Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 11-9-2026

Approved 11-16-2026

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
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Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulier, Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott, Elaine Higgins, Richard Bickford, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Jim Waterman, Heather Jackson (via zoom), Brian Murphy, Patrick Terry, Kevin Greeley, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Jon Thornhill, Meredith Coffin (via zoom), Kyle Price, Dylan Turner, Joe Freeman

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Announcements:
    - **Kory Boulier made a motion to go into executive session for 1 MRSA 405 (6) E, legal consultation at 6:03pm, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - They came out of executive session at 7:50, and no decision was made.
            - Laura Greeley stated that in reference to the lawsuit, the town is going to wait for the judgements from the court. Until the judge rules, until then there will be no more money spent on legal fees on the town's part, but they will need to respond to any claims made against the town.
    - **Kory Boulier made a motion to accept the minutes as amended for 11-2-2026 and place them on record, Lissa Widoff seconded and both approved.**
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
    - Truck One was down last week and it went to Reliant for repair due to air leaks. Next week it will be back at Reliant for further work.
    - Jim Waterman will send information to the select board regarding bylaws he will also send information on dirt/gravel and private roads.
    - Hunters Breakfast on Saturday November 14, 2026 at the fire house.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)

- AP Warrant week of 11-9-26: $23819.31
- AP Warrant second: $126.00
- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the AP warrant for the week of 11-9-26 in the amount of $23819.31, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the second AP warrant for the week of 11-9-26 in the amount of $126.00, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
- Camden National Municipal account: $741,893.86
- Checks received:
  - Central $1786.48
  - US Postal Service: $928.42
  - State of Maine Homestead: $18,552.61
  - Parts Authority Refund: $2,718.33

5. Public Works: Jon Thornhill
   - Pleasant Street was paved today.
   - Waiting for parts for the wings on the trucks.
   - Laura Greeley asked about the refund from Parts Authority. Jon Thornhill did not know what it was for.
   - The email was received from Wellman regarding the completion of the paving in the spring as well as locking in our per ton price at $106 per ton.
   - Jon Thornhill will ask Wellman to put in a bid for Raven Road.
   - Jon Thornhill will go out next week and clean up the sides of the road.
   - He is making a list of culverts in town that need to be replaced.
   - Lissa Widoff asked about the request from Bolsters because their weight is over our posted limit. Bolsters has requested a waiver. Jon Thornhills' understanding is that garbage trucks are exempt from posted signs. He will review the state regulations to confirm this. Kory will respond to Bolsters and will gather the state regulations.
   - Jon Thornhill will look into the legalities of posting the bridge on Pleasant Street.
   - Wellmen has still not received their payment, Jon is requesting that the checks be held here and he will personally give them to the local vendors.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott (not present)
   - **Abatements**
     - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate account #479, Map 11 Lot 28, in the amount of $338.33 due to an incorrect assessment for another lot, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**

- **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Jeffery Bishop, account #199, Map 5 Lot 2, in the amount of $1039.19 due to an incorrect assessment, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
- Laura Greeley reported that she has worked with Jim Murphy to help correct the assessment of a doublewide trailer. She will print all of the doublewide trailer cards and work with Jim to determine the assessments and build consistency. Jim Murphy is now cleaning up all of the land issues. At the end of December, he will share his recommendations. A workshop will need to occur **Monday November 16 4-5:30.**
- Townwide Reassessment: An updated proposal will be submitted. He may be able to begin in 2027.

7. Correspondence:
    - Lissa Widoff expressed concern about the Superintendent's response to the question regarding the effect of Liberty being withdrawn from RSU3. She asked if the town could write a letter regarding RSU3's response to Liberty leaving the district. Lissa Widoff will draft a letter. She will also ask about their participation in the communities for doing things like acting as a warming center.
8. Citizens Issues:
    - Patrick Terry: Beaver Ridge Road. He disagrees with the surveyor's opinion. He wonders if the select board is willing to do more research. He spoke to the bulk of information in the receipts indicating that the survey was incorrect. He wonders if his information got to the surveyor. He feels that the surveyor was sent to look at 1919. He asked the question if there was corruption? He asked how much promissory money was promised to Dorsky or Bill Kelly. Laura Greeley stated that they will wait for the judge to decide the case.
9. Town Officials Reports
    - Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott
    - Assessors Agent: (position not yet filled)
    - Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
    - School Board Director: Eleanor Hess (not present)
    - General Assistance Officer: Kory Boulier
        - Heating Fund is available for residents who may need assistance. There is an application.
        - No applications were received this week.
    - Plumbing Inspector: Cindy Abbott
    - Solid Waste Director: Phil Bloomstein (present)

- Animal Control Officer: Johnna Hatt (not present)
- Town Boards & Committee Reports:
    - Planning Board: Christopher Spaulding (chairperson, not present)
        - Tomorrow evening
    - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
        - Veterans Ceremony at the Church
            - Food donations for the Veterans lunch are welcome.
            - Bells ring at 11am
    - Appeals Board: Samantha Turner, chair (not present)
        - November 19th
        - Fees for an appeal were discussed
    - Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
    - Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
        - November 18th is the next budget meeting.
        - County Budget Meeting: looking at a 22% increase. A FOAA was submitted requesting all of Laura Greeley's information for the month of October.
    - CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
    - Comp Plan Committee:
        - Making progress on chapters.
        - Nov 13th at 5:30-7:30 Housing
        - Nov 19th 5:30-7:30 future land use
    - Historical Society:

11. Old Business:
    - Pye Barker: Cindy Abbott was supposed to call and schedule a tech. The security company will need to come out and assess the connection as Consolidated has confirmed that both lines are working effectively.
    - Fee Updates: the appeals board is looking at other towns' appeals applications. The application fees range from $60-100 plus advertising fees and mailing fees for abutters. A fee of $50 for residential plus cost of mailing and advertising fees, $200 for commercial plus cost of mailing and advertising. Lissa will share this information with Samantha Turner.
    - Laura Greeley clarified the rules regarding designating any town road or town way as an ATV access route. The Select Board needs to assess safety and post designated roads. That includes any discontinued town ways. It is up to the select board to make ATV use determinations.
    - Petition done prior to the election: MMA suggested that the petition be denied and it was beyond the scope of the town meeting. The petition request was not legal based on MMA feedback.
12. New Business:

- Ordinances approved on Election Day.
    - Moratorium on Data Centers was approved.
    - Ordinance for the Recall of Selectmen that was also approved.
- Appointments:
    - Appointment papers that were approved last week were signed for Phil Bloomstien for Broadband coalition for 3 years and Solid Waste representative for 3 years.
    - Appointment papers for Patrick Haley were signed.
- Municipal Road Inventory Committee: Purpose was reviewed. The phases of this committee were reviewed. Lissa Widoff mentioned that 90% of this information is available on the Maine DOT website. The town also has a tracking program for road maintenance. 5 members for a one year term with a Select Board contact person. Phase one would occur during this time. Laura Greeley suggested: Kevin Greeley, Clint Spaulding, Patrick Terry, Kenny Cunningham, Robert Kanzler, DJ Hager. Lissa Widoff would like to see what the charge to the committee would be. Laura Greeley will forward the information to the other select board members.
- CDAC: was established for the cleanup of the Skidgel lot. Lissa Widoff would like to propose an update to this committee. She would like them to work on pedestrian safety in the village. There would be some overlap with the Comp Plan committee. About $25,000 was designated for pedestrian safety in the village. This could be matched with DOT funding. Lissa Widoff provided the other selectmen with the proposal to be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday November 16, 2026, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
    Monday November 16, 2026, 2026 from 4-5:30 for an assessors meeting
14. Adjourn: **Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm and Lissa Widoff seconded.**

Recording Information:

Shareable link:
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