

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes - November 7, 2022

Select Board and officials present: Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgings, Ron Price, Travis Price, Jim Waterman, Eleanor MacMakin and Cindy Abbott.

Citizen's present: Tyler Hadyniak

1. Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Motion by Steve, Elaine 2nd, unanimous:

To accept the amended minutes for October 31, 2022 with Steve's written comments included.

FVFD: Jim reported:

3. Address change for Heather Donahue from 218 Beaver Ridge Rd to 53 Beaver Ridge Rd. Jim noted the access to her residence by foot 500 ft off the road falls within reason for protection in a 911 situation.

4. The non-profit Good Shepherd has announced a food box pick up for any resident in need on the 1st Thursday of the month. The pick up location is Mount View High School and no questions will be asked. Steve said to include this information on the town website.

5. As the EMA director Jim requested the Select Board approve his cooperation with Waldo CAP (community action program) to deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes to those in need the weekend before the holiday.

Motion by Steve, Ron 2nd, unanimous: Approve the EMA director's request to deliver boxes for CAP and use travel funds to pay for the fuel costs needed.

6. On his request, Belfast Computer purchased from Best Buy a new computer system including speakers and a camera for the Fire department. Jim is getting it setup now and requests the Select Board approve the invoice submission to the Treasurer for payment of \$11,060 to Belfast Computer.

Motion by Ron, Steve 2nd, unanimous: Approve the invoice payment from the Fire Department Capital Reserves.

7. Discussion about the generator's both at the Fire Station and the Town Office. Jim will use the 18k Watt propane generator as a loan to the Church used as a warming station during an emergency.

8. Public Works: Travis is on vacation and Ron reported he completed ditching on Greeley Rd.

Citizen Issues:

9. Tyler gave the Select Board a google map in satellite view of his parcel and the surrounding area to request changing the status of a road be considered discontinued. Elaine asked if he had spoken to other neighbors near Sibley Rd and Beaver Ridge Rd. A lengthy discussion about the region and the home owners with Dave Piles on one side, Erinn and Jason Wade, the Travis Trust in Ron's name and the Bennett family properties, Dave and MaryAnn and four owners of the plantation in the region. Steve made reference to the erosion vulnerability and recounted the effects of hurricane Edna in 1954 washing away entire roads. Also Steve referred to the 30 years rule. If a road is not maintained by the town for 30 years it is considered abandoned. It was determined the Bennett family, the Price family and the Hadyniak family need to discuss before taking a Select Board vote on the matter.

20. Budget Committee:

This Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Agenda: general government, public safety, new chart of accounts.

21. New Business:

The board discussed the MMA training on Legal Marijuana November 30 from 2- 4 pm.

20. Meeting adjourned by Ron at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor MacMakin