

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Freedom Board of Selectmen**  
**Date: 4-18-2023**  
*Approved 4-24-2023*

**In attendance:** Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Ryan Willette, Travis Price, Jim Waterman, Beth Owen-Mishou, Bob Kanzler, Ben Feeney, Josh Sutor, Brandon Sutor, Joe Freeman, Peter Nerber, Jasmine Willette, Laura Greeley

**New Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 431 235 8395**  
**Passcode: TownMeet**

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report: Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
  - o Roy Ward passed and the service may be on May 21 conducted by Paul Flynn with military services and a celebration to follow at the grange. [https://waldo.villagesoup.com/obituaries/roy-ward/article\\_b757cd38-ddf0-11ed-a99f-ff6cdc9feb68.html](https://waldo.villagesoup.com/obituaries/roy-ward/article_b757cd38-ddf0-11ed-a99f-ff6cdc9feb68.html) He was a past member of the Freedom Fire Dept.
  - o The air compressor motor needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$800.
  - o Getting ready for grass season.
  - o Ron Price asked about the fire on the Bragdon Road in Montville. Jim Waterman reported that the Montville FD asked Freedom to leave the site. Jim stated that he was surprised. The fire started from a wood fire in an unlined chimney.
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
  - o Limited weight posters coming down tomorrow.
  - o May 15-26 Town Clean up: 19th/26th steel only, Last day of spring cleanup pick up will be the 25th.
  - o Grading as soon as the weather breaks, the grader is now operational.
  - o Grading then sweeping weather permitting over the next 2-3 weeks
  - o The body will then be taken off and cleaned up to make it marketable for when it is put out to bid.
  - o A notice will need to be generated for the cleanup; it will be generated out of the town office through a town mailing.
  - o Travis Price thanked Ryan Willette for cleaning up the driveway (for free) Ryan requested some gravel be dropped off and he offered to spread it.
5. Treasurer's Report: Cindy Abbott
  - o \$4,980.97 Payroll warrant, \$61,675.22, A/P warrant
  - o Checkbook balance: \$208,995.80 now balanced, cash value
  - o Cindy Abbott would like all things submitted by Thursday the 20th

- Cindy Abbott and Karen have been working on the accounts.
  - It is suggested that we have a Freedom of Access Policy and officer.
  - Ron Price made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Steve Bennett made a motion to pay the payroll warrant in the amount of \$4,980.97 and the A/P warrant in the amount of \$61,675.22, Ryan Willette seconded this and all approved.
  - Heidi Smith asked for an abatement, Jackie Robbins needs to review this and Ron will speak with Jackie.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report: Cindy Abbot
7. Citizen's Issues and Questions
8. Review Correspondence
9. Town Officials Reports
- Code Enforcement Officer: Ron Price will speak with her tomorrow.
  - Health Official
  - School Board Director
  - General Assistance Officer
  - Plumbing Inspector
  - Solid Waste Director
  - Animal Control Officer: Peter Nerber
    - Steve Bennett made a motion to go into executive session for 1 MRSA 405 (6) A, Ryan Willette seconded it and all approved. At 6:25pm. They came out of executive session at 6:50pm and no decisions were made.
    - Steve Bennett made a motion that a FOIA/FOAA request be signed by the select board, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
10. Town Boards & Committee Reports:
- Planning Board
    - Ryan Willette went to the meeting and was impressed with how they are doing their work on the solar array ordinance that they are developing.
  - Recreational Committee
    - A meeting was held and they came up with dates for things coming up:
      - Clean up on the snack shack
      - Field Clean up
      - July 29th is the tentative date for the parade
  - Appeals Board
  - Charter Committee
  - Historical Society
  - Cemetery Committee
  - Budget Committee
  - CDAC Committee: Meeting in May
11. Old Business
- Spring Cleanup days are set. May 15-26 Town Clean up: 19th/26th steel only, Last day of spring cleanup pick up will be the 25th.
12. New Business

- There will be an executive session workshop with the town Atty.
  - Workshop of Select Board Members to discuss the summer road work: Monday 24th at 8am. Ron Price made a motion to have a Select Board workshop on Monday 24th at 8am. Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
  - Appointments:
    - Peter Nerber: Animal Control Officer
    - Jack Robbins: Assessors Agent/CEO/Assessor for Buildings/Plumbing Inspector/
    - Cindy Abbott: Deputy GA/ Recreation Committee
    - Jim Waterman: EMA Officer
    - Alyssa Brugger: Recreation Committee
    - Jacob Brugger: Recreation Committee
    - Ben Feeney: Recreation Committee
    - Bethia Feeney: Recreation Committee
    - Jasmine Willette: Recreation Committee
  
  - Steve Bennett made a motion to approve all of the members for the positions they were appointed for, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.
13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday April 24, 2023
14. Adjourn: Ron Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm, Ryan Willette seconded and all approved.