

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 8/3/2026
Approved 8-10-2026
Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
Passcode: TownMeet

Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulrier, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Heather Donahue, Joe Freeman, Bob Kanzler, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Bryan Murphy, Kyle (via zoom), Elaine Higgins, Kim and Steve Holmes, Kyle Price, Patrick Terry

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1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and put them on record, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - Laura Greeley wanted to make a statement of apology regarding a statement she had made about the submission of information to the town attorney by Kyle Price. She feels that it is not fair to spend the town's money to support the plaintiff's case. She apologized to the tax payers for the extra cost to the town. She has directed the plaintiffs to get their own surveyor, if they have additional concerns.
 - Laura Greeley appreciated the reporting by Chuck Hadyniak for the Mid Coast Villager and how he reported. She feels that the current reporting is very biased. She offered to meet with Elaine Higgins about the facts regarding the assessments and the homestead exemption. She wishes that all the good things that are going on be reported on with the same frequency as the negative.
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman (not present)
 - Lissa Widoff mentioned that the alleged reason for the hydrant pipe failure was due to the clogged pipe but that has not yet been determined. She is hopeful that someone will come up with an alternate plan.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
 - A/P Warrant: \$7283.80

- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the A/P warrant for the week 8-3-2026 of in the amount of \$7283.80, Kory Boulrier seconded and all agreed.**
 - Camden National Balance: \$286,457.23
 - Checks received:
 - Revenue sharing: \$20,892.77
 - It was determined that Jackie was assessing modular ranches as doublewide trailers. It was an inequitable issue. Laura Greeley consulted with Jim. He was not aware that modulars were being assessed as doublewides. He suggested that they just go ahead and commit the taxes but let the people know that they were being charged at the wrong rate. Laura Greeley will write up a letter to be included with tax bills to explain some of the differences.
 - Laura Greeley asked if the final commitments had been done. Cindy Abbott asked who would be providing the percentages that are paid from taxes to municipal, county and school. Lissa Widoff reported that she would do that before the end of the evening.
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette (not present)
- Town House Road was graded.
 - A citizen came in regarding Smithton and Mitchell Roads and their need for grading. Kory will reach out to Ryan Willette about this.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
- Laura Greeley asked about the spreadsheet on Black Hills.
 - Cindy Abbott provided a spreadsheet.
7. Correspondence:
- Email regarding home business, the only place that home businesses are regulated is through the CDRO. That person has already been before the planning board and it was determined that they did not need to go before the CDRO.
 - An Email was received regarding the pond and concern regarding the growth of the vegetation around the edges. Lissa Widoff reported that the growth is due to low water levels and the pond being a shallow pond.
 - An Email was received from Heather Donahue requesting the research presented by Kyle Price. She now has that information.
8. Citizens Issues:
- Heather Donahue thanked Kyle Price for all his work on the deeds. The research he did was very beneficial for the town. Kyle Price responded that he did not view it that way.
 - Joe Freeman asked about truck #6. Ryan Willette has reported that they are waiting for the mechanic. The select board reported that they are

checking in with Ryan Willette weekly. They have gathered estimates/bids for the sand. Joe Freeman asked if the select board planned on subcontracting for the snow removal. They have a budget for plowing but they are not planning on subcontracting at this time. They plan to work within the budget. He stated that not much work has been done on roads this summer. The bridge is slated to be completed next summer.

- Heather Donahue mentioned that there is a group that is actively working against the town and that the person leading it is chairing a committee in town and she is not comfortable with this and feels it is a conflict of interest.

9. Town Officials Reports

- Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott
 - No updates on pending cases.
- Assessors Agent: Jackie Robbins (not present)
- Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
- School Board Director: Eleanor Hess (not present)
- General Assistance Officer: Kory Boulrier
 - 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
 - Met this week and there was no quorum. There was not a quorum for the meeting preceding this either.
 - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
 - Kim Holmes reported that they are busy planning. Car show, corn hole tournament. They have rented some activities. They continue to need volunteers. There will be a drawing for backpacks, they would like more backpacks and welcome any donations.
 - The Parade will start at the Skidgell lot.
 - They will create times and jobs volunteers are needed for and Beth will create a signup sheet for the rec webpage.
 - Appeals Board: (chair to be determined).
 - They have sworn in 2 new members. All have been sworn in. An annual meeting will occur within the next two weeks.
 - Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
 - Steve will check on how the mowing is going.

- Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
 - Wednesday Aug 12, 2026
- CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
 - Experimenting with the Knot weed mitigation techniques.
- Broadband Committee: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
- Comp Plan Committee:
 - They are continuing to work on the chapters.
- Historical Society:
 - September 16th there will be another book reading. Gary Hoyle (author)

11. Old Business:

- Selectman Recall Ordinance: The revisions were reviewed. Lissa Widoff will remove the “may be” and state the reasons. Laura Greeley suggested that all of the ordinances be put up for vote for the November 3rd election. That would mean that all of the ordinance hearings would need to be completed before October 3rd as that is when the ballot needs to be done by. The warrant could be signed on the 21st of August and the hearing around the 8th of September. Also to be completed:
 - Moratorium on Data Centers: Lissa Widoff stated that she is not opposed to a ban.
 - Cannabis
 - Food Sovereignty
 - Personnel
- Select Board Meeting Policy: Lissa Widoff presented the revisions to this policy.
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to approve the select board meeting policy as amended, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
- Website: Meeting on Wednesday at 5:30
- Boat Landing: The rules apply to everyone unless we have a town meeting. Laura Greeley consulted with Atty Kelly about limiting the parking to only town residents and the parking cannot be limited to town residents only. Lissa Widoff will follow up with DOC regarding the parking.

12. New Business:

- **Kory Boulrier made a motion to go into executive session for 1 MRSA 405 (6) A Personnel Matters, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - They came out of executive session at 8:11 pm and they have scheduled a tentative job interview and another personnel

executive for Tuesday the 4th from 5:30-6:30 (Interview), Personnel executive on Thursday the 6th from 4-5pm.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday August 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

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

Recording Information:

Shareable link:

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