

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes - October 31, 2022

Select Board and officials present: Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgings, Ron Price, Travis Price, Jim Waterman, Eleanor MacMakin.

Citizens Present: Reginald Cuwaswaham, Phil Bloomstein, Kelsey Kobik

Present on zoom: Tyler Hadyniak

Present on speaker phone: Cindy Abbott

1. Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Motion by Ron, Elaine 2nd, unanimous:**

To accept the amended minutes for October 24, 2022.

Eleanor confirmed the board recognized her last day will be next week.

**3. FVFD:** Jim reported the success of the Tabletop exercise November 25 at 6:00 pm.

He requested the Select Board approve the purchase of a computer and printer for the Fire Station. MEFA, a federal program to monitor fire, will be one use for the computer as well as training and retirement record keeping. Ron said to use Belfast Computer to purchase the equipment because the Select Board contracts with them for technical support and this is an important risk prevention that is worth the extra cost.

**Motion by Steve, Elaine 2nd, unanimous:** Approve up to \$1,500 for a computer system for the EMA director Jim Waterman to procure.

Discussion about getting a large generator to power both the Firehouse and the Town Office.

Elaine asked Jim about the list of people to be checked on in case of emergency. Jim provided an update.

Jim reported an incidence on Sanford Hill. A stolen black GMC ran through a gate in the driveway in an attempted break in. The Waldo County Sheriff was involved.

**Public Works:**

4. Travis reported he needs a license plate for truck #3 and has given Ron the info to register with DMV. Discussion about truck #3

**Motion by Ron, Elaine 2nd, unanimous:** Approve Travis to negotiate the sale of truck # 3 body for \$10,000. Potential buyer is John Thornhill.

5. Continuation of issue with the solid waste fuel. Elaine said this is on pause for now.

**6. MRC Committee:**

Phil reported on the recent MRC meeting and discussed the Municipal Waste status. He said the director Mike Carroll said everything is going great. MRC is selling the plant to Revere LLC. to operate and they will retain a minority ownership of 5%. Steve raised concerns about the ~~transaction and validity of the terms of contract so Ron got the contract binder for Steve to~~ review: *Review from Steve*

**7. UARRC Committee:**

Phil provided a review of the Maine Bill referred to as the producer responsibility program for product packaging that becomes waste. The DEP program aims to lower the burden on towns for the cost of recycling.

the webmaster. She said she was interested in the Webmaster job but could not commit to evening meetings.

**19. Motion by Steve, Elaine 2nd, unanimous:** Hold executive Board meeting with the auditor November 21, 2022 at 4 pm.

**20. Meeting adjourned by Ron at 8:25 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor MacMakin