

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
May 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY, was held on May 13th, 2026, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Dylan Barber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Dylan Barber, Town Supervisor
Julie Conklin, Councilperson
Heidi Alnutt, Councilperson
Daniel Tillotson, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Shelli Cross, Town Clerk

Others Present: KJ Alnutt, John Slocum

The financial report was handed out.

Highway update: waiting for the new CHIPS budget to come out. Patching potholes, doing some ditch work as weather allows, waiting for the date to begin paving Irish Hill road, and need to determine if there's enough money for the stone that's needed. Will continue to work on potholes and ditches.

OPEN FLOOR: Discussion about how road work is prioritized each year. KJ explained how it works using the CHIPS budget, such as the age of the road. After the CHIPS money (grant money from NY state) has been used on a road, we can't use CHIPS money on that road again for 10 years. Each year we get a list of roads and when they were last done, then we determine what roads need work again/soon.

Old Business:

Supervisor Barber is still in negotiations with the Union Rep for Highway Employees, the next meeting is May 21.

Amnesty day is this Saturday, 10 am-2pm. Some trailers are in, we're still waiting for one more which should be here Friday morning.

The new recycle trailer is still on back-order.

Community Sales are July 11th, forms available on the Town website.

New Business:

Supervisor Dylan received a resignation letter from Bill Contri. He's resigning from his Board Member position, effective today (May 13, 2026). We will most likely look for someone to appoint to finish out the year, then the position will be up for election.

Nick Constantino is attending because he is handling a closing on property that is located at 2447 Miracle road. Steve Fox is the seller and the buyer is . There is a lien on the property from the Town of Freetown (approximately \$14,000) and both owners of the property have died. It's a 26 year old lien and he is requesting that the Town of Freetown discharge the lien as he feels it's probably not enforceable at this time. He has submitted the paperwork to Supervisor Barber and is asking that the Board approve the discharge so the sale of the property can be closed. The buyer is purchasing the property for \$4,000 so it's value is lower, at this time, than the \$14,000. Supervisor Barber spoke with the Town lawyer and this is a result of TOMA grants that were

done in the early 2000's for improvements to property. There were terms/conditions attached, such as living on the property for a predetermined amount of time, etc. There are similar loans in the Town's files and they were discharged but, for some reason, this property was not discharged. The lawyer feels that the conditions were likely met and the lien could be discharged.

Discussed the Building Permit fees again, and reviewed the documents showing the various ways to determine the fee structure and the updated amount to charge. We compared to Cortlandville, etc. We change the fee schedule to be based on square footage. And we will continue to look for information for other permit items, such as Solar, wood stoves, etc.

Discussed the Salt/Sand storage shed. The Town was given a grant (\$170,000) and it must be used this year. In addition to the grant, the Town must match 25% (\$42,500) of the grant total. The Town has ARPA fund of \$57,000 that was allocated for this project as well and it also needs to be used this year.

The original plan was for a 42' x 60' shed and the total for that size (based on estimates) would be \$248,000. There was discussion about a 62' x 60' shed and the total for that size (based on estimates) would be \$328,000. It was decided to continue with the initial "approved" plan of a 42' x 60' shed, and we want the Apron to be 20' x 60'.

We contact Soil & Water to let them know we are ready to move forward. They will send the project out for bid, etc.

Motion 1: Made by Supervisor Barber to approve the April 2026 meeting minutes, however April the minutes need to be corrected (Julie Conklin did not attend).

Motion 2: Made by Councilperson Heidi Alnutt to approve the change in Building Permit fees and seconded by Dan Tillotson.

Motion 3: Made by Supervisor Barber to approve paying the bills for the General account and seconded by Councilperson Dan Tillotson.

Motion 4: Made by Supervisor Barber to approve paying the bills for the Highway account and seconded by Councilperson Dan Tillotson.

Motion 5: Made by Supervisor Barber to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilperson Heidi Alnutt.

2026 Vouchers starting #63 - #73

(A) General: \$8,986.23

2026 Vouchers starting #29 - #39

(DA) Highway: \$13,745.76

Votes: Councilpersons: All in attendance in favor.

Shelli Cross,
The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm