Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 11-2-2026

Approved 11-9-2026

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, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Jim Waterman, Bob Kanzler, Brian Murphy, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Jon Thornhill, Kyle Price, Kevin Greeley, Dylan Turner, Joe Freeman, Ben Feeney (via zoom)

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. Announcements:
    - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to accept the minutes from the 10-26-2026 Select Board meeting as amended and place them on record, Kory Boulier seconded and both approved.**
    - Laura Greeley mentioned the mailers that have been received by the residents regarding the upcoming vote on hiring an appraiser for the Beaver Ridge Road properties. She requests that the information be accurate and not "plays on words". The select board is diverse but they have always had a unanimous vote. She is looking forward to hearing from the people.
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman
    - Hunters Breakfast 5am -10am $10, veterans free, November 14,2026.
    - Dry conditions, burn condition 3. Wild land fire in Unity today. The forest rangers are investigating.
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
    - AP Warrant week of 10-26-26: $1810
    - AP Warrant week of 11-2-26: $96885.82
    - Payroll Warrant week of 11-2-2026: $9265.63
    - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the AP warrant for the week of 10-26-26 in the amount of $1810, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**

- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the AP warrant for the week of 11-2-26 in the amount of $96885.82, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant for the week of 11-2-2026, in the amount of $9265.63, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
- Camden National Municipal account: $732,262.66
- Checks received: State of Maine Tree Growth: $7297.90

5. Public Works: Jon Thornhill
    - Wellman will not be here until the 9th to start the paving on Pleasant Street.
    - Truck 6 now has a sticker.
    - Truck 7 is being worked on.
    - Lissa Widoff asked Jon Thornhill to bring prices and options to the Budget Committee regarding truck purchases and equipment sales.
    - Working on pot holes on dirt roads.
    - DOT planner, meeting on Friday. They were looking at the village area and safety and intersections.
        - Elaine Higgins asked if DOT was going to look at any of the other intersections in town? Lissa Widoff stated yes that they are always looking at other areas of town. They are looking to match funding already received in a grant.
    - Scrap Iron: He suggested having a dumpster brought to us or we could go to Oakland. The Select Board suggested he make the decision.
    - dpwdirector@freedomme.org
    - Laura Greeley will check Contessa regarding the Harbor Freight account
    - Jon has provided Contessa with a list of businesses he would like accounts with.
    - He has found owner's manuals for equipment that is not at Public Works.
    - He has not found the inventory list for Public Works.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott (not present)
    - Pye-Barker: Lissa Widoff asked Cindy Abbott if she had contacted Pye-Barker. Cindy Abbott will need to contact Pye Barker to come and check the wiring for the two wired lines into the security system. Consolidated has stated that the phone lines are operating correctly.
    - Tomorrow is election day and everyone is encouraged to go out and vote.
    - A supplemental explanation letter was reviewed.
    - Need to review meeting notices.
    - **Abatements**

        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Christine Lopes, account #153, in the amount of $2098.34 due to her being assessed for property that was not hers, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Dylan Turner, account #527 (should be account 767) , in the amount of $321.36 due to him being assessed an additional base lot, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Gregory Thayer, account #435, in the amount of $426.42 for the year 2025, due to the incorrect assessment of $30678, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Jeffery Bishop, account #199, in the amount of $54 due to him not receiving the entire homestead exemption, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
    - **Supplements**
        - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to supplement account #129 in the amount of $338.33 due to the land being assessed for tree growth but was not in tree growth, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to supplement to Willam Thompson, account #770 in the amount of $462.93 due to building not being assessed, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to supplement Natalie Marceau, Map 1145 in the amount of $387.56 due her assessment being decreased by $26914, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to supplement Greg Warren, account #153 in the amount of $2508.25 due his not receiving a tax bill, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
7. Correspondence:
    - Property Card request from an insurance company, Kory Boulier will respond to this.
    - A letter of interest was received from Meredith Coffin regarding joining the planning board.
    - Solid Waste: Friday November 20th they will visit the Waste Dump.
8. Citizens Issues:

- Ben Feeney responded to the concern that there was trucking on the Rollins Road and he explained that sand was being delivered to his home and it was only 2 trucks of sand.
- Elaine Higgins asked about the Audit. Laura Greeley reviewed what she has completed with the auditor. We have submitted what they have requested and are still waiting.

9. Town Officials Reports
    - Code Enforcement: Cindy Abbott
    - Assessors Agent: (position not yet filled)
    - Health Official: Patricia Ashland (not present)
        - She is available to drive people in to vote.
        - Tammy McTaggert offered to drive people to vote as well.
    - 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.
        - There is a market one day a week at the Belfast soup kitchen where people can come and select food and other items that they may need.
        - No requests were received 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: Christopher Spaulding (chairperson, not present)
            - They asked if there was any site they can use to review grammar.
        - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
            - Veterans Ceremony at the Church
                - Food donations for the Veterans lunch.
                - Bells ring at 11am
        - Appeals Board: Samantha Turner, chair (not present)
            - November 19th at 6:30pm
            - Fee for an appeal was discussed
        - Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
        - Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
            - November 18th
        - CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
        - Comp Plan Committee:

        - Making progress on chapters, public invited to upcoming topical meetings
            - Nov 13th at 5:30-7:30 Housing
            - Nov 19th 5:30-7:30 future land use
    - Historical Society:

11. Old Business:
    - Richard Bickford volunteered to fix the outlet in the Annex. The select board thanked him for this.
    - Marijana Ordinance: Laura Greeley is working on this and will share what she has done with the other Select Board members.
    - Roads commission: Laura Greeley will share some work that she has done.
    - Lissa Widoff shared information on how to decommission roads. The process will take more than a year to complete. She will share the information with the other select board members. ATV access on public easements was discussed.
12. New Business:
    - Ordinance Records: Rene Ouellet and Lissa Widoff will work on making sure that the most current ones are on line and in the binder in the town office.
    - Community Action Grant: It may be another couple of months prior to the funding being dispersed. They will have time to determine how to best accomplish these tasks.
    - Appeals Board Email: regarding mapping out their workflow.
        - An application fee and updated application was discussed.
        - The select board approved the funding request for 2 members.
    - Fees were reviewed for permits were discussed
        - Housing Regulations/ Comprehensive Planning Committee
            - Kyle Price asked about the 2011 Comp Plan and recommendations it had made. There is no more growth area in town. Questions were posed regarding subdivisions.
        - Mobile home park ordinance: fees need to be set.
    - Phil Bloomstein appointment
        - **Lissa Widoff moved to reappoint Phil Bloomstein as our solid waste representative for a 3-year term, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
        - **Lissa Widoff moved to reappoint Phil Bloomstein to the Broad Band committee as Freedom's representative, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday November 9, 2026, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

14. Adjourn: **Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.**

Recording Information:

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