

Meeting Agenda
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 11/28/2022

Minutes approved 12/5/2022

In attendance: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgins, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Tyler Hadyniak (via zoom), Beth Owen-Mishou, Cindy Abbott

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda:
 - Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report
 - Ron Price moved to accept the minutes, Steve Bennett seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
 - Jim asked for confirmation that the budget meeting is scheduled for 11/29/2022 at 6:00pm and this was confirmed.
 - Computer is being installed, Jim asked if it should be insured.
 - Delta ambulance costs would be added to the public safety budget.
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
 - The new system is allowing them to pull codes more effectively. The new control panel is working better.
 - Travis will take the garbage truck to Norridgewock tomorrow.
 - Questioned 4, 10 hour days and personal time. Ron stated that if the holiday falls on a 10 hour day then they should be credited for the 10 hour day.
 - Cindy will be asked to review this year's holiday pay.
 - Ron thanked Travis for the work that was done and the money it saved the town.
 - It was suggested that a stipend be put in for Ryan Hall for using his computer system to assist with determining the difficulty with the garbage truck.
 - Ron moved to pay Ryan Hall a \$100 stipend out of the solid waste account. Eliane seconded. All approved.
 - Travis asked about paving and he was asked to bring a plan to the budget committee for downtown and the Raven Road.
 - Steve asked about using a crack sealer. Travis reported that Unity used one and that it did not work out very well.
 - Ron expressed concern about the internet at the maintenance garage. There is currently a 2 wire service and it could be increased to a 4 wire system. \$58/mon current it would be \$158/month for 4 wire.
5. Treasurer's Report: Cynthia Abbott
 - A report was provided
 - Payroll warrant \$8644.04, gross pay \$3278.49
 - A/P warrant \$61033.49 (this includes the school payment)
 - GoToMyPC: remote access to the computers. It would cost \$792 annually for 2 computers, or \$83 per month. Steve asked what fund

it should come out of. It was suggested that it come out of the audit services account. Elaine made a motion that Cindy and Karen be allowed to spend up to \$792 out of the audit service account for tech support for remote computer communication. Ron seconded and all approved. Cindy asked for use of the credit card to do this. The board approved this by census opinion.

- Steve asked if there was clarification and correction on the solid waste account for the cost of fuel.
 - Cindy is pulling invoices now and asked if Travis could stop by tomorrow to review these.
- Comp plan board of appeals was supposed to be taken out and applied to the general government. (\$11,000)
- Repairs and Maintenance also did not belong in that category \$645.
- Still do not have an effective chart of accounts. Steve will look into this tomorrow, by calling Karen at R.H. Smith Auditing.
- Ron asked why there were 2 bills from Bolsters. The bills did not match and he asked for clarification. He wanted to make sure that we are paying the correct bill and that was on the warrant.
- ARPA funds were questioned at \$38,232.92 this calendar year. Steve asked what the current account balance is. There is currently not a line for this and Karen will be adding a line.
- Ron has questions about the funds in Cemetary and Rec Committees.
- Elaine made a motion that the payroll at \$8644.04 and the A/P warrant at \$61033.49 be paid this week. Steve seconded and all approved.
- Cindy presented an abatement statement from Jackie based on the condition of the property. Elaine made a motion to approve \$275.82 abatement on Pricilla Gould. Steve seconded, all approved. Value of property 14,218.
- Cindy asked who needs to be paid annually. Patty Ashland is the only person paid annually, all others are paid when requested or monthly.

6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report

7. Citizen's Issues and Questions

8. Review Correspondence

9. Town Officials Reports

- Code Enforcement Officer
- Health Official: Patty Ashland asked if there was anything she needed to do with the Smith/Turner property. Elaine will follow up with Patty Ashland.
- School Board Director
- General Assistance Officer
- Plumbing Inspector
- Solid Waste Director
- Animal Control Officer

10. Town Boards & Committee Reports:

- Planning Board
- Recreational Committee:
 - Silent auction: online was suggested by Cindy
- Appeals Board
- Charter Committee
- Historical Society
- Cemetery Committee
- Budget Committee
- CDAC Committee: 12/14/2022

11. Old Business

- MRC board of directors needs to be voted on. Ron suggested that a copy of the individuals running be copied and next week they would review the candidates and vote.

12. New Business:

- Steve asked for permission to contact Atty. Kelly on a couple of matters. Ron moved to allow Steve to contact the lawyer to discuss two legal issues and Elaine seconded, all approved.
- Ron asked if tech support should be added to the fire department and maintenance departments computer systems. Both will be consulted at or before the next meeting. \$37/computer per month and another \$10 for secure remote data backup. \$888 for the two computers for the year. This will not be added to the 2023 budget.
- Ron made a motion to move to executive session under MRSA 405 (6) A, Personal Matter
 - Selectboard voted to hire Beth Owen-Mishou as the secretary and web master.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 12/5/2022 6 pm

14. Adjourn: Elaine made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve all were agreed.