

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 8/17/2026

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

In attendance: Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulier, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Joe Freeman, Bob Kanzler, Kyle (via zoom), Roy Mishou (via zoom), Bryan Murphy, Pamela Herman (via zoom), Elaine Higgins, Kerri and Stan Terry, Heather Donahue, Meredith Coffin (via zoom)

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1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Lissa Widoff called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Kory Boulier made a motion to accept the minutes from the 8-10-2026 meeting and put them on record, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
 - The chicken BBQ sold out during Field Day.
 - If people need help with traffic control for an event they can reach out to the fire department.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette (not present)
 - Grading will be happening.
 - Culvert replacement on Mitchell Road is scheduled.
 - There have been interviews for public works and there is one more next week. They spoke with the Budget Committee regarding Public Works. Joe Freeman asked about automatic refill for fuel.
 - Diesel has been ordered and will be there by Wednesday.
 - They are waiting on one more bid for sand.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
 - Tax bills are printed and almost ready to go out. It is expected that the bills will go out this week. Thanks to Kim and Steve Holmes for helping to stuff envelopes.

- MMA pending claims: They would like a picture of where the AED device was hanging. Cindy will send these asap.
 - Lissa Widoff thanked Cindy for all her work on the Field Day festivities.
7. Correspondence:
- Town of Albion received a grant to look at the redevelopment of their elementary school. The letter shared some of the ideas that have been shared for the purpose of the building. They are hoping that the building will benefit all of the surrounding communities.
 - There was a letter regarding unclaimed property for Public Works that will be shared with Contessa.
8. Citizens Issues:
- Heather Donahue asked if there was a timeline on Keen Hall. Elaine Higgins reviewed the current status. They are working on having the funds released so they can start work. Lissa Widoff further explained the fund releasing process.
 - Heather Donahue mentioned that the tax bills are about to come out. She asked if the tax bills are accurate with the current information tax use in formation. Lissa Widoff clarified that they are trying to make the information current and it reflects the select board's understanding of what should be using the most current information..
 - Bob Kanzler asked about the information on the community page. This message was taken down as they could not verify the validity of the information shared.
9. Town Officials Reports
- Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott
 - Assessors Agent: Jackie Robbins (not present)
 - Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
 - School Board Director: Eleanor Hess (not present)
 - General Assistance Officer: Kory Boulter
 - No new requests this week.
 - The training course is in September
 - 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
 - They had a quorum during their last meeting.
 - Town of Freedom Commercial Development Ordinance.

- Can the planning board change the wording or characteristics of the ordinance? They can propose changes that would go up for a town vote.
 - Home Based Occupation needs further clarification.
- Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
 - Field Day was a success and Cindy thanked everyone for all they did.
 - The next meeting is the first Tuesday of September, 9-1-2026.
 - Trunk of Treat
 - Veterans Day
 - Kory Boulrier will send the photos to Cindy Abbott from Field Day.
- Appeals Board: (chair to be determined).
- Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
- Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
- CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
 - First Wednesday of September
- Broadband Committee: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
- Comp Plan Committee:
 - There is a meeting next week.
- Historical Society:
 - There was a reading on Sunday
 - Meeting tomorrow night

11. Old Business:

- Lissa Widoff and Kory Boulrier thanked everyone who helped out with the Field Day, parade, games etc...
- Website: update.
- Emergency Management Director Search: There are 3 potential candidates. Kory Boulrier will share the emails from the interested parties.
- Annex progress continues. There is one bin ready for shredding.

12. New Business:

- Appeals Board: There may be a discrepancy between what the charter says and what the Appeals Board ordinance says. We could potentially need one to two more members.
- Comp Plan committee looked at some edits to the food sovereignty ordinance.

- **Kory Boulier made a motion to go into executive session for 1 MSRA 405 (6) A, Personnel Matters, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
- They came out of executive session at 6:51pm and no decisions were made.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday August 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

14. Adjourn: **Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.**

Recording Information:

Shareable link:

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