

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

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
Passcode: TownMeet

Approved 8-31-2026

Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulrier, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Heather Donahue, Kevin Greeley, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Bryan Murphy, Tyler Hadyniak, Elaine Higgins

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1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to accept the minutes from the 8-17-2026 meeting as amended and put them on record, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
 - **Kory Boulrier made a motion to go into executive session for legal purposes 1 MRSA 405 (6) E, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - They came out of executive session at 6:42 pm and no decisions were made.
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
 - Jim Waterman asked about the audit, Laura Greeley stated that they are still waiting.
 - Sea Coast has made the repairs to the security system.
 - Jim Waterman asked about the AED and it was mentioned that the insurance claim is pending.
 - Elaine Higgins asked about getting permits to burn. Jim Waterman explained that one can go online to apply for a permit.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
 - Payroll warrant: \$4318.96
 - AP Warrant: \$22570.74

- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the payroll warrant for the week of 8/24/26 in the amount of \$4318.96, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the AP payroll warrant for the week of 8/24/26 in the amount of \$22570.74**
 - Camden National Municipal account: \$273585.09
 - **Lissa Widoff moved that the board approve Laura Greeley to sign the retainer of \$13,402.50 for RHR Smith and Company to do the audit for the 2026 tax year, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
 - Checks Received:
 - \$884.17 USPS
 - \$27.00 State of Maine Dog Tags
 - \$67.24 Quill
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette (not present)
- Bill helped with grading.
 - Another interview has occurred with Public Works.
 - Ryan Willette reached out regarding the catch basin to the bridge culvert.
 - Joe and Bill will be working on Rollins Road this week.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott
- Cindy Abbott provided the select board with the Commitment books.
 - An application for abatement was presented as the amount of land was doubled in this year's bill and the property owner did not receive the homestead exemption.
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to abate Account 199 in the amount of \$1309.12 to cover incorrect land accounting and lack of homestead exemption, Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**
 - Cindy Abbott provided the select board with a property card that appeared incorrect. Laura Greeley will speak with Jackie about this tomorrow.
 - Lissa Widoff asked Cindy Abbott about the property that is up for foreclosure. Cindy reported that MMA has a packet on foreclosure. It is a one-acre lot. Laura Greeley asked what the next step is for the foreclosure. Cindy Abbott stated that it is up to the Select Board and the Treasurer. Laura Greeley will reach out to Contessa.
7. Correspondence:
- County Commissioners: Mentioned the new county commissioners.
 - Brian Murphy: provided the multi town mitigation plan. FEMA was involved and the final copy has been approved. The Select Board needs to review and approve the final plan.

- **Lissa Widoff moved that they approve the resolution from the Hazard Mitigation Plan (she read the resolution), Kory Boulrier seconded and all approved.**

- Cindy Abbott will be sending the signed form back to Dale
- FOIA request from William Paquette: Laura Greeley spoke about the posting from William Paquette on Freedom Live. What he is requesting is consistent with what the board is working on. Laura Greeley has received a list for the FOIA. She would prefer that people reach out to him privately and not post about people. Laura Greeley has reviewed his YouTube page. She read the FOIA request. The select board has met with Atty. Kelly and MMA. They have also reached out to Maine Revenue. Atty Kelly has reached out to an assessor in Portland. Lissa Widoff stated that there are many parties that have conflicting information regarding tree growth and what has been filed. Lissa Widoff asked for clarification with regard to some of the requests. She has already spent more than three hours gathering the requested information. Lissa Widoff presented the other select board members with a proposed cover letter to the individual making the request. Laura Greeley stated that William Paquette has stated his intent to send a second FOIA. The Select Board will determine who will be gathering the requested information.

8. Citizens Issues:

9. Town Officials Reports

- Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott
 - Lissa Widoff will set up a CEO personnel meeting.
- 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
 - Tomorrow Night
 - 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)
- Comp Plan Committee:
 - Meeting this Thursday
 - Worked on the Food Sovereignty Ordinance: Laura Greeley asked why the Comp Plan was working on the Food Sovereignty Ordinance.
- Historical Society:

11. Old Business:

- Emergency Management: Kory Boulrier will provide the emails to the other select board members when he narrows the candidates and make a recommendation to the other Select Board Members.
- Appeals Board Membership: Lissa did not find a section in the charter that says 7 members. They have 5 members currently, if one needed to recuse themselves, they only need 3 for a quorum. They will need to move forward with the members they have and complete their current appeal. If they would like more members in the future they can request an increase of members with the Select Board. Laura Greeley will reach out to Samantha Turner regarding a date for their current appeal request.
- Personnel policies were addressed.
- Final Draft of Harassment Policy. Lissa Widoff will contact MMA to determine if this policy is legally required.
- Kory Boulrier will reformat the current Appeals Board Ordinance.

12. New Business:

- Select Board Workshops for ordinances:
 - Monday September 14, 2026, 4pm
 - Monday September 21, 2028, 4 pm
 - Monday September 28, 2026, 4pm

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday August 31, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

14. Adjourn: Kory Boulrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.

Recording Information:

Shareable link:

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