

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 8-21-2023
Approved 9-18-2023

In attendance: Steve Bennett, Ryan Willette, Elaine Higgins, Tyler Hadyniak (via zoom), Laura Greeley, Meredith Coffin, Joe Freeman, Bob Kanzler, Heather Donahue, Anne Marie Adamson (via zoom), Pamela Hermon (via zoom), Samantha Turner, Meredith Coffin, Alyssa Brugger, Jacob Brugger, Jim Waterman, Phil Bloomstein, Nancy Farrar, April Turner (via zoom)

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
Passcode: TownMeet

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Steve Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report:
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
 - o Jim discussed a burn.
 - o Steve Bennett asked about the number of the Old Town House. The response was 135 Town House Road.
4. Public Works Director Report:
 - o Discussed the boardwalk at the Town Meeting Hall
 - o Sterling is at public works and the body is off.
 - o Fisher Building is down.
5. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Abbott
 - o Payroll Warrant \$3712.23, A/P Warrant \$2245.49
 - o Checkbook Balance: \$122,625.17 (March)
 - o Camden National = \$122,625.17
 - o Invoice from MMA for Steve Bennett to review
 - o Check received from Solar Panels Refund for \$413
 - o Check received from State Revenue Sharing \$12405.68
 - o Check received from Homestead Refund for \$19304
 - o Steve Bennett made a motion that the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3712.23, and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$2245.49, be paid, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
7. Citizen's Issues and Questions
8. Review Correspondence
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9. Town Officials Reports:
10. Town Boards & Committee Reports:
 - o Planning Board:
 - o Recreational Committee:
 - o Appeals Board:

- Charter Committee
- Historical Society:
 - Tyler Hadyniak is doing a book reading at the Town House. Tyler shared that he did not ask to do the book reading and the book was the subject of the reading not him.
- Cemetery Committee
- Budget Committee: we do not have the final audit.
- CDAC Committee:
- Broadband Committee:

11. Old Business

12. New Business:

- Steve Bennett made a motion to commit the taxes, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
- Need for 2 hearings to discuss the wording and amending the appeals board ordinance.
- Steve Bennett made a motion to hold 2 hearings, one for the Appeals Board Amendment and one to amend the town charter, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
- Absentee ballots are available for the 9/19 special election.
- Audit Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday at the town office.
- Discussion about Liberty leaving the school district.
- Tyler Hadyniak discussed a potential municipal tax benefit to the town if LS Power runs the line through the 2 miles in Freedom. A discussion ensued regarding the LS Power meeting.
- A discussion regarding Broadband occurred.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 8/28/2023 at 6pm

14. Adjourn: Steve Bennett adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20pm

(please refer to attached audio transcription of the meeting for the entire discussion)