

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 6/22/2026
Approved 6-29-2027
Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
Passcode: TownMeet

Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulrier, Jim Waterman, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Elaine Higgins, Tim Biggs, Beth Powell, Stan and Kerri Taylor

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6-15, 2026 meeting as amended and place them on record, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - MMA/ Fixed Asset paperwork: Lissa Widoff will speak to Ryan Willette regarding the completion of this form. The form is due by Jul 1, 2026 Laura Greeley will leave it on her desk.
 - The new school payment was increased by \$3500
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
 - Jim Waterman asked about the AED police report. It appears that Cindy has not yet filed the report.
 - Jim Waterman asked about the training class and Lissa Widoff let him know that it went well and 12 people attended.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
 - A/P Warrant: \$66095.60
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the A/P warrant for the week 6-1-2026 of in the amount of \$66095.60, Kory Boulrier seconded and all agreed.**
 - Camden National Balance: \$402713.57
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette
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6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
 - Letter of Agreements were discussed.
7. Correspondence:
 - Waldo County Commissioners: Was looking for nominations and reviewed the current members.

- A letter was received regarding Elaine Higgins calling out a resident by name and they requested a public apology to the person mentioned. Laura Greeley reviewed the letter. Laura Greeley will share the letter with Elaine. It was requested that the letter be put on public record.
- PAWS sent our upcoming contract which will be reviewed.

8. Citizens Issues:

- Tim Biggs asked about the article in the Bangor Daily News. He reported about PFAS in fish downstream from the bridge in Sandy Stream. He asked about the pond and the PFAS levels in the pond.
- Thanks to Eric Ledbetter for his work on the dock at the town landing.
- ATV road access: Has Freedom looked into this? Laura Greeley asked if we have any trails in Freedom with access to local amenities.

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 Boulier
 - 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
 - June 23, 2026
 - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
 - Appeals Board: (chair to be determined).
 - Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
 - Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
 - CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
 - Broadband Committee: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
 - Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Elaine Higgins
 - Comp Plan Committee:
 - Historical Society:
 - Upcoming Reading

11. Old Business:

- Hydrant: Lissa Widoff reviewed some of the revisions to location and structure of the hydrant. She clarified that the fire department would be responsible for any damage to The Lost Kitchen due to the hydrant. The

Fire Department is concerned about their liability. Lissa Widoff suggested that the fire department look into their insurance.

- Tax Maps digitization costs were reviewed.
 - Elaine Higgins asked about the tax maps. Kory Boulier clarified as did Lissa Widoff. They mentioned that the files are not up to date and the new maps need to be in electronic PDF for the website.
- July 15th will be the meeting for the Budget Committee.
- Annex Shred Schedule: the record retention rules are being reviewed and the bins are in the annex.
- ARPA Funds: An email has been set up with US treasury but they need a passcode. Laura Greeley worked with Frank Wiltuck at Maine Revenue Office of the Comptroller, and she is in the process of setting up the account with the US treasury and can update our account. Laura Greeley will work with Contessa to determine what our qualifying expenses were during that time period.
- Audit: There was an issue with accounting for other revenues on the assessment report for the state. Laura found the data and was able to provide it to the accounting company. The abatement and supplement information was not adding up. Laura Greeley suggested that they develop something to clarify the information moving forward with regard to that revenue line. Lissa Widoff will start a document on the shared drive to address this.
- Atty Kelly: Laura Greeley worked with Atty Kelly today and she has submitted the requested information to Atty Kelly. They will discuss the situation in executive session.
- Jul 13, 2026 at 6pm the surveyor will come in to the select board meeting with his findings regarding Beaver Ridge Road. The surveyor will come in at 5pm and will share his finding with the Select Board in executive session. Laura Greeley suggested that the select board meet from 4-5pm. Additionally, she asked if we should attempt to determine how many people would be attending the meeting. 5-6pm would be an executive session and 6-as needed will be to review the surveyors report.
- Policy Meeting to review ordinances and moratoriums: Jun 29, 2026-5:30.

12. New Business:

- Policy Committee: Lissa Widoff asked if the committee is disbanded? Elaine Higgins responded yes. Lissa Widoff thanked the past committee members for their work.
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion that the policy committee be disbanded, Kory Boulier seconded and all agreed.**

- **Kory Boulier made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and legal matters, Lissa Widoff seconded and all agreed.**
 - They came out of executive session at approximately 8 pm.
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to increase the solid waste assistants pay to \$25 per hour, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**

13. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday June 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

15. Adjourn: **Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.**

Recording Information:

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