

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 6/1/2026

Approved 6-8-2026

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
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Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulrier, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Elaine Higgins, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Brian Fuller, Meredith Coffin (via Zoom),

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to approve the minutes from the 5/26/2026 minutes as amended and put them on record, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to go into executive session at 6:24 pm for 1 MRSA 405 (6), Personnel matters, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - They came out of executive session at 6:35 pm.
 - Lissa Widoff reviewed the contract with Ryan Willette as an interim position.
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to extend the contract with Ryan Willette as interim public works director for \$30 per hour for approximately 20 hours per week until the end of this year, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
 - Jim Waterman has responded to the FOAA that was requested by the Portland Press Herald.
 - Jim Waterman has given Cindy Abbott the information about acquiring a new AED. He sent her an email link. An insurance claim has been filed and the town is waiting for a response.
 - Jim Waterman met with Contessa and reviewed the Fire Department accounts.
 - A Fire Tech bill was submitted.

- The B and B septic bill is coming out of the building fund.
 - Weed whacking needs to occur by the generator, Jim Waterman has reported it to Ryan Willette.
 - The diver came and they were able to see the intake pipe from the water and there was leaf material around the pipe. The diver will come again to dive and check the area. Lissa Widoff mentioned that there will be a meeting next week to review all of the information and discuss the repair plan and what is the long-term agreement for maintenance and repair.
 - Energy Audits for town buildings. Lissa Widoff has been looking at grants to accomplish this.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
- A/P Warrant: \$24934.88
 - Laura Greeley will ask Contessa what is most appropriate to do regarding a check for something that did not need to be paid, with regard to the backup system with Trio.
 - Pleasant Hill Cemetery: It now appears that we have paid three times. Laura Greeley will review this with Contessa as well.
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the A/P warrant for the week 6-1-2026 of in the amount of \$24934.88, Kory Boulrier seconded and all agreed.**
 - Camden National Balance: \$435888.00
 - Checks Received: \$
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette
- They continue to work on the Grader.
 - The grading should be completed by the end of the week.
 - They will be picking up the rest of the metal.
 - The paving contracts have been submitted for review.
 - Street sweeping should occur this week.
 - 3 Paving estimates were received.
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to accept the bid from Wellman Paving in the amount of \$82,967.80, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott (not present)
7. Correspondence:
8. Citizens Issues:
- Brian Fuller asked about the sweeping and Laura Greeley responded that all town roads are generally done. He asked about feedback on the Moratorium on Data Centers. Laura Greeley and Lissa Widoff both reviewed what will be happening coming up. Brian Fuller stated that the majority of the residents enjoy the rural feel of the town. He likes to

support small local businesses. He feels the data center changes the face of the town. In his experience tax breaks do not occur and big business raises the needs for the town and it does not benefit the town.

- Elaine Higgins asked about the workshops, the response was that they are always open to the public and are posted as required.

9. Town Officials Reports

- Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott (not present)
- Assessors Agent: Jackie Robbins (not present)
- Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
- School Board Director: Eleanor Hess (not present)
- General Assistance Officer: Kory Boulier
 - Kory Boulier will check the website regarding training.
 - No new requests this week.
- 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
 - Laura Greeley has asked them about meeting 2 x per month. She explained what the Select Board is working on.
 - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
 - June 2, 3pm will be the next meeting
 - Appeals Board: (chair to be determined).
 - Laura Greeley reached out to Samantha Turner and she will work at gathering the members for a meeting.
 - Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
 - Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
 - Tasks were assigned to different groups to be brought back to the group.
 - June 17, 2026 next meeting.
 - CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
 - Needs more members
 - Broadband Committee: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
 - Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Elaine Higgins
 - Comp Plan Committee:
 - Historical Society:
 - Ground Breaking for Keene Hall on June 6th. 11-1.

11. Old Business:

- Grant: Due Thursday, up to \$75,000, no match required. The following items were reviewed as potential options for the grant:

- Engineering and design study for the Michell Road Bridge.
 - Village Corridor: walkability, pedestrian safety, jake brake ordinance, slowing traffic. Complete Streets.
 - Public Works: electric universal utility vehicle
 - Hydrant: isolating the hydrant from the facility infrastructure.
 - **Kory Boulier made a motion for Lissa Widoff to move forward with the community resilience grant for up to \$7500, Laura Greeley seconded and all approved.**
 - Shredding: they will move forward with the cleaning with the intent to shred.
 - Ordinances: Lissa Widoff has emailed the Planning Board about KVCOG and their help with writing ordinances. They need a meeting to review the fees. Lissa Widoff will work on amending the ordinance with regard to building fees.
 - Montville Fire Fighter event: Fund raiser for Jacob Spaulding at the Montville Fire Department on June 20, 2026 from 5-7pm.
 - Zoom Meeting with IRS regarding Covid Funds, Laura to handle
12. New Business:
- Tax Assessor School: Laura Greeley reviewed what she learned the first day.
 - School Board Meeting (Budget): Laura Greeley will meet with the school finance officer and try to determine why Freedom's costs rose and Montville's fell.
13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
15. Adjourn: Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.

Recording Information:

Shareable link:

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