Meeting Minutes
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 10-19-2026

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, Stan and Kerri Taylor, Jim Waterman, Kevin Greeley, Brian Murphy, Kyle Price (via zoom), Joe Freeman, Roy Mishou (via zoom), Dylan Turner, Jon Thornhill, Elaine Higgins, Richard Bickford, Meredith Coffin (via zoom), Gerry Spaulding

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Laura Greeley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Announcements:
3. Fire Chief Reports: Jim Waterman (not present)
4. Treasurer's Report: Contessa Mancini (not present)
    - Payroll Warrant: $5779.50
    - AP Warrant week of 10-11-26: $74139.56
    - AP Warrant week of 10-19-2026: $19,907.66
    - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the AP warrant for the week of 10/11/26 in the amount of $74139.56, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
    - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the AP warrant for the week of 10/19/26 in the amount of $19,907.66, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
    - **Lissa Widoff made a motion to pay the payroll warrant for the week of 10/5/26 in the amount of $5779.50, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**
    - Camden National Municipal account: $740,856.72
    - Checks Received:
        - Revenue Sharing State of Maine: $21188.08
5. Public Works: Jon Thornhill
    - Catch basin and drainage on Pleasant Street will be done on Wednesday and they plan to complete the work by Thursday. The road will be barricaded and no travel will be permitted. Paving will occur the following Monday.
    - The Intersection of 137 and Pleasant Street has been cleared.

- The Glidden Road needs to be graded, Clark Road, and the landing also need to be done.
- Trucks are doing well.
- Rates for tires need to be increased.
    - Truck Tires $15 / Car Tires $4
- Lissa Widoff asked about the equipment that needs to be sold. Jon Thornhill will make a list.
- Elaine Higgins suggested a GPS to help determine where town lines are located.
- Gerry Spaulding mentioned that the town had a town survey done about 20 years ago by Reynolds in Unity.
- Jon Thornhill suggested steel as opposed to carbide for the cutting edge of the plow due to cost.
- Laura Greeley asked about the Harbor Freight account. She asked who filled out the account application. Laura Greeley will speak with Contessa.
- Jon would like an account with Dysart's lubricants. He will speak to Contessa about this.
- It was suggested that Wentworth Road be discontinued and that the closure be brought to the Town Meeting for a vote.

6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbott (not present)
    - **Abatements**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Lynn Hadyniak, account #195, in the amount of $13.48 due to adjustment for tree growth rate, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Mid Coast Conservancy account #69 in the amount of $113.03 due to them having Tax Exempt status, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate for Mid Coast Conservancy account #171/818 in the amount of $4659.83 due to their Tax-Exempt status, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Joseph Sears account #144 in the amount of $208.77 due to the property being assessed higher this year than last, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Eric Salvesen account #888 in the amount of $74.15 due to the property being assessed for solar and no exemption was applied Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**

        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate David Adamson account #301 in the amount of $243.95 due to an incorrect assessment for 30 acres, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Joseph Littlefield account #54 in the amount of $15.57 due to being assessed for a small building which is not on the property, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Schoerner Hiers account #R356 in the amount of $185.53 due to their building assessment was incorrectly increased, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Di Cody Living Trust account #277 in the amount of $384.05 due to the property being assessed for a well but has no well, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to abate Peace Ridge Sanctuary account # R254in the amount of $5095.35 due to their having Tax-Exempt status, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
    - **Supplements**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to supplement Steven Bennett, account #204 in the amount of $188.89 due to the land being assessed for tree growth but was not in tree growth, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to supplement Scott Sienkiewicz Map and Lot 1020 in the amount of $172.26 due to no assessment for a well and tree growth rates were inaccurate, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to supplement Richard Bickford account #784 in the amount of $41.53 due to no assessment for a smaller lot, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
        - **Laura Greeley made a motion to deny an application for abatement for account #R394 due to well and septic assessments being ongoing, Lissa Widoff seconded and all approved.**
7. Correspondence:
    - Various correspondence were reviewed.
    - RSU3 Superintendent, Lisa Rioux is visiting Freedom on Monday October 26, 2026.

- FOAA requests: Laura Greeley has spoken with Cindy Abbott about the status of their completion.
- Maine Revenue Service notice of offset. The letter will be shared with Jim.
- Bangor Savings bank sent a letter regarding accounts. Laura Greeley will go and visit the bank and determine what these accounts are.
- Atty Kelly correspondence regarding a contract with the assessor in Portland.

8. Citizens Issues:
   - Gerry Spaulding: wished the Select Board luck with all their endeavors. He asked if the situation with Beaver Ridge Road affected any commerce for the town of Freedom. He spoke about someone coming to his home with a petition. He apologized for being snappy to that person. He also mentioned speaking to 2 mail postmasters. The drop off box and the post office is set up so that it is not possible to do a quick drop off/ pick up. He asked about moving the mailbox so that a person could swing in and drop mail off.
   - Kyle Price: Spoke about grading, He thought that Unity was contracting with Freedom to do the grading of their roads. Regarding Beaver Ridge Road he also spoke about the Flex blade and why they would be used. He also said that the board had the ability to approve the agreement before it got to this point. Laura Greeley stated that there was a lie that she would not agree to sign. Lissa Widoff spoke about why we stopped grading with Unity. We are subcontracting out for the Palermo Road. She also spoke about the townspeople wanting a survey. The board supports much of what is in the agreement.
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
     - No new requests this week.
     - GA training is scheduled for 10-20-2026 at 11 am
   - 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)

        - Tyler Hadyniak submitted his resignation letter to the Select Board effective immediately. Christopher Spaulding was voted in as Chairperson. There is an opening at large for a term ending in March. It is a 5-year term for this position. This opening will be posted on the website.
        - Elaine Higgins asked about the process for someone interesting in the Planning Board opening. It was clarified that anyone interested should submit a letter of intent to the Select Board.
        - CDRO review: Lissa Widoff asked if there will be a red line version for review in a comparison to the original version. It was requested that the planning board let the select board know when they are ready to meet to review the proposed ordinance. It was suggested that they meet on November 10, 2026. Meredith Coffin is working on the first draft from September 8th. She plans on meeting with them next Tuesday.
    - Recreational Committee: Chair yet to be determined
        - Trunk or Treat on October 24th 4-6pm
        - Pumpkin Walk:
        - Pumpkin Decorating: take one and decorate it and bring it back to be displayed on the walk.
    - Appeals Board: Samantha Turner, chair (not present)
    - Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes
        - Meeting this Thursday
    - Budget Committee: Laura Greeley
        - Wednesday, November 18th at 6pm at the town office.
    - CDAC Committee: Sean Murphy (not present)
    - Comp Plan Committee:
        - Meeting on this Thursday and November 12th
    - Historical Society:
        - Meeting tomorrow.

11. Old Business:
    - Google Drive Folders: the secretary is the administrator for the Appeals Board Folder. The appeals board should determine what access if any the Select Board should have access to.
        - The group emails were set up for the boards.
    - File shredding is on hold for now. A bill was received. Kory will check with Cindy and call the company.

- The County Sheriff parked at the General Store. Kory now has a name of the officer to call regarding issues.
- **Lissa Widoff made a motion to approve Cindy Abbott's use of the credit card for a public mailing for up to $80, Kory Boulier seconded and all approved.**

12. New Business:
    - Jim will be here on Saturday November 7th to begin his assessing review.
    - Alarm: has to do with the land line. We will have to have an external wifi communicator. It will cost $800 to have it installed and then $30 per month to be maintained. The select Board did not agree to these option and other options will be reviewed.
    - County Budget Meeting: Laura Greeley stated that it is unpleasant. She spoke about transparency and salaries for the county employees.
    - Meeting next Monday at 4 for annex clean up.
13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday October 19th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
14. Adjourn: **Kory Boulier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm, Lissa Widoff seconded the motion and all approved.**

Recording Information:

Shareable link:
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