

7 Raven Road
Freedom ME 04941
July 17, 2023

To the Citizens of Freedom, Maine, and the Select Board of Freedom

It is with some regret and a great amount of relief that I am submitting this letter of resignation as Chairmen of the Freedom Select Board and as a member of the Select Board. I have held these positions since 2007 and I believe my contributions have been positive. However, at this point in time, after events of the last three or four months, my position has served as a major distraction for town governance.

As I depart I would like to list some concerns which all citizens should be aware of.

1. \$8000. plus of IRS penalties remain for as far back as 2019 for improper filing of 941 forms. There is no indication that the IRS is abating these penalties at this time.
2. Since 2019 the Town has had four different treasurers. These are the only trained people who can navigate the bookkeeping the Town uses to keep track of a million-dollar plus budget.
3. It's the middle of July 2023 and we still do not have a completed 2022 audit.
4. The Town does not have a fully functional Public Works Dept. with a Director to oversee daily operations.
5. The Town does not have a complete and thorough drug and alcohol testing policy for employees in safety-sensitive positions and CDL-qualified equipment operators.
6. The Town has embarked on a new method of valuing the CPV Beaver Ridge Windmill Project and citizens should be concerned about who is interpreting the data and assessing a tax value to the project. They are the largest tax payer in the Town.
7. Going forward I think any contact with the Town lawyer, all Select Board members should be Included.

As of this date the Select Board should elect a new chairman and designate a Select Board member to be the bank signature person and to be authorized to sign checks in addition to the treasurer. The bank credit card should be issued to a current Select Board member.

A flag person should be assigned to control flags at the Veterans Memorial and at the Town Office and a Select Board member should be named as the contact person for the security alarms.

Either a Public Works Director or a Select Board Member should be named as the contact person for the Sheriff's Dept. and the State Police when road conditions need to be addressed.

I want to thank all my supporters. I remain a Freedom citizen and I wish the Town well in the future.



C. Ronald Price