

Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 7/13/2026

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395
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Approved 7-20-2026

Select Board Meeting

In attendance: Laura Greeley, Lissa Widoff, Kory Boulter, Beth Owen-Mishou, Jim Waterman, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Joe Freeman, Patrick Terry, Elaine Higgins, Bob Kanzler, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Bryan Murphy, Steve Bennett, Kyle Price, Tyler Hadyniak, Herman (via zoom), Thomas Clay, Frankie St Amand, Patrick Terry, John and Sandy Spinney, Kyle Price, Meredith Coffin, and Maryann Bennett, Mike Smith, Nancy and David Ferrar, Ron and Trudy Price, Jim Dorsky (surveyor)

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1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Announcements:
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and put them on record, Kory Boulter seconded and all approved.**
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
 - There is a meeting tonight and the fire department will address the Lost Kitchen Hydrant.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
 - A/P Warrant: \$82679.77
 - Payroll Warrant: \$4267.25
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the A/P warrant for the week 7-13-2026 of in the amount of \$82679.77, Kory Boulter seconded and all agreed.**
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the payroll warrant for the week 7-13-2026 of in the amount of \$4267.25, Kory Boulter seconded and all agreed.**
 - Camden National Balance: \$344,119.58
5. Public Works: Ryan Willette
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott

7. Correspondence:

- Laura Greeley read a letter from a citizen that was received via certified mail. This letter requested a person to join them when they work with the CEO as a witness to the interactions. The select board will meet to discuss this.

8. Citizens Issues:

- A family from Montville spoke about their use of the pond. He did see children throwing rocks at each other. He asked about a neighborhood watch and would be willing to help with that.
- Thomas Clay spoke about the culvert on Oak Lane; He is asking the town to replace the culvert as it has deteriorated. He would like the town to consider replacing it. Lissa Widoff said that it is a private lane and not the town's responsibility. Tom would like the town to care for the waterway, which he feels is the town's responsibility.
 - Patrick Terry stated that the duty to perform repairs and snow removal were changed from a mandate to a choice. Laura Greeley stated that to remove the maintenance was changed by town vote. Laura Greeley will look into the waterway.

9. Town Officials Reports

- Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott (not present)
 - Cindy Abbott needs to be sworn in and file the appropriate paperwork every year for the CEO.
- Assessors Agent: Jackie Robbins (not present)
- Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
- School Board Director: Eleanor Hess (not present)
- General Assistance Officer: Kory Boulter
 - No new requests this week.
- 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
 - 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)
 - Broadband Committee: Phil Bloomstein (not present)
 - Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Elaine Higgins
 - Comp Plan Committee:

- Historical Society:
 - The flyer for the upcoming reading was provided.

11. Old Business:

- Fee Schedule: Laura Greeley, upon further consideration, realized that the fees would apply to more than just large construction. A discussion ensued regarding what the fees would apply to.
 - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to have the after the fact permit fee apply to after the fact: residential, new construction single family, multifamily and commercial construction, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
- Boat Landing:
 - Laura Greeley discussed what brought the Select Board to the point where they had to create the motion that they did last weekend.
 - Tyler Hadyniak asked if it should be an ordinance or policy. Lissa Widoff clarified as did Laura Greeley.
 - Frankie St Amand stated that she was there on the 5th. She reviewed what had occurred with the group she was participating in. She stated that her group was quiet and appropriate. She wondered if the issues could be more easily addressed with limiting the after sunset and before sunrise access. Laura Greeley stated that they have had the rules but people don't respect them.
 - Thomas Clay stated that it will be hard to restrict parking. Especially with boat trailers.
 - Patrick Terry was concerned with so many people parking how could the fire department or EMS get access.
 - Laura Greeley spoke about parking and enforcement.
 - Lissa Widoff asked if a neighborhood group could be created.
 - Laura Greeley stated that we value our neighbors and neighboring community and that hopefully we can come to a resolution to benefit everyone.
 - Steve Bennett asked if there were any issues with water being removed this year. Laura Greeley and Lissa Widoff clarified that there are restrictions with the size of the vehicle that can withdraw water. He further discussed the quality of the water and size of the pond. He expressed concern about the dam.
 - Lissa Widoff asked if any trucks came this year.

- **Kory Boulier made a motion to withdraw the previous policy regarding the boat launch at Sandy Pond that was created last week, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**

12. New Business:

- **Kory Boulier made a motion to move into executive session for 1MRSA 405 (6) E for legal consultation, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
 - They came out of executive session at 6:10pm and no decisions were made.

Surveyor Presentation regarding Beaver Ridge Road:

- Attorney Bill Kelly will open the remainder of the meeting. Laura Greeley spoke about her expectations of behavior during the meeting.
 - Atty. Bill Kelly introduced himself. He reviewed the history of Beaver Ridge Road and the litigation. He stated that letters over the years are confusing and contain inaccurate information in some cases. The purpose of this meeting is to share the information.
- Jim Dorsky, Surveyor:
 - Layout from the 1800 county commissioners was presented. 1859 county atlas, was presented. He pointed out roads. Maine DOT map viewer will show maps. 1823 county road maps are also available.
 - He referenced town records regarding roads.
 - Heather Donahue asked if he feels like he is confident with all of his findings.
 - Jim Dorsky responded yes.
 - Heather Donahue asked about all of the Dean family and reviewed her understanding of where other properties were located.
 - There were conversations regarding Dean's Corners.
 - Patrick Terry stated that there were 12 Deans Corners and he had the deeds available to share. He also stated that Dean was spelled differently within one family.
 - Elaine Higgins asked if once the road was discontinued was there any research that supported it being reopened.
 - The response was that he had not found any further information to support that it had been reopened.

- Steve Bennett asked if Jim Dorksy was familiar with the traffic flow maps.
- Ron Price expressed concern about Patrick Terry debating the surveyors report. He suggested Patrick discuss it in another setting with the surveyor and come back to the select board with their collaborative findings.
- Patrick Terry spoke about the Beaver Road.
 - A County Road Survey with Kennebec County was reviewed.
- Rene Ouellet: stated that his understanding that the purpose was a presentation by the surveyor. He stated that he feels that the board is in a position to decide if they would like to allot more money to look at the additional information presented tonight.
- Tom Clay asked why the town is not trying for 100% certainty.
- Heather Donahue stated that many people in town have done 100's of hours of research. She stated that there is a rich history to the road.
- Laura Greeley stated that the town hired the surveyor and they felt that it was important to share the results with town members.
- Bob Kanzler suggested that they look into Dean and Deane with regard to the deeds. He referred to other records and some being lost.
- Meredith Coffin asked if the surveyor was finished with his work.
 - Jim Dorsky responded that he has done a lot of research and he feels that they have gathered enough information to form a conclusion. He could do more deed research but it becomes a decision about how much more money the town wants to spend and how much money would have to be spent.
 - Heather Donahue asked how much time he would have to spend to review the information that Patrick Terry has gathered.
- Kevin Greeley stated that he would like to see this to its conclusion and get to 100%.
- Elaine Higgins asked if we should be spending more tax dollars and asked if we should take a straw vote.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday July 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
14. Adjourn: **Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.**

Recording Information:

Initial Meeting 4-5pm

Shareable link:

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Surveyor Presentation

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