

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 2/13/2023
Approved 2/21/2023

In attendance: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgins, Travis Price, Jim Waterman, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Margaret Powell,

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Ron Price called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report
 - Ron moved to accept the minutes as amended, Elaine seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
 - The new #3 truck is fixed and at the town garage.
 - Travis Price posted the roads today, if the road is frozen trucks over 23,000 pounds can drive on them, but if there is standing water and it is over 32 degrees the posted roads should not be used by vehicles of 23,000 pounds.
 - General truck repair has been occurring.
5. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Abbott
 - Payroll warrant: \$6289.77, A/P warrant \$7788.99
 - Steve mentioned that he likes how things are beginning to line up with the correct chart of accounts. He asked that the Winter Roads information be placed in the correct accounts, to be broken up under miscellaneous, by road. It was suggested that the fire department vehicle maintenance be broken out into each vehicle and not be part of building maintenance.
 - Annual warrant needs to be signed next week.
 - Elaine made a motion to pay the payroll warrant of \$6289.77 and the A/P warrant of \$7788.99, Steve seconded it and all approved.
 - Questions were raised regarding the Trio program and amounts reported on the paycheck stub in terms of the towns contribution. Cindy Abbott reported that there continue to be issues with the Trio system.
 - During the meeting on Friday RH Smith will be asked if they can fix the issue with Trio.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
 - Cindy reported that she is working on the town report.
 - She will be on vacation and will attempt to zoom into the meeting. She will not be available the last week of February. She would like to be printing on the 24th of February.
 - Elaine said she would write up the Spirit of America award recipient.
7. Citizen's Issues and Questions:

- Chuck Hadyniak: Statute 3028-A Pg 2 Section 3 was reviewed. All affected landowners need to receive notice 30 days prior to a meeting to review the status of the road. Discussion ensued regarding the road and those who own property that abuts the road.
 - Ron Price made a motion to table this discussion until next week, Elaine seconded it and all agreed.
- 8. Review Correspondence:
 - None to review.
- 9. Town Officials Reports
 - Code Enforcement Officer
 - Health Official
 - School Board Director
 - General Assistance Officer
 - Plumbing Inspector
 - Solid Waste Director
 - Animal Control Officer
- 10. Town Boards & Committee Reports:
 - Planning Board
 - Recreational Committee: Made approximately \$132 in food sales and had a \$10 donation.
 - Appeals Board
 - Charter Committee: A document was provided through google docs. The select board would like a hard copy of the information. There will need to be a special town meeting to review it once completed.
 - Historical Society: The Winterfest appeared successful. The parking was a concern since the Lost Kitchen event and Winterfest were both occurring at the same time.
 - Cemetery Committee
 - Budget Committee: Thursday, February 23 at 6 pm
 - CDAC Committee: Wednesday 2/15/2023 There have been people calling with an interest in attending the meetings.
 - Waldo County BroadBand: Elaine will print off the review of what is happening to date.
- 11. Old Business
 - Select Board will be meeting on Friday at 9am with RH Smith Auditor
 - Ron Price has notified Waldo dispatch that Unity is our primary ambulance provider. Jim Waterman has met with Unity and feels that they understand our community.
- 12. New Business:
 - The next select board meeting will be recessed.
 - Ron will consult Joe Balla at tech source regarding a new laptop computer.
- 13. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00pm

14. Adjourn: Ron made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Elaine seconded and all approved.