

Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Board of Selectmen attended the Freedom School Board meeting held in the art room at the Freedom Elementary School. On the School Board's agenda with a 6:35 PM appointment. Present were Selectmen Les Babb, Ernie Day, and Melissa Florio, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded these minutes.

Discussion regarding budgetary impacts, enrollment and comparison to the past year, cost per pupil, plans for capital improvements including much needed technology updates, an addition of a kitchen and how that will better serve the town as the secondary emergency shelter, efforts made in the town applying for a grant for an emergency standby generator, paving the parking lot, and a new playground.

Discussion regarding the upcoming JMA negotiations and whether they will proceed by entering into another JMA or tuition agreement. The current contract expires in 2027 but they must give notice in 2024 of their intention to make changes. The options researched were briefly reviewed. CBA agreements are to be renewed next year.

Efforts to be made to restore communication between the two boards and regionalize cost saving such as inclusion in contract and supply bids. The Selectmen reviewed the short-term rental ordinance and change in the Transfer Station schedule.

Both boards agreed to meet quarterly to keep communications going and further collaborate. A date for the next meeting will be set in December.

Selectmen moved to the gymnasium for closed discussion.

Non-Public Session(s):

Ernie made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 7:02 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), personnel. Les seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Les-yes, Ernie-yes, Melissa-yes. All in favor, the motion passed. Les made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:22 PM. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

Discussion:

Portable toilets remain at the beach location. Ellen stated they will be collected this week. Road signs are missing from the hills including Swett Hill Road, Durgin Hill, Rice Hill Road, and Youngs Hill Road. Scott will be notified as will Jamie.

The 11/8/2022 General Election posting was presented for signatures. All in favor, the document was signed.

Adjournment:

Being no further input, Les made a motion to adjourn. Melissa seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen N. White, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Melissa M. Florio