milfoil	6,529.18		0.00	0.00	6,529.18	341.69	0.00	341.69		6,870.87	
2009	Freedom Public Library	Maintain Bldg & Equipment	17,085.22		15,000.00	0.00	32,085.22	1,303.41	0.00	1,303.41		33,388.63	
2015	School District	Tuition Stabilization	267,489.82		0.00	0.00	267,489.82	13,998.88	0.00	13,998.88		281,488.70	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS		297,496.04		20,000.00	2,786.25	314,709.79	16,064.78	0.00	16,064.78		330,774.57	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:													
1996	School Bus	School District	252,641.06		50,000.00	89,290.00	213,351.06	12,696.71	0.00	12,696.71		226,047.77	
1989	Highway Equipment Fund	Equipment	55,270.09		40,000.00	0.00	95,270.09	3,983.89	0.00	3,983.89		99,253.98	
2001	School District	Special Education	285,584.87		50,000.00	0.00	335,584.87	15,306.02	0.00	15,306.02		350,890.89	
2002	Fire Department Equipment	Equipment	75,990.13		10,000.00	0.00	85,990.13	4,249.74	0.00	4,249.74		90,239.87	
2006	Municipal Land and Buildings	Town Buildings & Land	122,619.92		0.00	17,475.50	105,144.42	5,623.22	0.00	5,623.22		110,767.64	
2007	Transfer Station Equipment	Equipment	44,104.42		10,000.00	0.00	54,104.42	2,581.03	0.00	2,581.03		56,685.45	
2009	School Building Maintenance	School District Bldg Maint	184,160.46		50,000.00	51,030.00	183,130.46	9,492.18	0.00	9,492.18		192,622.64	
2011	Police Dept. Equipment	Equipment	45,196.72		10,000.00	0.00	55,196.72	2,638.19	0.00	2,638.19		57,834.91	
2011	Town Hall and Office	Maint Town Hall/Office Bldg	43,798.21		0.00	22,680.00	21,118.21	2,067.29	0.00	2,067.29		23,185.50	
2012	Highway Drainage Struct Improv	Rplc Failing Drainage Infrast	43,985.34		0.00	0.00	43,985.34	2,301.94	0.00	2,301.94		46,287.28	
2014	School Technology	School District	53,642.57		0.00	8,658.00	44,984.57	2,721.53	0.00	2,721.53		47,706.10	
2014	Water Systems Repairs Fund	Rprs to Existing Water Sys	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
2015	Town Infrastructure	Infrastructure	7,440.12		20,000.00	0.00	27,440.12	935.06	0.00	935.06		28,375.18	
2022	Public Safety CRF	Building Maintenance/Repair	10,162.53		10,000.00	0.00	20,162.53	804.70	0.00	804.70		20,967.23	
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES		1,224,596.44		250,000.00	189,133.50	1,265,300.41	65,401.50	0.00	49,290.78		1,350,864.44	
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS		1,538,845.48		270,000.00	191,919.75	1,596,763.20	82,344.37	878.09	65,355.56		1,698,392.01	

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS (MS-10)
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2023

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	BALANCE		PRINCIPAL		BALANCE		GAINS OR (LOSSES)		CURRENT	INCOME		TOTAL
		START OF	YEAR	NEW	FUNDS	EXPENDED	DURING	NEW	LOSSES	YEAR	INCOME	ADDED TO	NEW
													PRINCIPAL
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	Cem P/C	15,653.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	820.43	820.43	0.00	15,653.00
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	Library	1,100.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	1,100.00	57.66	57.66	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTALS	16,753.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	16,753.00	878.09	878.09	0.00	16,753.00

Freedom Public Library

Beginning Balance 01/01/2023

Checking	\$	59,479.00
Money Market	\$	8,080.86
Centennial Fund	\$	25.00
Cayford Fund	\$	6,698.00
Williams Fund	\$	11,899.49
Total as of 01/01/2021	\$	86,182.35

2023 Income

Library Funds	\$	257.45
Friends Donation	\$	9,498.79
Interest	\$	48.51
Misc Income	\$	293.57
Town Appropriation	\$	120,000.00
Unanticipated Gifts	\$	1,999.00

2023 Expenses

Total Income	\$	132,097.32
Library Materials	\$	11,102.42
Programs	\$	4,207.64
Library Supplies	\$	2,838.71
Computer/Technology	\$	3,777.00
Salaries	\$	84,648.81
Utilities	\$	7,658.35
Maintenance/Building	\$	3,505.78
Grounds	\$	4,420.00
Professional Development	\$	1,017.62
Other Expenses	\$	13.62
Contract Services	\$	2,268.00
Total Expenses	\$	125,457.95

Balance 12/31/2023

Checking	\$	66,845.07
Money Market	\$	8,101.53
Centennial Fund	\$	25.00
Cayford Fund	\$	6,698.00
Williams Fund	\$	11,899.49
Total as of 12/31/2021	\$	93,569.09



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January 31, 2024

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

Dear Members of the Board:

We have completed the fieldwork in connection with the audit of the Town of Freedom's December 31, 2022 financial statements. Unless we encounter circumstances beyond our control, the completed reports will be available no later than March 15, 2024.

Very truly yours,

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

ROAD AGENT REPORT

2023 NOTES:

December snow storm change to rain that resulted in 6" of snow then 3" of rain. Causing drainage system to have a restriction in their ability to handle the rain fall and the melting snow. As a result, we had roads in the hills experience wash out and surface erosion. Carroll County met the threshold for FEMA assistance. January, February, and March was a new average winter as the season seems to have changed to more rain and less snow fall. On April 19th the Highway Crew started the cleanup work from the December storm. Clearing debris from roadsides, ditches, culverts and turnouts.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Road surface graveled with $\frac{3}{4}$ " CBRG from material saved from projects then processed into crushed bank run gravel.
 - Abenaki Rd., Mudgett Rd., West Danforth Rd., Watson Hill Rd., Burnham Rd., Youngs Hill Rd.
- Road Surface gravel purchased from local gravel pits.
 - Scarboro Rd., Youngs Hill Rd., Burnham Rd., Cold Brook Rd.
- Shoulder gravel
 - Swett Hill Rd., Moulton Rd., Youngs Hill Rd., Ossipee Lake Rd., Pequawket Trail, Huckins Rd.
- Transfer Station New Entrance, assisted in transfer station yard maintenance

NEW OR REPLACED CULVERTS:

- Cold Brook Road - Installed 52ft of 30" culvert, 40ft of 24" culvert, 152ft of 18" culvert, and 82ft of 15" culvert.
- Watson Hill Road - Installed a 3' x 6' Precast Concrete Box culvert and Wing Wall
- Scarboro Road - Installed 110ft of 15" Culvert

TREE AND BRUSH CLEARANCE:

- Watson Hill Rd., Ossipee Lake Rd., Freedom Point Rd., Burnham Rd., York Lane, Loon Lake Rd., and Bennett Rd.

I would like to thank the Highway Crew for their hard work and dedication to their jobs in the maintenance of our roads and infrastructure.

Thank you to all Departments for their cooperation and team work.

Respectfully Submitted
Scott N. Brooks Sr.
Road Agent



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Action Ambulance Service Inc is proud to be serving the residents of Freedom New Hampshire. We are grateful to have been chosen by the 6-town ambulance search committee to provide Advanced Life Support Ambulance service to the towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, and Tamworth starting on April 1, 2020.

We operate two Advanced EMT staffed ambulances, and a Paramedic Staffed Ambulance 24-7, 365 days per year with an on-duty supervisor, and an on-call senior manager. This year we have added and additional management position to the division of Director of Operations. We have also added a new education center, being built out now, located on Rt 16 in Tamworth, opening February 1st 2024.

Our bases of operation are in Center Ossipee, and Tamworth.

Special thanks to the Freedom Fire Department, as well as all local first responders for their much-appreciated assistance on each call.

Action has responded to the following calls in the town of Freedom since January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023:

331 calls requiring Advanced life support care.

16 calls requiring Basic life support care.

3 calls requiring no transport or Fire standby request.

Once again thank you for allowing us to become your community partner.

Respectfully,

John S. Hatch, Executive Vice President

New Hampshire Division, Chief

FREEDOM FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

2023 was another busy year. The department received 376 calls for service.

Due to the amount of rain we were not able to dredge our Watson Hill fire pond. We will be attempting to complete that in 2024.

We had our first full season with our boat in service. We are docking our boat off of Huckins Road thanks to a generous family that had open dock space. We took delivery of our new Tahoe in March. After a lengthy delay in receiving the International chassis, Alexis Fire Apparatus completed and delivered our new rescue and was placed in service late September.

Reminder that fire permits are required when there is not adequate snow cover. When installing a new or replacing an oil furnace, a permit is required they can be obtained at the fire station.

We continue to apply for grants when they become available.

To the residents of Freedom, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

Chief Rob Cunio

2023 FIRE-RESCUE RESPONSES

Structure Fires	3
Chimney Fires	2
Vehicle Fires	1
Fire Alarms	53
CO Alarms.....	2
Smoke Investigations.....	4
Brush/Woods Fire	1
Illegal Fires.....	2
Trees/Wires Down.....	18
MVA with Injury	3
MVA with no Injury.....	13
Mutual Aid Fires.....	15
Ice/Water Rescue/Boat Rescue.....	4
Severe Weather.....	1
Service Calls.....	29
Police Standby/Assist.....	4
Medical Aid	213
Mutual Air Rescue.....	5
Appliance Issue/Fires.....	3
Transport to Hospital.....	183
Not Transported to Hospital	69
Electrical Fires.....	1
Fuel Spills.....	1
ALS Care Provided.....	2
Member Transporting with Ambulance	4
No Medical Responders Available	15
No Responders Available	27
Daytime Calls 7a-7p.....	252
Nighttime Calls 7p-7a.....	124
Duty Crew Responses.....	115
Responses to Town of Eaton	31
Fire Chief on Duty Responses	109
Fire Chief off Duty Responses	204

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 376

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

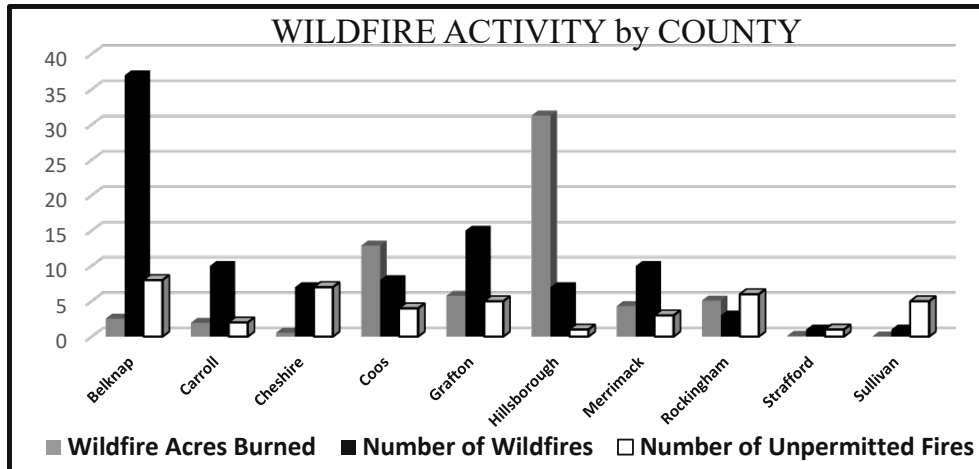
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. 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. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed 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 2024 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. 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.nh.gov/nhdf/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: [@NHForestRangers](#)



2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	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
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

Freedom Police Department

2023 TOWN REPORT

2023 was another busy and productive year for the department. We have had some challenges filling the position of 3rd Officer. Luckily, with the help of my existing staff and the surrounding agencies the transitions have been near seamless. Officer Clayton Cyr joined the Freedom Police Department in June. He brings experience from the Wakefield and Loudon New Hampshire Police Departments. He has been incredibly active in town and has been recognized by numerous members of the public safety and civilian communities for his performance. Ofc. Cyr expressed interest in becoming a K-9 Officer from day one. After a short probationary period, he convinced me that he was a more than qualified candidate for the position.

We were fortunate to have a female German Shepherd with excellent bloodlines donated to the department by Von Duro Wildheit of Center Harbor. She came to Officer Cyr at 8 weeks old with the name "Boca" and in our opinion, she was the pick of the litter. K-9 Boca is almost seven months old now and is currently training in the areas of: Odor Recognition, Obedience, Tracking and has recently started Bite Work. She is showing competency in drug detection. She has been well socialized since we acquired her and has demonstrated a wonderful temperament around children. Ofc. Cyr and K-9 Boca make an incredible team and I am very optimistic about their future service to the town.

We would not have been able to put the K-9 program together if it was not for the generosity of the public and surrounding agencies. We are humbled by the many monetary and other donations that we have received. Many property owners, residents, and businesses have helped raise the necessary funds. We have also received help with training in a wide array of topics, equipment, and constant counsel from some the same people and surrounding public safety agencies. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!

Officer Eric Diaz remains a vital part of the team as a part-time officer. In addition to his patrol and investigative duties, he is the Vehicle Fleet Maintenance Officer and has written grants. Sgt. Laferriere has completed the second of three FBI Leadership Courses. He continues to meet the responsibilities of Department Detective/Prosecutor and Evidence Officer. Jocelyn Rogers-Hamalainen is Administrative Assistant for the department. March will be her second anniversary in the position. She works for us part-time and brings valuable experience from her position as a Full-Time Communications Specialist with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

We continue to rely heavily on the Mobile Data Terminals in the cruisers. We had 1106 directed patrols in 2022. This year the report for "Directed Patrols" was 240 pages. Our Motor-Vehicle Stops are up from 383 in 2022 to 629 this year. We have of course investigated some very serious offenses, but I believe our visibility helps keep problems at a minimum.

As a small agency the Freedom Police Department also relies heavily on the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, The New Hampshire State Police, The Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the surrounding agencies. We currently enjoy a good working relationship with each of them and they too deserve our thanks.

In closing I would like to thank you and all the other Freedom Town Employees, Department Heads and Board of Selectmen. Many of the area's law enforcement agencies are struggling with recruiting and retention. We now have some experience with this issue. Compensation of course plays a part but more importantly as I stated last year: I feel like it is a privilege to work here, that my staff and co-workers are team players, and that the Community has set us up for success. This makes it so much easier for me to fill positions as they open. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Mullen

Chief of Police

Freedom Police Department

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2023 Annual Report

There were around 8,620 visitors to the Library this year during its hours of operation. 11,829 items were checked out this year, including 8,931 books and 1,970 DVDs, as well as 183 items from our Library of Things. Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, patrons were also able to check out 4,152 digital items from the New Hampshire Downloadable Library, and stream 533 videos on Kanopy. We added 1,093 items to our collection this year, but only 304 items were removed from the collection, which means more will need to be removed next year to ensure we have space for all our items.

Over the course of the year, we offered two regular monthly programs. The *Matinée Café* was a monthly movie showing offered one Saturday afternoon a month with light refreshments. *Well-Versed* is a monthly reading of poetry in the public domain, offered in podcast format via the Library's website, and also on Spotify. Classes from the Freedom Elementary School visit the Library monthly to check out items and have someone read to them. We've also worked on trying to revive Game Night. Regular weekly programs featured offerings like Preschool Story Hour, Mah Jongg, Cribbage, and the new Crochet with Amanda.

The Winter Reading Program was expanded to all ages this year, offering a chance for everyone to participate. 11 out of 25 people who completed the program were able to enter into a raffle for a prize. Other winter activities included a mystery puzzle for kids, an Oscar ballot contest for adults, and a guessing jar.

Summer Reading this year featured Bingo Cards for all age groups, with the goal of achieving a bingo during the program. 44 out of 82 participants achieved a bingo, and won a choice of a \$10 gift certificate to Amazon, Bobby Sue's, the Spot, or the Village Store. Preschoolers and kids could also win books with additional bingos on their card. We also offered a Writing Workshop, Game Night, and Fun Friday (an activity followed by a family movie) each week during the program.

A good chunk of our spring was taken up by the reconstruction of the ramp to the main entrance of the Library. The ramp now meets the threshold of the main door, allowing for easier entrance into the library. Many thanks to G.W. Brooks & Son for facilitating the project, and to the residents of Freedom for approving the needed funding to make it happen. A power line into the Library also had to be replaced this year; this project was taken care of by Eversource. The year ended with our needing to replace the hot water heater. Other small maintenance issues came up over the course of the year, but we have been fortunate that no other large projects have been required.

Volunteers continue to be important to the operation of the Library. This year, they logged over 190 hours of their time helping with Library programs, collection management, and maintenance. And, as always, we are most appreciative of the cheerful professionalism of Margarete, Amanda, and Chris. Freedom is lucky to have them.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mathieu, Chair
Luane Genest, Secretary
Robin Waters, Treasurer
Maureen Elliott, Trustee
Ann Pierce, Trustee

Town of Freedom

2023 Joint Loss Management Safety Committee Annual Report

The JLMSC's broad goal is to promote a safe and healthy working environment for employees and elected officials, as well as for our public customers when they visit our facilities. As in previous years, participation in the Joint Loss Management Safety Committee (JLMSC) quarterly meetings were well attended by department heads and employees. All ideas at the meetings are welcome and discussed.

All meetings were held at the Highway Department facility and took place on March 21, June 13, September 12, and December 12, 2023. All meeting minutes are published on the Town website after review and approval in the meeting after.

For 2024, the expected dates for this year's meetings are:

Tuesday March 19th

Tuesday June 11th

Tuesday September 17th

Tuesday December 10th

Examples of Safety Issues Discussed

There was a lot of safety related discussions regarding the Transfer Station (TS) resulting from State of New Hampshire inspections of the facility. Many improvements recommended both by the State in their reports, and by Town employees at JLMSC meetings, have been implemented or are in the process of being implemented. From improvements like railings on open dumpsters, removal of hazardous materials, better signage, lock out/tag out implementation and education, as well as organized training for employees on TS equipment to include loader operations as needed. The work is not yet complete and will continue into 2024.

2023 marked the completion of the employee ID project, part of the effort to ensure only authorized individuals can represent themselves as Town employees. All ID design requirements were created and approved, and ID making equipment and supplies procured. All employees will now be provided with ID cards. In a related safety concern, it was noted that some Town contractors, such as the tax assessor, utilize their own, unmarked vehicles to perform their duties on residents' private property. With the proliferation of remote capable home security systems which can include video, it could be possible for a contractor to be misidentified as a "bad actor" by a resident monitoring their security system. So to avoid that conflict, perhaps signage should be provided for the vehicle, even if temporary such as a magnetic door sign or a placard in the windshield. Options are being investigated.

Fire Chief Cunio provided the JLMSC with valuable information on many topics from Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) rules and regulations needed for their proper deployment at Town facilities to lithium battery fire and disposal concerns.

The Town Offices were discussed and some concerns noted, including a report from a hired third party that indicated the current fire escape was inadequate. As a result, a new, to code, fire escape has been installed.

These are just a sampling of topics discussed at the JLMSC meetings with meaningful solutions either implemented or in progress. Thank you to all employees who took part in these meetings, I look forward to working with all of you again in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Welch
Safety Officer
Town of Freedom

Transfer Station Report 2023

First, and foremost, we want to extend our gratitude to all the users of the Transfer Station. We have appreciated your continued patience as we worked to implement planned changes to the traffic flow but more importantly the many unplanned changes that were completed in order to bring our station into state compliance. At the end of March 2023, the State of New Hampshire's Department of Safety - the equivalent to the federal watchdog of OSHA, received an anonymous complaint with regard to the safety of the station. They conducted a site inspection based on this tip, and uncovered multiple violations. These ranged from permit infractions, hazardous waste, and the safety of equipment and employees. I, teamed with Lindsay Pettengill, began immediate work to make all the necessary corrections and bring the station into compliance and avoid hefty penalties. Of course, similar to a home building project, the more forward progress we made the more that was uncovered for which required immediate attention, the greatest being that our station permit did not allow for any of the functions occurring such as acceptance of construction and demolition to name just one activity.

We spent the rest of the spring and summer working with the Highway Crew and Road Agent to implement safety protocols and make necessary changes to processes to ensure safety of staff and site users. We submitted and received a RBN - request by notification- permit to allow the station to continue to take construction and demolition materials and recyclables. We also, established vendors in the area that could accept hazardous waste, oils and tires, again in compliance with our permitted site activities, but still ensuring that the townspeople have a place to properly dispose of the items. Other actions taken were establishing a vendor for legal freon removal, which was not being done prior to items being sent to metal scrap; establishing protocol for reviewing all electronics and bulbs prior to acceptance to ensure we legally can store and dispose per state and federal guidelines; and implemented a change to our fee structure to align with the charges that the town incurs for disposals.

Finally, one other area in which we were informed that we were in violation of permits was with regard to our closed landfill. Again, I and Lindsay, began working with engineers to develop a plan to bring the town into compliance. The testing began in August and October of 2023 and will continue this spring. After the final reports, a request for change to our landfill permit will be submitted via the engineers which will allow a decrease in testing moving forward. You will see an increase in the engineering budget line and this is the reason for that change.

The transfer station crew has cleaned up the grounds and buildings disposing of unneeded items. They constantly are cleaning the area for debris and metals that may injure them or you. They have also worked hard to enforce the ordinances established by the selectmen. There was some initial pushback on this, but for the most part we have received positive feedback. And as you know we have implemented a change in access stickers which allows for the purchase of one sticker at the price of \$20 and then each additionally registered vehicle to the same household to be purchased at only \$5.00.

Moving forward, we are continuing the site improvements. The gates are ordered and will be installed, if not already by the time you read this. At that time the traffic flow will be altered and new directional signs in place to assist you. All quotes have been received and vendors selected for the install of the scale and concrete placement for the construction and demolition area to be moved to its new location, freeing up its current location for future MSW growth. I know it seems odd to have such expansion at the station, but the town is not little any longer and our tonnages continue to expand. Most of NH has moved to a scale system to accept waste and fairly distribute those costs to the end-user rather than the town. All data shows that scales pay for themselves within three years if not two. Lastly, the decision was made by the Fire Chief that brush must not be burned on site. We have established a vendor, and beginning this year, all accepted brush will be hauled off-site for processing and you will see a new budget line for this as well. Other lines are not new, but rather my pulling out various elements of hauling so that we can better track our town expenses. The below tables show current and past year revenues as well as what the station processed in the past year.

Thank you everyone for your support of the station team. Thank you to the highway crew and Scott Brooks for your expertise, and thank you to Lindsay for all of your assistance with the operation and closing documents. This past year has definitely been a team effort.

Melissa Florio

Transfer Station Report 2023

Revenue	2021	2022	2023
Tipping	\$17,430.00	\$12,035.00	\$44,899.00
Stickers	\$360.00	\$32,960.00	\$10,675.00

NORTH COAST SERVICES LLC – 2023 YEAR END REPORT	
2' Fluorescent Lamp Recycling	7
3' Fluorescent Lamp Recycling	1
4' Fluorescent Lamp Recycling	544
8' Fluorescent Lamp Recycling	14
Alkaline Battery Recycling	1
Circle Lamp Recycling	3
Coated 4' Fluorescent Lamp Recycling	2
Compact Lamp Recycling	11
CPU and Laptop Recycling	368
Dry NiCD Recycling	42
Dry NiMH Battery Recycling	8
Flat Screen Monitor Recycling	264
Flat Screen Television Recycling	3,588
Freon Containing Device	1
Halogen Lamp Recycling	1
Incandescent Lamp Recycling	4
Lead Acid Battery Recycling	808
Lithium Battery Recycling	23
Lithium Ion Battery Recycling	31
Microwave Recycling	1159
Misc Electronic Recycling	547
Non-PCB Ballast Recycling	73
Printer Recycling	278
Television Recycling	4,607
U Lamp Recycling	5
(Electronics/batteries by lb and others by piece)	
TOTAL	12,407

Casella – Total Halls	152
MSW	633.77 Tons
C&D	174.76 Tons
Zero-Sort Recycling	148.85 Tons

D& L Disposal 2023 Year End Report	
Air Conditioner Freon Recovery	138
Refrigerator Freon Recovery	109

2023 Zoning/Building Report

The following growth for 2023 in the Town of Freedom includes a total of 541 permits issued:

Building Permit - 179

Electrical Permit - 126

Plumbing Permit - 46

Gas Permit - 92

Occupancy Permit - 35

Foundation Permit - 12

STR Conditional Use Permit - 12

Tree Removal Permit - 26

HVAC Permit - 6

Demolition Permit - 3

Swimming Pool Permit - 2

Repair and Replace Erosion Control Permit – 2

Total Fees Collected: \$68,093.85

Gary R. Williams

Zoning/Building

2024

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the Freedom Town Hall.

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

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

No January Meeting	May 9	September 12
No February Meeting	June 13	October 10
March 14	July 11	November 14
April 11	August 8	December 12

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Freedom Conservation Commission 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. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

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

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

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

January 17	June 11	November 12
April 9	September 10	

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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 28, 2023	January 18
January 25	February 15
February 29	March 21
March 28	April 18
April 25	May 16
May 30	June 20
June 27	July 18
July 25	August 15
August 29	September 19
September 26	October 17
October 31	November 21
November 28	December 19

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 8	January 23
February 12	February 27
March 11	March 26
April 8	April 23
May 13	May 28
June 10	June 25
July 8	July 23
August 12	August 27
September 9	September 24
October 7	October 22
November 12 Tuesday after Holiday	November 26
December 2	December 17

Planning Board Submission to the 2023 Town Report

The Planning Board had an unusually busy year! Instead of the usual three or four applications, 2023 brought twenty-eight! The Board acted on subdivisions, site plan reviews, lot line adjustments and mergers—everything it has the power to do.

The Planning Board also has drafted proposed five zoning ordinance changes for voters to consider on March 12. The proposals reflect a change in state law and proposals from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the code enforcement officer to make the zoning ordinance clearer and more usable by property owners. They are briefly described below. Please review them and contact Anne Cunningham with any questions.

Amendment #1: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans requiring no other ZBA action

This amendment will allow the Zoning Officer to approve erosion and sedimentation control plans requiring no other action by the Zoning Board. This will shorten the time a property owner has to wait to get approval for projects in the shorefront district.

Amendment #2: Define Structures to Storage Containers and Portable Structures

This amendment defines storage containers and portable structures as structures subject to setback, lot coverage, and building permit requirements. They will still be permitted, but not in setbacks. Any such structures existing at the time this article passes may be continued.

Amendment #3: Required Width of Manufactured Home

This amendment changes the required width of manufactured homes from fifteen (15) to fourteen (14) feet.

Amendment #4: Apply Lot Coverage Percentage to Condominium Subdivisions.

This amendment will treat condominiums the same as homes on lots of record when calculating the lot coverage percentage. The amendment will define “total area of the lot” as the limited common area for the unit and not the total area of the entire condominium lot.

Amendment #5: Local Authority for Granting Driveway Permits (Chapter 187; RSA 153:5, VI)

This amendment will bring the Freedom zoning ordinance into compliance with a new state law that requires the issuer to consider any written recommendations of the local fire chief for fire department access before granting a driveway permit.

The full text of these articles is on file at the Town Clerk’s office and is available for public inspection when the town office is open or on the town’s website at townoffreedom.net.

My thanks to the Board!

The town is fortunate to have volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to this board. I would like to thank Linda Mailhot, the vice chair, who brings experience and insight from her time as chair of the Old Orchard Beach planning board. I also want to thank members Carol McIntire, Brian Taylor, Melanie Glavin, and Bobbie McCracken and alternates Jeff Nicoll, Jane Davidson, and Chuck Brooks—for all their contributions! Thanks to our recording secretary, Melissa Donaldson. And finally, thanks to Melissa Florio, the Selectmen’s Representative, for her service on the Planning Board this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham, Chair



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FY23 Annual Report

Town of Freedom

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack counties enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC plans at the local, regional, and statewide levels and is an essential conduit for federal funding. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services such as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by an Executive Director.

The LRPC provides a forum for communities to share information and services from model ordinances and joint purchasing to solid waste districts and watershed management plans, and serves as a resource to support and enhance local planning and regional collaboration. 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:

- Transportation, land use, and watershed management planning
- Economic development assistance
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance
- Grant writing and administration
- GIS mapping
- Data collection and analysis

The following are highlights of our FY23 activities. For our full FY23 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at www.lakesrpc.nh.gov.

Highlighted Local and Regional Planning Services Provided for FY23

General & Technical Assistance	• Worked 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 the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	• The LRPC is a great resource for community maps. Give us a call if your town needs updated zoning, town roads, or community facility maps for instance.
Grant Administration	• The LRPC provides a wide variety of grant writing and administration assistance to towns as needed.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	• Coordinated our 37th Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections in the Summer & Fall of 2023, and widely promoted this event to reach the maximum number of households. This event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities. • Freedom Household Participation: 46 • <i>Please go to our website (lakesrpc.nh.gov) if you missed this year's collection for alternative disposal options.</i>
Newsletters & Articles	• The LRPC helps coordinate information from many different sources and is a great resource for keeping towns up to date on planning issues and resources through both our website and direct contact.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	• Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 335 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$96.25 for each book and \$88.50 for each book with e-book. • Freedom purchased 28 books and 2 books with e-book. Total saved: \$2,872.00.
Solid Waste Management	• Conducted solid waste site visit at transfer station.

	The 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.
Technical Land Use Planning Assistance (TBG – A)	The LRPC employs a professional land use planner to assist towns with technical land use issues which require a knowledge of land use law, NH RSA's, as well as state and local regulations on either a short or long-term basis.
Transportation Planning	Conducted traffic counts at 4 locations within Freedom as requested by the NH Department of Transportation.

Commission Meetings

- Convened 6 regular Commission Meetings with guest speakers covering topics including Regional Housing Needs Assessment/Housing Affordability Trends/InvestNH Funding, Solid Waste Management Grant, Household Hazardous Waste, Transportation Program Overview & Data Collection, Geographic Information System Programs, NH Broadband Planning Update, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure & Asset Management.

Regional Services & Activities of Benefit to Multiple Communities

- 2023 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection
BY THE NUMBERS: 37 years of regional collections | 24 participating communities | 7 summer & 1 fall collection sites | 4 HHW Coordinator meetings | 80 workers & volunteers contributing more than 500 hours | a dozen new local HHW Coordinators, including 3 new Site Coordinators | 1,564 households served | approximately 60,000 pounds (30 tons) of household hazardous waste safely removed and disposed, preventing negative effects on human health and mitigating potential illegal dumping and disposal throughout the Lakes Region.
- Bulk ordered and distributed 335 *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* books for a group discount of \$96.25 per book and \$88.50 per book with e-book. TOTAL SPENT by 27 Member Communities = \$4,028.75 | TOTAL SAVED by 27 Members = \$31,719.25.
- Reviewed 15 Intergovernmental Review Process (IRP) notices from the state planning office as public notification to regional planning commissions of all projects in the region intended to receive federal financial support.
- Updated Regional Housing Needs Assessment: LRPC is contracted with the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) to address the RSA requirement that regional planning commissions complete a housing needs assessment every 5 years. This update was completed for 2023 and a draft was posted to our website together with a downloadable toolbox to assist communities with housing planning. Discussions have begun relative to adoption.

Solid Waste Management Accomplishments

- Worked with solid waste operators around the region to address solid waste issues through grant writing and research.
- Utilized Geographic Informational System (GIS) mapping tools to identify potential solid waste solar sites in the Lakes Region.
- Conducted a plastics disposal and municipal solid waste study for Lakes Region transfer stations with summer intern.
- Ran two roundtables for solid waste operators concerning *Food Waste Composting in NH* and *Glass Management – Efficiencies and Uses*.
- Conducted outreach at various transfer stations, providing information to a number of residents concerning the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).** Drafted update using innovative story map formatting approach which is posted on LRPC's website.
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** Administered CDBG Microenterprise funding for Grafton County which assists businesses and economic development organizations in Grafton, Belknap & Carroll counties.

- **Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant Administration.** Provided grant writing and grant administration assistance to several successful NBRC grantees as the designated local development district for our region, including:

NEW:

- Town of Gilford - Foam Recycling Project
- GALA Makers Space – Phase II
- Granite State Adaptive – Equine Therapeutic Center
- Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum (Wolfeboro)

ONGOING:

- City of Laconia | WOW – Opechee Loop
- Town of Hebron – Fiber Optic Network
- Town of Sandwich – Fiber Optic Network

Transportation

- **LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).** Provided administrative support for meetings and facilitated communications. The TAC met 6 times involving city/town appointed representatives in order to engage community participation and local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development. Topics (some with guest speakers) included Ten Year Plan (TYP) Project Planning for 2025 – 2034, Road Safety Audits, NH Route 11 Alton-Gilford Planning Study Update, Scoring of Proposed TYP Projects, Update on the Regional Plan and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Application Process, Regional Bicycle Group Update, 2022 Traffic Count Summary, Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program, and Processed Glass Aggregate.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.** Updated draft of state-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- **Regional Transportation Plan.** Drafted Regional Transportation Plan. Included additional crash data information so Plan now can be used for more grant opportunities (Safe Streets For All).
- **Ten Year Plan (TYP) Funding and Project Prioritization (TYP 2025 – 2034):** Worked with towns, NH DOT and GACIT to develop project scopes and cost estimates.
 - **Meredith** – NH Route 25 intersection improvements at Laker Lane, True Road, Quarry Road, and Patrician Shores (additional funding).
 - **Laconia** – Union Avenue improvements.
- **Data Collection & Analysis.** Collected traffic count data at 148 assigned locations throughout the region for NHDOT along with 17 municipal requested counts. Worked on updating Road Surface Management System (RSMS) assessment for one community.

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 FY23 were:

Commissioner	Term Expiration	TAC Member	Term Expiration
Jean Marshall	06/01/25	Scott Brooks	07/01/25
Mark McConkey	06/01/25		
Alternate	Term Expiration	TAC Alternate	Term Expiration
Vacant		Vacant	

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hayes
Executive Director

2023 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

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

Of the twenty-one applications, fourteen contained requests for special exceptions. The applications comprised of fifteen special exception requests. Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. One of the requests was withdrawn and fourteen were approved.

There were six applicants that requested six special exceptions, all six were approved.

There was one application requesting an appeal of an administrative decision. The Zoning Board of Adjustment upheld the administrative decision.

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

Annual Report 2024

The Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) was established by residents at the annual town meeting held on March 5, 1973. Pursuant to RSA 36-A “ for the proper utilization and protection of the watershed resources of the town.”

At the FCC, we provide detailed plan reviews of ZBA and NHDES applications to provide our support, guidance and recommendations. Shore front projects dominated our activities in this area including review of projects that involved tree cutting and clearing, stormwater runoff and erosion control all with goals to maintain our conservation efforts of Freedom's lakes, streams and forests.

The Freedom Town Forest Annual State Easement Monitoring site visit was conducted in December. No major issues or concerns were noted and areas of continued maintenance and improvement were identified to benefit the forest. We want to thank our town forester, Barry Keith, for his guidance and support throughout this process. The collaboration between the FCC and FAC will continue this year as we work to address boundary marking, erosion control and road maintenance within the forest.

The FCC supported water testing within Loon lake and Round pond and will be expanding this to include Trout Pond this year. We will be compiling a summary of all water test data and exploring various methods of sharing this information with the public.

Our continuing goal is to sponsor environmental presentations for the community centered on our precious natural resources in Freedom. We welcome interested volunteers in Freedom to visit and learn more about what the FCC does and consider supporting the commission.

We would like to especially thank our support staff Lindsay Pettengill and Melissa Donaldson that are such integral members of our team. The town is fortunate to have volunteers who give their time and talents to the Freedom Conservation Commission. I would like to thank Alice Custard who has served diligently on the FCC for twenty years and retired this year. I would also like to express my gratitude to all FAC and FCC members this past year for their time and expertise.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Nicoll, *Chair*

Freedom Conservation Commission

FAISC Town Report 2023

Greetings,

This committee continues to monitor and manage invasive weeds and organisms in our waterways. This is a resolute effort in which you can have a big impact.

Treatment for Variable Milfoil in the Danforth Ponds consisted of two methods. In the early summer, the weed count was low and so Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) was used to remove the weeds. As summer progressed, and the rains came, lots of run-off entered the waters. We were unsure of how this might affect the plant life. Land run-off is a primary method of increasing potential fertilizers and nutrients into the lakes. The late summer inspection did reveal an increase in plant growth. Consequently, the uppermost Danforth pond was treated with an herbicide to reduce growth. Both of these treatments were within our planned budget for 2023.

This year's Lake Host program, like a lot of programs around the State, had difficulty finding employees. We did hire one person. They did an excellent job for us, but we were only able to provide boat inspections at one boat ramp.

On the positive side, between the NH Lakes Grant and some reserves from the previous year, we did not have to bill the Town the \$2500 raised by the 2023 Warrant Article. With continued expectations of difficulty finding employees, we will plan on continuing the program for 2024 with NH Lakes help. There will be no warrant article for Lake Hosting in 2024. We hope to provide for the year with outside sources.

The problem of invasive weeds and organisms in our waterways requires vigilance. It requires all of us to educate ourselves on the problems and the solutions. If you spend time on the water, please learn what invasive weeds look like and how to properly clean and drain boats when entering or leaving a lake. If you live near water, please learn how to control water that runs off your land into a lake, stream or river. Please learn how limiting fertilizer use near waters and how properly working septic systems can greatly help our water quality. Let us keep our waters clean and enjoy them for generations to come.

The FAISC Committee is urgently looking for new members. After about a decade, a couple members, including myself, are looking to focus on other things. Please contact the town offices if you are interested. The committee meets once a month. It does not take a lot of your time but it is very important to keep the grants, state permits and weed control efforts flowing smoothly.

Thank you,

Ned Kucera and the members of the FAISC Committee.

Freedom Heritage Commission

Annual Report – 2023

This Commission was established at the March 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of researching and recording the history of buildings and land features in the Town of Freedom, NH, offering education to the public and responding to the Select Board on their questions regarding these matters. This is done in cooperation with the Freedom Historical Society.

The six members, the Select Board Representative and the three alternates meet five times a year to report, plan and transact formal business of the Commission. 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 real work is done by members, associates, and friends outside of the meetings. We have a list of projects that will take years to accomplish. During 2023, our efforts were focused on the following: The Heritage Commission met four times in 2023 to conduct formal business for the Commission.

The Heritage Commission continues to work closely with the Freedom Historical Society on the restoration of the snow roller. The commission continues to search for seasoned hardwood timber for the frame for the snow roller. The Commission has had timbers donated and milled by Jason Ferry but unfortunately the wood for the frame of the snow roller bowed when it was cut and could not be straightened. Lucy Kendall offered hardwood but the wood did not meet the length required. The Commission, along with four volunteers, cleaned out the Snow Roller Shed in June so that it could be used to restore the snow roller. The Commission wants to thank the Town for renting the 30-yard dumpster for the clean-up.

The Heritage Commission has two members on the Town Office Advisory Committee (TOAC), so the Commission has remained well informed of the proposal to renovate the existing Town Office Building. The results of the work of the TOAC will be presented through Heritage Commission sponsored activities in preparation for a vote during Town Meeting on March 12, 2024, to renovate the existing town offices in the historic building in the Village.

During Old Home Week, Alan Fall conducted a Historical Walk in Freedom on Wednesday and a Power Point Presentation on Freedom on Sunday.

Commission members continue to work on the Houses of Freedom binders that are located in the Freedom Historical Society's Edwin T. Boyer Research Room. Brandy Buttrick and Sue Hoople volunteered to conduct research for the Freedom Historical Society's 2024 Exhibit on Effingham Falls.

Members and alternates contributed approximately 650 volunteer hours to the accomplishments and/or ongoing work of the Commission in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Fall - Chairperson
Brandy Buttrick - Vice-Chairperson
Karrie Buttrick - Secretary/Treasurer
Ernie Day Jr. - Select Board Representative
Sue Hoople, Member
Mark McKinley, Member

Scott Cunningham, Member
Open, Alternate
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Town Office Advisory Committee

The Town Office advisory committee has completed its work this year by proposing two options for upgrading municipal facilities.

Renovate the Existing Building:



Bergeron Technical Services finalized plans to renovate the existing Town Office building within its existing footprint. The proposed renovation will preserve the historic exterior, using painted wood clapboards, new windows and doors, and improve the accessibility ramp. The interior renovation will include a complete gutting of the inside, except for the vestibule area with its historic detailing and stairway. It will receive new electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems, new flooring, new insulation, new double ceiling, a new platform lift, and security features. When the renovation is completed, this will be an entirely new building on the inside, with the historic outside intact. The cost estimate for the renovation is \$1,454,922.

Build a New Building at 50 Eaton Road:



Misiaszek-Turpin completed a design for a new Town Office building (basically the same size as the existing town offices)—a one-story slab on grade with an accessible entry for dropping off taxes and applications (as is done today). The public will enter an open space that gives access to the town staff, who will be behind windows providing more security. The Selectman's meeting room will be on one end with its own access door to allow the public to enter when the rest of the building is closed. All systems and components will be new. The cost estimate for the new building is \$1,489,926.

The next step is up to the attendees at Town meeting who will vote on two bond issues—one for each option—at Town meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Freedom Elementary School. The discussion and vote will be the first item. Don Johnson, the town moderator, will facilitate discussions of the two options and pause the town meeting for those present to vote. The polls will remain open for one hour to allow voters to come to the Freedom Elementary School to vote. The only option for voting is to vote in person.

The first vote on upgrading Town offices was held in 2010. The committee hopes there will be a large turnout to weigh in on this important matter and to give a definitive answer about how to move forward for the town and the town office employees who have been waiting for this issue to be resolved.

I want to thank the committee for all of their hard work: Alan Fall (the first selectmen's representative) and Ernie Day (who succeeded Alan), Denny Anderson, Karrie Buttrick, and Mark McKinley, who have given generously of their time and energy.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne B. Cunningham

Freedom Advisory Committee on Aging 2024

The Freedom Board of Selectmen formed the Freedom Advisory Committee on Aging to assess the needs of the elderly population in Freedom and to offer feasible solutions to those needs. As a result of this work, the town voted to create the position of senior resource coordinator, and Freedom Resident Renee Wheaton accepted the responsibilities of that position.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as the primary point of contact for citizens with service needs and link them to the appropriate providers and community resources (e.g., home services, transportation)
- Develop and maintain a resource directory of local service agencies, providers, and voluntary organizations
- Disseminate resource information in print and other media. Manage information to post to a website.
- Educate the community (by speaker or self) on major issues they face (safe environment, patient advocacy, protecting assets)
- Identify ways to reach out to folks who do not have access to online resources
- Communicate about services to combat isolation
- Coordinate with local officials (police, fire, welfare, health) to provide outreach to citizens who might benefit from services.
- The coordinator will work with volunteers but not directly supervise them.

Renee has been very busy this past year, and her report will appear in "The Freedom Town Report."

The committee continues to support Renee's work. Freedom is an AARP Age-Friendly Community, and the committee also supports that initiative in conjunction with the Gibson Center in North Conway. Committees address transportation, health, community connections, outdoor spaces, and housing. Renee and Rick Davidson serve on committees supporting this initiative. Renee serves on the Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council, Lifelong Maine Community Leaders, AARP Rural Lab, Carroll County Food Access Network, and the Carroll County Public Health Advisory Council. All these connections contribute to Renee's ability to serve the needs of Freedom citizens. Renee's monthly newsletter provides essential and entertaining information of interest to our senior population. For more information, go to the Senior Resource website on the Town of Freedom Website.

Rick Davidson Committee Chair

Anne Cunningham

Cindy Fleming

Linda Habif

Sandy Boyle

2023 Senior Resource Coordinator Report

2023 saw an increase in requests for services. In 2022 it was just over 40 and this past year there were 74 requests. Many of those requests are related to transportation to and from appointments, home maintenance concerns and requests, energy assistance and overall requests regarding resources available to individuals and households. All of these have provided opportunities to make more **personal contacts** to different agencies providing services to those over age 55. Many connections have been made regarding different resources available to seniors in the community. These connections have led to me being part of the following committees/councils:

- Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council which is part of the North Country Council
 - Goal is to look at transportation options across Carroll County.
 - This led to the town forum regarding transportation with Scott Boisvert, Mobility Manager, Region 2 explaining his role in Carroll County and the current transportation options while hearing from concerned citizens their thoughts and needs regarding transportation.
- MWV AARP Age Friendly Community Steering Committee - Communication Chair
 - This group works to provide a framework for assessing and improving the region's ability to become more Age-Friendly
- Lifelong Maine Community Leaders
 - This group is part of UMaine Center on Aging and works to provide information regarding initiatives for senior living and program details from different organizations. This group has provided details on how small rural communities can thrive with an aging population
- Gibson Center Programs and Services Committee
 - Goal is to coordinate programs between Gibson Center and Freedom to provide more programs and different types of social activities
- AARP Rural Lab
 - Rural Lab is a program of AARP Livable that brings together rural communities from across the United States for shared learning. It's a great opportunity to hear how other communities are approaching livability. Participants join for monthly webinars and deep-dive calls. Peer networking is a focus so there are several opportunities to exchange ideas and meet other communities. This year, there is a special opportunity for help from Smart Growth America to (1) develop an application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grants;

and (2) support to implement quick-action demonstration projects. This is a wonderful opportunity for communities working on safer streets.

- **Carroll County Food Access Network**
 - This group was organized by UNH Extension and the purpose is to look at ways to help the food insecure population.
- **Carroll County Public Health Advisory Council**
 - Work with the different health agencies to provide services to our residents and updates on health needs in the MWV

These groups meet on a regular basis to discuss issues related to seniors and how resources can be used to meet those needs. The connections made have been of great importance when assisting residents.

Emails are sent out on a regular basis using the Freedom Bulletin Board highlighting different services available. It has been well received as emails of thanks are sent back in response. The emails remind residents of services available; many requests for assistance have been made in regards to meal delivery, assistance setting up transportation, sand buckets, medical equipment, energy assistance, advocacy for services and for more information regarding respite care available in the area.

Website - A Google based website has been developed and is updated as requests for information and knowledge regarding resources become available. It includes information regarding the services available, contact information for Renée, a calendar of events, the monthly newsletter and links to different services and activities being planned. The website can be found on the town website.

We are hoping to begin a congregate meal opportunity a couple times a month with the goal to bring individuals together for a nutritious meal and social time.

The Senior Resource Kiosk at the Freedom Public Library continues to be utilized. It contains a variety of information from different organizations and service providers available to seniors.

The Senior Resource Coordinator and the Gibson Center worked to establish a program to assist individuals with small home repair issues (changing batteries, light bulbs, fixing leaky faucets, etc). The **Stay Warm, Dry & Safe Program** sponsored by the Gibson Center provides Mount Washington Valley homeowners with a resource to schedule small modification projects to improve the safety, warmth or tightness of their homes. Individuals call the coordinator at the Gibson Center who will learn the details of the needs, and convey them to a reliable, licensed and vetted contractor who will complete the work. Individuals pay for the materials and the fee for the contractor. For homeowners of low and very-low income, the coordinator will connect the homeowner to a representative of the USDA Rural Development for up to \$10,000 in grants to cover the costs of the improvements. This is not an emergency

service but one that will be available by request and subject to scheduling for all the towns of the MWV Age-Friendly Community that include Hart's Location, Chatham, Jackson, Bartlett, Conways, Albany, Madison, Eaton, Freedom, Tamworth, Ossipee and Fryeburg.

Future Plans & Goals:

Lunch and Learn: Once a month at the library there would be a lunch provided by OCC for individuals to enjoy and then after the lunch an opportunity to learn something new based on the suggestions of individuals and needs of the community.

Pickleball Court - There has been an increase in interest in pickleball and several residents have utilized the courts at Constitution Park in Ossipee. Residents would like to see one of the tennis courts marked for pickleball so they could play closer to home. If this occurs, it would be recommended to use a free website PlaytimeScheduler for like minded and skill level matching between players.

Intergenerational community garden – The school gardens have been cleaned of perennials and we hope to begin utilizing those gardens to begin an intergenerational garden for all participants to enjoy.

Social Events – Organize social events that would meet on a regular basis based on common interests. Other activities would be local part of the day events such an ice cream social, tours and enjoyment of local beverage establishments and restaurants, etc. Other activities would be a day trips to county fairs, fall luncheon train ride, dinner cruise, etc.

Senior Center – It would be ideal to have some type of designated Freedom Senior Center. Many of the events being planned are ongoing so it would be ideal to have a location identified which could be used on a regular basis. This is where weekly exercise classes, clubs, social events, etc. could be held and materials needed for the events would not have to be packed away and removed from the premises after each event.

Finally, I am currently attending a four month **Lifelong Maine Master Class** through University of Maine. This course includes a variety of topics related to seniors and ultimately will lead to a Certificate in Age Friendly/Lifelong Community Development.

Respectfully Submitted on January 31, 2024

Renée Wheaton
Senior Resource Coordinator
Town of Freedom

Mount Washington Valley Age Friendly Community

In 2019, the Selectmen agreed to join eleven other towns to be a member of the Mount Washington Valley Age Friendly Community.

The Mount Washington Valley Age Friendly Community is housed at the Gibson Center in North Conway. This initiative is affiliated with the state and national AARP Livable Communities Network. Membership in this network provides a framework and resources for addressing the region's ability to become more age friendly as our communities prepare for a rapidly aging population.

Using the AARP Livable Community Framework, we combine the talents and resources from all our twelve towns to further develop the Mount Washington Valley as a place for people of all ages and abilities to thrive. Our goal is to have citizens of all ages say they would rather live here than anywhere else.

The initiative is a regional approach that capitalizes on the assets that exist in our communities and are supported by a multitude of well-coordinated non-profits. The leaders magnify each other's work, seek opportunities to learn and replicate successful models and share best practices across our towns.

The focus is on 5 Domains: Housing, Health, Transportation, Community Connections and Outdoor Spaces. We encourage anyone to contact us to offer ideas or to participate. You can reach us at agefriendly@gibsoncenter.org

Freedom has not only benefited by participating in many of the initiatives but has also helped other organizations in accomplishing their goals.

To date, Freedom has benefited with the following information and programs:

- MWV Walkable Trails (by Town) A list of 53 "most walkable" trails have been identified in the twelve towns of the Mount Washington Valley that make up the MWV Age-Friendly Community. (MWVAFC) To qualify, it must be less than 2 miles, relatively flat, have good parking and allow side by side walking. Nine trails are ADA Accessible. A rack card was printed and distributed throughout the Valley that explains our walkable trails and lists one from each community. The complete list of all the 53 trails can be found on the website: <https://www.gibsoncenter.org/mwv-walkable-trails-by-town/>
The list will be updated on a regular basis.
- Garden buckets have been available for residents by calling or emailing the Senior Resource Coordinator. A bucket of potting soil, tools, seeds and planters

small lawn garden.

- Window Dressers- Several homes in the Mount Washington Valley participated in having custom window frames covered with plastic and inserted into windows to help retain heat in the winter. This project is organized by Tin Mountain and partners with the successful Window Dressers initiative in Maine.
- A Safe and Smart Home Expo was held this summer with a demonstration for Mount Washington Valley residents to demonstrate how assistive technology can help make homes safer so aging in place is more feasible for older adults. The event brought together experts in home modification and remodeling, Accessory Dwelling Units (commonly referred to as ADUs), USDA Rural Development grant funding, and smart devices. Anyone interested in more information can email agefriendly@gibsoncenter.org. If you are considering an ADU as part of your property in an effort to ease the housing deficit, help can be found at www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing. You can find out more from the NH Guide to ADUs at <https://www.nhhfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/ADU-Guide-for-Homeowners-2018.pdf>
- This past year about 80 Chromebooks and iPads have been given away with access to training by Andrea Libby of Libby Computers. Older adults have learned skills to communicate and connect through email and video conferencing (Zoom) as well as how to access medical practice portals for appointments, lab results, and questions. Members of the Age Friendly Steering Committee have worked to access better High-Speed Internet coverage for the Valley.
- The Stay Warm, Safe and Dry program enables seniors to remain in their homes and active in their community by providing help to ensure a healthy and safe home environment, rather than having to move into an institution. To receive more information regarding this program, please contact Renée Wheaton at (603) 205-0909 or staywarm@gibsoncenter.org.
- The Library and Town website has the 82-page Planning and Resource Directory. It is available at <https://www.mwvagefriendly.org> and is updated regularly. The guide offers resources in six general areas: Connecting services in local towns and the state, Health Programs, Housing and Residential Care, Nutrition and Food resources, Recreation and Transportation
- Members of the Age-Friendly Steering Committee have participated in our regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness planning. Equally important, vaccine clinics were arranged and offered for all residents.

with Memorial Hospital with a specialty in dementia supportive care, and Soylá Hernández with Carroll County Coalition for Public Health serving the general population of residents with chronic complex illness and who is bilingual with Spanish.

- Working to become a more Dementia Friendly Community, Memorial Hospital and other non-profits have participated in major campaigns including education and awareness, caregiver support, scholarships for the MWV Adult Day Center, increased referral for palliative care, and Opening Minds Through Art supporting families with a member with early cognitive decline.
- Listening and learning sessions around transportation issues have taken place in many of the communities this year. Scott Boisvert, the new Carroll County Mobility Director, has launched the Free Vehicle Inspection and Repair program in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. As of January 10, 2024, over 50 employees are getting safely to work because of this ongoing effort. The Carroll County ReCycled program has taken in over 100 used bikes and returned 80 back into the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Wheaton

Communication Chair of the MWV Age Friendly Steering Committee

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 7-10 packages of meat. This year (2023) was the busiest for our pantry since its inception in 1992 and represents an increase of 24% over 2022.

<u>2023</u>		
<u>Freedom Food Pantry Statistics for Freedom</u>		
<u>Month</u>	<u># of People Served</u>	<u># of Meals Provided for Clients to Cook</u>
January	40	840
February	35	735
March	31	651
April	21	441
May	28	588
June	30	630
July	26	546
August	23	483
September	55	1,155
October	36	756
November	53	1,113
December	<u>65</u>	<u>1,365</u>
	443	9,303

In 2023, the Town of Freedom contributed \$5,000 to the Freedom Food Pantry. As a result of this contribution, the cost was \$11.28 per person weekly to produce 21 meals each week, including 7 – 10 packages of meat.

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

Doris Sirois, Co-Director

2023 FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK ANNUAL REPORT

Every Summer for 124 years, the community of Freedom has been one of NH towns that celebrate an "Old Home Week" – a New England tradition officially recognized by Proclamation in the New Hampshire State Legislature in 1913. Freedom Old Home Week (FOHW) is a time for residents, guests, their friends and their families to attend and participate in fun and informative activities and events throughout Freedom.

Our focus is on making FOHW fun and accessible for everyone in our community. Our volunteers provide the momentum that helps deliver events that bring people together to socialize, engage, eat, laugh (and sometimes sing!) and more. It really is all about celebrating this beautiful town we are all proud to call Freedom.

The 2023 Freedom Old Home Week was one for the books. We saw the return of much missed events such as Family Bingo as well as the 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast. With the creativity and dedication of members, the FOHW Sponsorship program was successfully implemented. Thanks to our sponsors (both local businesses and community members), the events during OHW were accessible to all. It was well received by the young and young at heart within our community. Not only were the events attended by full and part-time residents but also by folks in other communities.

Our amazing team of volunteers planned and implemented events which appealed to all ages, abilities and interests. These events included Ducky Day, Lawn Party, 124th OHW Parade, Cribbage Tournament, Bingo, Mah Jongg Tournament, Ice Cream Social, Prospect Mtn Hike, Talent Show, 5K and Pancake Breakfast. In addition many other events were sponsored by other Freedom community organizations. These events were well attended and received a positive response from the community.

Planning is underway for the 125th Freedom Old Home Week Celebration in 2024.

Ducky Day: June 29th

Old Home Week: July 26th to August 4th

For further updates and information, check out the Freedom Old Home Week website: www.freedomoldhomeweek.com or Facebook Page. Is there an event that is near and dear to your heart or do you have some new ideas? The committee welcomes volunteers! Meetings are held monthly at the Town Hall/via Zoom. Please contact the association at freedomfohw@gmail.com with any questions.

We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones during the 2024 Freedom Old Home Week.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of all FOHWA Members,
Kate Chaput 2023 Chairperson
Freedom Old Home Week Association

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority

P.O. Box 359
Freedom, NH 03836

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority's Expense Report for 2023

The following is a report of the 2023 expenses for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority for the year, October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Ratios for the split between the two towns of Freedom and Ossipee are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These values are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A in the NH Town Comparison, Equalization Survey.

Expenditures for the Ossipee Dam Authority in 2022-2023

2022 Equalization Assessment Value as a Percent of Ossipee Lake Dam Expenses

Ossipee: \$799,659,409 54.71% of \$16,049.81 = \$8,780.85

Freedom: \$661,812,101 45.29% of \$16,049.81 = \$7,268.95

The percent of Ossipee and Freedom total dam expenses are revised each year according to the changes in the NH Equalization Assessment Value. and the actual dam costs from the prior year to bring the deficit of the past year up to the beginning balance for the coming year for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority:

List of 2022 expenses for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority:

<u>Expenses</u>	
Eversource Electricity	199.56
Post Office Box	69.00
Consolidated Communications	666.25
John Picard (Payment for services)	5,000.00
Snow Removal at the Dam	385.00
<u>D.E.S. Bear Camp Gage</u>	<u>9,730.00</u>
Total Expenses October 2021-September 2023	\$ 16,049.81 *

*The 2023 expenses increased by \$726.69 due to the Bear Camp Gage Costs increasing by \$800 and a slight increase of \$33 in Consolidated Communications expenses.

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

Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council

2023 Annual Report

for the

Town of Freedom, NH

With Avesta Housing opening its new apartment complex on the south end of the Tech Village (which includes affordable housing) and with renewed interest in commercial building lots, the MWV Economic Council has completed a busy year supporting economic growth and development in the valley. This positive activity comes amid an active year assisting local businesses with expansion or new financial loans, along with training and consulting services.

The **Revolving Loan Funds**, that assist start-ups or those businesses that are at a critical point in their growth, have invested \$152,000 this year with 29 active loans. At present, the total portfolio investment amounts to over \$705,000 that is at work locally to help diversify our recreation and retail-driven economy.

Over the years, the Council has been instrumental in advancing the **careers of college graduates** through its network of business relationships with both Incubator businesses as well as with other state-sponsored community development agencies.

The Council hopes, with some decline in COVID restrictions, to re-boot its popular **Eggs and Issues and Boot Camp** programs that stimulate entrepreneurs, networking and business development. As in the past, these programs can advance technology education and business skills.

The Council is proud of its ability to offer one-on-one **consulting and technical assistance** as it has accomplished for years... and in many cases in partnership with S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps of Retired Executives).

While the campus of the Tech Village is a different landscape with the leasing of the University of New Hampshire's portion of the main building by the Northeast Charter School, the Council's mission remains clear: "to enhance our communities by fostering the formation of diversified businesses." It is a pleasure to represent Freedom in the pursuit of opportunities that benefit all ... through the Economic Council.

Scott Cunningham – Freedom Representative

ANNUAL REPORT



SEPTEMBER 2023

CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Incoming Executive Committee (08/23-10/25)

Chair: Linda Mailhot, Freedom

Vice Chair: Pam Hearne, Tamworth

Treasurer: Sherryl Hitte, Tamworth

Secretary: Marshall Goldberg, Brookfield

Outgoing Interim Executive Committee (06/23-08/23)

Chair: Linda Mailhot, Freedom

Vice Chair: Chuck Fuller, Effingham

Treasurer: Stephen Berry, Brookfield

Secretary: Rick Hiland, Albany

Meeting Location

10 Town Farm Rd., Ossipee, NH 03836

Website: <https://cccdnh.org/>

Email: info@cccdnh.org

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1. Chairman's Letter

It gives me great pleasure to report that the Carroll County Communications District (CCCD) has been formed as the first-ever communications district in the State of New Hampshire. All 16 towns in Carroll County that participated in the planning process voted successfully to be part of this historic Communications District. This would not have been possible without the hard work and efforts of all the Representatives of those 16 towns.

I would like to identify a few individuals, without whom this Communications District would not have happened. First, I would like to recognize the late Steve Knox of Albany. It was his idea to make affordable high speed internet available to all in rural Carroll County. A few others include Rick Hiland of Albany as a key organizer of the Planning Committee (also former Clerk of the CCCDPC); Diane Jarecki of Effingham (former Chair of the CCCDPC); Chuck Fuller of Effingham (former Vice Chair of the CCCDPC); and Stephen Berry of Brookfield (former Treasurer of the CCCDPC). It is my honor to have worked alongside the entire team of dedicated Representatives to the Planning Committee, most of whom are now Representatives to the CCCD. And, of course, a big thank you to NH State Senator Jeb Bradley for his invaluable help in submitting and moving needed broadband legislation through the NH Legislature and on for the Governor's signature.

As the District Agreement states, the CCCD shall encourage, facilitate, and promote the establishment of state-of-the-art symmetrical high speed broadband internet connectivity and service to every residence and business within Carroll County NH, working cooperatively with or in partnership with existing internet service providers through formal or informal agreement when possible.

High speed broadband internet has been demonstrated to be a necessity in today's world, and it certainly is a non-partisan issue. Legislation has been passed to start closing the gap of those residences and businesses that qualify as unserved and underserved. Tens of millions of dollars in grants have been awarded in NH to internet service providers over the past year, and efforts are currently underway in Carroll County by both CCI/Fidium as well as the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. More grants are on the way, including funds for digital equity & training. Much has been done, but there is a lot more to do!

Regards,



Linda Mailhot, Chair

2. Organization Overview

The CCCD was organized in 2023 as provided by NH RSA 53-G. Our first meeting was June 7, 2023. The District members are the 16 Towns of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hale's Location, Hart's Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth, and Tuftonboro. The CCCD Governing Board is composed of unpaid Representatives appointed by the Select Boards of the Member Towns. The Governing Board elects an Executive Committee comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary on a bi-annual basis. The current Representatives to the District are:

Rick Hiland	ALBANY
Jason Garber	BARTLETT
Vicki Garland - Alt.	BARTLETT
Marshall Goldberg	BROOKFIELD
Stephen Berry - Alt.	BROOKFIELD
Bert Weiss	CHATHAM
TBD	CONWAY
John Border	EATON
Stanley Dudrick - Alt.	EATON
Chuck Fuller	EFFINGHAM
Rich Comer - Alt.	EFFINGHAM
Linda Mailhot	FREEDOM
Melissa Florio - Alt.	FREEDOM
Ben Klaus	HALES LOC
William Houk - Alt.	HALES LOC
John Gallagher	HARTS LOC
David Walker - Alt.	HARTS LOC
Frank DiFruscio	JACKSON
William Terry - Alt.	JACKSON
Bill Lord	MADISON
Mary Cronin - Alt.	MADISON
Bill Gassman	MOULTONBORO
Jean Beadle - Alt.	MOULTONBORO
Matt Sawyer	OSSIPEE
Matt Trahan - Alt.	OSSIPEE
Sherryl Hitte	TAMWORTH
Pam Hearne - Alt	TAMWORTH
Bob Murray	TUFTONBORO
Guy Pike - Alt	TUFTONBORO

3. Fiscal Information

The CCCD fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. We are required to have an annual audit, per our District Agreement. The checking account was opened on July 25, 2023, with an initial deposit of \$100. That initial deposit was funds left in the Planning Committee's account. Our first annual audit will take place at the close of our first fiscal year.

The CCCD operates with one bank account. Expenses to date for FY2024 total \$24.28. There are no encumbrances. The unencumbered balance is \$75.72 as reported below in the most current Treasurer's Report.



Treasurers Report

Dates Covered: August 1, 2023 thru August 31, 2023

Beginning Balance as of 8/1/23		\$100.00
Income: none		
Total Income		\$ 0.00
Expenses:		
8/1/23 Checks	-\$ 24.28	
Total Expenses		-\$ 24.28
Ending Balance 8/31/23		\$ 75.72

Respectfully submitted,

Sherryl Hitte
Treasurer



Budget

FY2024

Revenues:

Cash on Hand	\$ 75.72
Projected Grants (ARPA)	<u>\$15,558.46</u>
Total Revenues:	\$15,634.18

Expenses:

Bank Service Charges	\$ 50.00
NHMA Membership	\$ 620.00
Internet Hosting & Domain Fees	\$ 115.00
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Legal	\$ 500.00
Advertising	\$ 200.00
Annual Audit	\$ 500.00
PO Box Rental	\$ 70.00
Postage	\$ 10.00
Printing Costs	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,665.00

4. Historical Outline

- Fall 2018 – Steve Knox & Rick Hiland first discuss high speed fiber optic internet for rural Carroll County
- June 2019 - Carroll County Broadband Committee officially formed
- November 2021 – Carroll County Fiber Broadband feasibility study completed
- March 2022 – Carroll County Communications District Planning Committee formed to explore the possibility of establishing a Communications District per NH RSA 53-G
- March 2023 – Carroll County Communications District officially formed when multiple Towns in Carroll County vote on the warrant article to join the Communications District
- May 2023 – Final Town involved in planning process votes to join the Carroll County Communications District
- June 2023 – Inaugural meeting of the Carroll County Communications District

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

<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>
08/18/2023	McConkey, Axl William	McConkey, Jacob Marc	McConkey, Alexis Marie	No Conway, NH
08/18/2023	McConkey, Myles Erik	McConkey, Jacob Marc	McConkey, Alexis Marie	No Conway NH

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

<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>
01-27-23	Freedom	Larrabee, Benjamin Joseph	Larrabee Sr, Dana	Martel, Terri
02-23-23	Freedom	Boynton, Christine Edna	Padenski, Joseph	Loring, Alma
03-17-23	Freedom	Smith, Tobias Stanton	Smith, Thomas	Klobucher, Elizabeth
04-03-23	Freedom	Ackerson, Robert Lawrence	Ackerson, Lawrence	McMich, Beatrice
04-05-23	Freedom	Lee, Michael Joseph	Lee, William	Grafton, Virginia
04-20-23	Freedom	Hadley, Irving Lincoln	Hadley, Irving	Gibbs, Jessie
05-08-23	No Conway	Carney, Hannah Maude	Whelpley, Kenneth	Hunter, Sarah
07-21-23	No Conway	Macleod, Myrtle Mae	Macinnis, Ronald	Campbell, Dolena
08-06-23	Freedom	Clark, Judith A	Mulhisen, Charles	Meyer, Margaret
08-14-23	Freedom	Hadley, Patricia Bauer	Bauer, Byrne	Ware, Patricia
08-22-23	Freedom	Sindoni, William Thomas	Sindoni , Byrne	Ware, Patricia
10-02-23	Portsmouth	Barnaby, David	Barnaby, Charles	Douglas, Eleanor
10-07-23	Freedom	Bojus Jr, Charles	Bojus Sr, Charles	Klinkowicz, Alice
10-11-23	Wolfeboro	White, Shirley Humphries	Humphries, Alfred	Kingman, Christina
12-10-23	Tilton	Nickerson, John E.	Nickerson, Elmer	Unknown, Mary
12-16-23	Dover	Grafer, Mary Louise	Haug, John	Miller, Mildred

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name and Surname of Person A and Person B</u>	<u>Residence at time of Marriage</u>
06-16-2023	Beckwith, James P. Davenport, Jean L.	Freedom Freedom
08-26-2023	Aston, Frederick W. Bernard, Lyn M.	Freedom Wakefield, MA
10-06-2023	Brooks Jr, Scott N. Perry, Quincy M.	Freedom Freedom
10-07-2023	Nash, Daniel E. Glavin, Melaine E.	Eaton Freedom

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

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
Ernest Day, Jr.
Melissa Florio

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

Samantha Porter

Office Hours:

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

ZONING-BUILDING-CODE OFFICER

Gary Williams

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 5/27/2024
July 4: Thurs 7/4/2024
Labor Day: Mon 9/2/2024
Columbus Day: Mon 10/14/2024
Thanksgiving Day: Thurs 11/28/2024
Christmas: Wed 12/25/2024
New Years: Wed 1/1/2025
Civil Rights Day: Mon 1/20/2025
Presidents Day: Mon 2/17/2025

TAX COLLECTOR**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day: Mon 5/27/2024
July 4: Thursday 7/4/2024
Labor Day: Mon 9/2/2024
Columbus Day: Mon 10/14/2024
Christmas: Wed 12/25/2024
New Years: Wed 1/1/2025
Civil Rights Day: Mon 1/20/2025
Presidents Day: Mon 2/17/2025

TOWN CLERK**HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY
CLOSINGS**

Town Meeting & Elections: Tues 3/12/2024
Memorial Day: Mon 5/27/2024
July 4: Thurs 7/4/2024
Labor Day: Mon 9/2/2024
Columbus Day: Mon 10/14/2024
Thanksgiving Day: Thurs 11/28/2024
Christmas: Wed 12/25/2024
New Years: Wed 1/1/2025
Civil Rights Day: Mon 1/20/2025
Presidents Day: Mon 2/17/2025
Town Meeting & Elections: Tues 3/11/2025

TRANSFER STATION**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Easter: Sun 3/31/2024
Christmas: Wed 12/25/2024
New Years: Wed 1/1/2025

