

Meeting Agenda
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 12/5/2022

In attendance: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgins, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Tyler Hadyniak and Anne Marie Adamson (via zoom), Beth Owen-Mishou

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: Ron called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report: Minutes were amended. Steve made a motion to approve as amended, Elaine seconded and all approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports:
 - o No update on Wix card, Ron is working on it. Stop before it gets to 140.
 - o Talked with CMCR, if he has to extricate someone from the vehicle and EMS personnel are part of the rescue. State Farm is rewriting their policies so they do not have to pay for fire departments to respond to car accidents. CMCR will reimburse us if we provide traffic control with CMP.
 - o Ron suggested that a complaint be made to the state insurance board regarding the follow through of the law requiring car insurance.
 - o Steve suggested Senator Curry be contacted regarding this as well.
 - o Information coming out re: heating assistance to be released on Wednesday of this week.
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
 - o Frank Bagley registered a complaint regarding using his driveway to turn around Freedom town vehicles on the Steven's Road. It is loose gravel at the end of the driveway and he would like to have this fixed. Travis suggested we put gravel at the end of the driveway and fix it up so we can continue to use it to turn around. He would like to put 2 loads of gravel there. We have been using the driveway for 9 years.
 - Ron made a motion to allow Travis to do what needs to be done to fix the driveway. Steve seconded the motion and all approved.
 - o Travis was questioning the amount in specific public works accounts. These are being reviewed 0174/1974.
 - Karen Oliveri, accountant, will be here on 12/12 and will be going through the budget line by line to justify accounts. She will be setting up a chart of accounts that matches the warrants.
 - Budget accountant meeting for Public Works is on the 12/15/2022.
 - Travis requested an executive session 1 MRSA 405 (6)
A Ron moved to have this meeting and Elaine seconded it and all approved. Came out of executive session at 7pm
 - Ron made a motion to give a \$1 per hour raise beginning the next pay period to the public works employee. This would

be approximately \$80 for this year and would go into next year's budget. Elaine seconded it and all approved.

- Ron made a motion to hire Christy Palmer to be the deputy treasurer and deputy clerk beginning in two weeks. Elaine seconded and all approved. Her salary will be determined by the select board. All approved
 - Elaine shared a letter from Mr. Grassy, the owner of the Mills at Freedom Falls. Ron attempted to call him but his number is not listed. Elaine has his mailing address.
 - Elaine handed the winter roads policy to Erin on Saturday. She was informed that the drivers can have their cars towed at the owner's expense. Elaine made a motion that the selectboard send a letter to the Mr. Tony Grassy regarding the winter roads policy, Steve seconded it and all approved.
5. Treasurer's Report:
- Payroll warrant \$7565.02 and gross payment \$6582.05. A/P warrant was \$65,387.12 Elaine made a motion to pay the payroll warrant as stated and the A/P warrant as stated and that Cindy has permission to use the credit card to pay at the post office. Steve seconded and all approved.
6. Citizen's Issues and Questions:
- Steve spoke with Jackie about this Thursday 12/8/2022 and she did not think there would be an issue with the former Bangs and Night Store, Young property. The owner will not be there to unlock it, therefore she will not be able to complete a full inspection.
7. Review Correspondence:
- MMA having a zoom webinar for planning boards and appeals boards. Cindy will be asked to share this information with individuals on those boards.
 - Cindy will be asked to provide the data requested by the State of Maine revenue services.
 - Maine tax services, to be passed on to Karen and Cindy.
8. Town Officials Reports
- Code Enforcement Officer
 - Health Official
 - School Board Director
 - General Assistance Officer
 - Plumbing Inspector
 - Solid Waste Director
 - Animal Control Officer
9. Town Boards & Committee Reports:
- Planning Board
 - Recreational Committee
 - Appeals Board
 - Charter Committee
 - Historical Society

- Cemetery Committee
- Budget Committee: 12/15/2022, 6pm public works and other
- CDAC Committee: 12/14/2022 6pm

10. Old Business

- Public Works Director job description presented and reviewed.
- General Maintenance Person job description was reviewed.
- Solid Waste Personnel job description was reviewed.
- Public Works employees' job description was reviewed.
- A Job Evaluation sheet was presented and Elaine suggested that it be completed once a year. Steve said that he would review it and bring it back to the meeting next week.

11. New Business:

- Ron met with Jeff Holmes at the post office and reviewed the work to be done and he said that he could complete these. Ron requested he get the materials at Mack's.

12. Date of Next Meeting: 12/12/2022, 6 pm

13. Adjourn: Ron made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm Elaine seconded and all approved.