

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 4-24-2023
Approved 5-1-2023

In attendance: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Ryan Willette, Jim Waterman, Beth Owen-Mishou, Clint Spaulding, Alyssa Brugger, Jacob Brugger, Barbara Littlefield, Ron Littlefield, Tim Biggs, Ben Feeney, Laura Greeley, Nathan McCann, Tyler Hydiniak (via zoom)

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

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Steve Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report: Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
 - Jim Waterman stated that the motor for the compressor is in and this will be installed soon.
 - MEMA contacted Jim Waterman regarding Sandy Pond Dam and any changes. The paperwork is due in April.
 - Steve Bennett asked about what constitutes a change. Jim Waterman clarified.
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
5. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Abbott
 - \$5,068.70 payroll, A/P \$5,061.12
 - Ryan Willette made a motion to pay the payroll at \$5,068.70 payroll, and A/P 5,061.12, Steve Bennett seconded and all approved.
 - Checkbook balance \$208,995.80
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
7. Citizen's Issues and Questions
 - Laura Greeley asked that any money in the fund balance above our reserve budget or above any department's capital reserve fund be put back toward taxes. She is requesting a line-item veto budget.
 - She expressed concern about the summer roads funds and the completion of roads.
 - She asked when our roads would be graded.
 - Steve Bennett stated that he will put the fund balance issue on the Budget Committees agenda. He has concerns about voting for every line in a line-item budget. He is trying to build transparency with the budget that has been created. The select board met today to discuss how to best allocate funds to benefit the town. There are many roads that they are considering using crushed rock to improve.

- Laura Greeley stated that this is not what the townspeople voted on.
 - Ron Price stated that they are not sure if there are tanks under Main Street.
 - Tim Biggs asked if there are any updates on the buildings on Main Street. Ron Price stated that the status is that the owner had 45 days to present a plan and he is now over in his time.
 - Steve Bennett is meeting with someone tomorrow to provide a quote on demolishing the Anderson property. He feels that the town will get more money for the property if the property is cleaned up first. The property has a well and septic on about an acre.
- 8. Review Correspondence
- 9. Town Officials Reports
 - Code Enforcement Officer:
 - Will meet with the Select Board Members on Thursday evening at 6pm.
 - Health Official
 - School Board Director
 - General Assistance Officer
 - Plumbing Inspector
 - Solid Waste Director
 - Animal Control Officer: Peter Nerber
- 10. Town Boards & Committee Reports:
 - Planning Board:
 - An appeals board school that will occur that should be attended.
 - Recreational Committee
 - The baseball field cleanup happened this past weekend. Good turn out to help.
 - The mulching helped dry up the field.
 - Need the field to dry out a bit more.
 - The snack shack is cleaned up and ready.
 - Field Day July 29th
 - Would like to have people come out with tractors and old cars, etc...
 - Appeals Board
 - Charter Committee
 - Historical Society
 - Cemetery Committee:
 - They have flags for Memorial Day.
 - Budget Committee: Holding off until they receive the final audit and the school budget.
 - Ron Price will call and ask when we will receive the audit.
 - CDAC Committee: Meeting in May
- 11. Old Business
 - Ryan Willette will be coming and spreading the gravel this week if possible.

12. New Business

- Steve Bennett nominated Laura Greeley to the Budget Committee for a 3-year term, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
- Steve Bennett nominated Tim Biggs to a 3-year apt on the Budget Committee, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
- Steve Bennet nominated Prentice Grassi to the Budget Committee for a 2-year term, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
- Steve Bennett nominated Doug Van Horn to a one-year term on the Budget Committee, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
- Porta Potty for the boat landing
- The Charter Committee has issued the draft of the Charter and it has been placed on the town website to be reviewed by the town's people.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday May 1, 2023 at 6pm

14. Adjourn: Ron Price made a motion to recess and reconvene the meeting on Thursday at 6pm, Steve Bennett seconded and all approved.