**Meeting Agenda**

**Freedom Board of Selectmen**

**Date: 1/23/2023**

**Approved**

**In attendance:** Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgins,, Travis Price, Beth Owen-Mishou, Ryan Hall, Cindy Abbott,

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda:  Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary’s Report:  Steve Bennett recommended that the minutes from the 17th be accepted as amended, Elaine Higgins seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
4. Public Works Director Report:  Travis Price
	* The grader is in need of repair.
	* Hank Elkins shoveled the doors out at the fire station.
	* Steve Bennett suggested that the $4500 be changed to $9000 and this be recommended to the budget committee for the grader.
	* Ron Price suggested that a special one item warrant be created so that the company can be paid by check to repair the engine on the grader.  Ron Price made a motion that the engine be purchased from the Old Forge Power Company and a special warrant be created to pay for this and this will go on the 23 budget.
5. Treasurer’s Report:
	* Anyone with a simple IRA will need to have their W-2’s revised.
	* Asked for permission to use the credit card to send out the mailings to announce who is running.
	* Steve Bennett will look into where the meeting will be held on March 11, 2023.
	* The select board members were provided with statements for the Key Bank accounts.
	* Cindy Abbott will be working on the 1099’s this week.
	* Payroll warrant $7654.69; A/P warrant for 2023 is $23,703.48
	* Steve Bennett requested that the 2023 chart of accounts be utilized.  Cindy Abbott stated that she is able and willing to change all of the information and place it in the new chart of accounts, if the select board accepts the A/P warrants tonight. All of the items on the 2023 A/P warrant if approved this evening will need to be moved to the new chart of accounts.
	* Steve Bennett made a motion that the payroll warrant for 1/23/23 be paid in the amount of $7654.69 and the A/P warrant for 1/23/2023 in the amount of $23,703.48 and the A/P warrant for 2022 (final) in the amount of $3538.15, Ron Price seconded and all approved.
	* Members of the select board wrote the numbers of each of the line items from the 2023 A/P warrants to assist Cindy Abbott.  It was noted that 6 new lines would need to be added.  Most of these were within the fire department.  Steve Bennett will request that those new lines be added.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report
7. Citizen’s Issues and Questions
8. Review Correspondence
	* Volunteer regional food pantry, thanking us for our donation.  They served 512 Freedom Residents (205) families.
	* Unity Area Regional Recycling Center $9845 was the quote.
	* Notice of the MRC board meeting on 1/25/2023
	* Maine Revenue services attn: Ron Smith.  It will be forwarded to him.
	* Snow removal notice from the post office. If the box is not shoved out then there is not mail delivered.
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
		+ Working on Winterfest with the historical society.
	* Appeals Board
	* Charter Committee:
		+ A draft has been provided to the select board members.  The select board will meet on Friday the 27th at 9am.
	* HIstorical Society
	* Cemetery Committee:
	* Budget Committee: Thursday 6pm
	* CDAD Committee:  Wednesday 6pm
11. Old Business
	* The addresses provided to the state are not licensed  by the State of Maine as recreational or medical marijuana growers.  The state will be contacted by Ron Price
	* Steve Bennett will contact Atty. Kelly for updates and pending issues.
12. New Business
	* Elaine Higgins questioned if the Selectboard should attend a zoom meeting with the government finance office regarding: property taxes.  Ron Price mentioned that it was not necessary at this time.
	* Ron Price mentioned that there will be a public meeting prior to the start of the bridge repair by the state.
		+ A town resident questioned where the extra footage for the bridge would be coming from.
13. Date of Next Meeting:  January 30, 2023
14. Adjourn:  Ron Price made a meeting to adjourn at 7:40pm