

Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 1/17/2023
Approved: 1/23/2023

In attendance: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgins, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Beth Owen-Mishou, Joe Freeman,

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm Tuesday 17, 2023
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report
 - o Elaine Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Ron Price seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
 - o The Fire Dept reserve account should be used to pay for the incoming bill for the installation of the emergency generator.
 - o Ron Bronowski is looking for someone to do snow removal for his driveway. Jim provided him with some names.
 - o Check from Central Maine Cost recovery for \$1622 from services provided in 2021.
 - o A citizen asked if there was anything we should be concerned with, with regard to the tanks and other materials stored at the General Store. There does not appear to be any immediate concern.
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
 - o Trailer on Russell Rd. turn around has been moved.
 - o Standing offer to purchase the old dump body for \$350. Ron Price made a motion to authorize Travis Price to sell the old dump body for \$350, Elaine Higgins seconded it and all approved.
 - o Breakdown on Truck # 6 and it was repaired on Sunday.
 - o KBCOG (Kennebec Valley Council of Governments) is offering various products to be purchased by February 6th. Ron Price will print a price list for Travis Price.
 - o DOT workshop on care and maintenance of gravel roads. Offered in 4 different locations. Ron Price has signed Travis Price, himself and Ryan Hall up to attend it on April 27th.
 - o Travis Price asked about feedback from Atty. Kelly with regard to the culverts. Steve has not heard from him with regard to this issue. Steve will reach out to Atty. Kelly again.
5. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Abbott (report provided)
 - o Payroll Warrant \$6605.75. Final A/P warrant for 2022 was \$3538.15
 - Elaine Higgins made a motion that the payroll warrant be paid in the amount of \$6605.75, Steve seconded and all approved.
 - No action will be taken on the accounts payable.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: (see attached report)
7. Citizen's Issues and Questions:

- Atty. Kelly has not yet corresponded with Jackie Robbins in regard to the Bryant Rd.
 - The engineer will provide a report no later than the 23rd of this month. No decision can be made until the report is provided and reviewed.
 - Ron Price spoke with Erin French and Michael Dutton regarding paving and traffic flow coming down from the top of Pleasant St. toward the mill. They are concerned with the foot traffic and no stop sign. They asked if when it is paved that a crosswalk be put on the road. Ron Price will check with the DOT about signage.
8. Review Correspondence:
- Waterville Humane Society has provided a bill for 2023. Ron Price will contact them tomorrow with regard to the corrected contract. Steve Bennett said they were paid last year according to accounting records.
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
 - Appeals Board
 - Charter Committee
 - Historical Society
 - Cemetery Committee
 - Budget Committee: Thursday January 19, 2023 at 6pm
 - CDAC Committee
11. Old Business
- The Waldo BroadBand Committee has received information that they are in consideration for an 11 million dollar grant. They are looking at a 3.5 million dollar revenue grant.
 - Elaine Higgins has the application for the heat pumps and has signed them and will be sending them back. She also completed the W-9 and will get it in the mail tomorrow.
 - Prentice Grassi had a question about the hot water heater and he is pursuing that with Matt Wagner.
 - Spirit of America Award. Ron Price asked people to think about it and come up with some before next Monday. Elaine Higgins made a motion that the spirit of America award recipient be Steve Bennett seconded it and all approved.
 - A photo will be needed for the cover of the report.
12. New Business
13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday January 23, 2023

14. Adjourn: Ron Price made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, Elaine Higgins seconded all agreed.