

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 6/29/2026

Approved 7-6-2026

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

Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulter, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Elaine Higgins, Bob Kanzler, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Bryan Murphy, Shirley and Derek Savoy, Maryann Bennett, Steve Bennett, Kyle Price, Meredith Coffin, Karen Bohannon, Heather Donahue, Tyler Hadyniak

Town Vote on Building Ordinance

Cindy Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm by reading the warrant for the special town meeting.

- Cindy Abbot was nominated to act as moderator.
- **Maryann Bennett made a motion to accept the ordinance as written and Bob Kanzler seconded.**
 - Discussion:
 - **Elaine Higgins requested a secret ballot for the vote this evening, Meredith Coffin seconded and all approved.**
 - Elaine Higgins feels that raising the fees when there is no oversight by the code enforcement office should not be allowed.
 - Lissa Widoff clarified that the fees are not being voted on this evening, the fees have already been changed.
 - Steve Bennett stated that he was not aware that the fees had been changed.
 - Lissa Widoff clarified how and when those fees were changed.
 - Derek Savoy asked if people and population were considered with the fee changes. Lissa Widoff clarified that only nearby towns were considered.
 - Steve Bennett asked about the fees and was provided with the old fees and what they are now.
 - Steve Bennett asked for further clarification regarding the fees.
- Cindy Abbott asked for more questions, seeing as there were none, she began the process of a secret ballot.

- 12 yes, 4 no: the warrant passed
- **Maryann Bennet made a motion to close the meeting, Elaine Higgins seconded and all approved.**

Select Board Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Lissa Widoff moved to accept the minutes as amended and put them on record, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman (not present)
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
 - A/P Warrant: \$18432.09
 - Payroll warrant: \$8628.92
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the A/P warrant for the week 6-29-2026 of in the amount of \$18432.09, Kory Boulrier seconded and all agreed.**
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the payroll warrant for the week of 6-29-2026 in the amount of \$8628.92, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
 - Camden National Balance: \$331,716.02
 - Checks Received: \$18432.09 revenue sharing
 - Refund from Unifirst \$253.90
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette (not present)
 - Grading had already begun.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
 - Pre 30-day notices for taxes are being sent
 - Police Report has been filed. MMA now has the report and case number to begin insurance consideration for reimbursement.
7. Correspondence:
 - Unity Library: Kayak rack is now on Unity Pond and with a library card people can take out a kayak.
8. Citizens Issues:
 - Bob Kanzler thanked the first responders for the help with a citizen yesterday.
 - **Elaine Higgins made a motion for Kyle Price to speak at the meeting, Meredith Coffin seconded and all approved.**
 - Kyle Price asked if there was a response to his email. Laura Greeley suggested that he should have contacted the sheriff's

department. She also said that a judge had already ruled on the temporary restraining order with regard to the Beaver Ridge Road. She further explained that the sheriff's department has stated that they are not going to enforce travel on the road but if someone is damaging your property then you should call the sheriff's department because that is not ok. He asked for a restriction on the public easement until the court case is resolved. Laura Greeley responded that no one at the town sanctioned anyone cutting trees down. He asked who is in charge of the public easement. Lissa Widoff clarified that, it is in dispute. Kyle Price asked who would be responsible for cleaning up the trees and brush if the person responsible did not come forward. Lissa Widoff asked if he is making a request that while this is in the court process can the select board make a statement about people cutting trees on the road. She stated that it is not helpful that people cut trees on the public easement and that no trees should be cut until it is resolved and only with town permission. Kyle Price further stated that the brush that was placed in the road and ditches is going to affect drainage and all feel that it should be removed.

- Meredith Coffin asked how the people who are doing it are going to be identified and therefore asked to clean up and repair what they did.
- Kyle Price would like the people/person responsible to speak up and take responsibility.
- Laura Greeley stated that as a board they do not and did not condone cutting these trees.
- Maryann Bennett: clarified that even with a public way, people are not allowed to randomly cut on a public way. Laura Greeley stated that she was thinking they were saplings when it was first reported and was surprised to learn they were fully grown trees. Maryann asked if people could just come up and cut large trees. The select board did not say that people could go up and cut down trees. Residents can do light maintenance but they have not condoned cutting down large trees. Laura Greeley stated that she will ask Atty Kelly specifically what can and cannot happen. Bob Kanzler stated that he put a long ribbon on a tree stump as it was tall enough to get stuck on. He has only cleared areas with town permission.
- Tyler Hadyniak said that the public easement is on private property. If someone wants to do maintenance they need to talk with the

town first. Laura Greeley will clarify things with Atty. Kelly. Laura Greeley referred to the emergency temporary restraining order.

- Kyle Price, stated that what Tyler Hadyniak said was what was in the Consent Decree. Shouldn't the plaintiffs be the lead in this case until the case is resolved. Lissa Widoff stated that it is in dispute. When the board talks with Atty Kelly they will ask what can be done in the meantime. Lissa Widoff agreed that they will ask Atty Kelly.
- Bob Kanzler stated that it was not him that cut the trees.
- Steve Bennett stated that his greatest fear is that if they get a rain event and that ditch fills up with water then all the stuff in the ditch now gets washed into Beaver Hill Road and eventually into other land.
- Using the easement is not trespassing.
- Laura Greeley stated that, if the person responsible does not come forward within a week, the town will remove the trees.
- Elaine Higgins asked if public works is working on Beaver Ridge and are we ever going to get our town roads done.
- Bob Kanzler asked about the trash on a property and if the trash on the side of the road could be picked up.

9. Town Officials Reports

- Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott
 - A certified letter came in the mail today.
 - Cindy Abbot will talk with Bill on the other situation
- Assessors Agent: Jackie Robbins (not present)
- Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
- School Board Director: Eleanor Hess (not present)
- General Assistance Officer: Kory Boulier
 - No new requests this week.
 - Kory Boulier has not yet attended the GA training. Laura Greeley suggested he look at the prerecorded training. Kory Boulier will reach out to MMA
- Plumbing Inspector: Cindy Abbott
- Solid Waste Director: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
- Animal Control Officer: Johnna Hatt (not present)
- Town Boards & Committee Reports:
 - Planning Board: Tyler Hadyniak
 - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
 - Bottles can be dropped off at the office or at the Depot labeled.

- House decorations
- Appeals Board: (chair to be determined).
- Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
- Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
 - Tasks were assigned to different groups to be brought back to the group. July 15, 2026 next meeting.
- CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
- Broadband Committee: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
- Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Elaine Higgins
- Comp Plan Committee:
 - New comp plan page
- Historical Society:
 - Reading next month, is it ok to put in the flyer? (yes)

11. Old Business:

- Fire Department: no updates on the hydrant
- ARPA: The letter has been sent; the town now has an account identifier number so Laura Greeley will reach out to Frank Wiltuck at Maine Revenue Office of the Comptroller and they will move forward with addressing the ARPA fund report. She is still going to meet with Contessa.
- Shredder pick up: they came this morning and picked up what was available. They will come again in two weeks.
 - **Lissa Widoff moved that The Select Board have an annex workshop on Monday evenings from 4-5:30 on 7-6,7-20, 8-3 and 8-17, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
- Audit: Laura Greeley sent the accountant the requested information from her request last week.
- Fees handout: Lissa Widoff suggested that they have a list of fees and what they are for. She will also make a list for the other selectboard members regarding other fees they need to set and update.

12. New Business:

- Laura Greeley stated that Richard Bickford has taken out recall paperwork on Laura Greeley. She read the concerns and responded to each.
 - Jackie handles the homestead exceptions as does Cindy. Laura Greeley will check with Cindy regarding an abatement.
 - There was a comment regarding how Laura Greeley responded to a citizen's written complaint. She responded to each concern and reviewed the amount of work she provides for the town; it is concerning that this complaint was made.

- Lissa Widoff stated that this is not the way to bring community together. The individual does not have a complete understand how the taxes work and was having difficulty understanding opinions that are different from his own.
- Lissa Widoff stated how much she has learned from Laura Greeley. She does not want to see Laura Greeley leave under these circumstances. They do not always agree and they value that. It is ok to agree to disagree and what is the way forward.
- Heather Donahue asked if it is time to review the recall ordinance so that in the future it is based on fact.
- DPW:
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to approve an email address for Public Works at \$8 per month, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
- July 13th mailing:
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to approve the use of the Credit Card up to \$90 for a mailing for July 13, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
 - Lissa Widoff will provide Cindy with the text.
- Post office rental is up for review: Lissa will review it and bring it back next week.
- Select Board Policies: Lissa suggested that they review all of them and 1-2 per meeting. Select Board of Assessor policy will be the next one reviewed.
- Atty Kelly has reached out to Laura Greeley and that he has not heard back from the other attorney.
- KVCOG: Shoreline zoning meeting

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday July 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Workshop 4-5:30 for cleanup in annex prior to the select board meeting.

14. Adjourn: **Kory Boulrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.**

Recording Information:

Shareable link:

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