

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
June 13, 2022**

**Present:** Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Travis Price, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Wilson Hess, Patricia Ashland, and Amanda Jamison.  
Present on Zoom: Dylan Turner and Tyler Hadyniak

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

**Motion** by Elaine: To accept June 6, 2022 minutes as presented and place on file. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FVFD:** Jim Waterman said the department will do a hose and ladder testing at Thorndike Fire Department along with Troy Fire Department. Jim said the grant for ice cleats paid the entire amount for the ice cleats.

**Public Works:** Travis Price discussed Payroll stubs needing to reflect annual leave and sick leave. Discussion about putting Public Works wages only in summer roads and winter roads lines in budget. Travis backed up newly paved part of Beaver Hill Road with ¾” crushed ledge and almost done with Rollins Road. New computer is up and running. Travis discussed interest in trailer available for free from Owls Head Museum. It is 53 feet long and can be locked. Town would just need to move it.  
**Motion** by Elaine: To have Travis rent tractor for no more than \$300 and bring the trailer to Freedom. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Citizen's Issues:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Price read Treasurer's report. The Payroll Warrant is in the amount of \$3,583.62 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$11,083.54. The ending checkbook balance is \$79,847.91.

TAN closing is scheduled for June 20, 2022.

**Motion** by Steve: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,583.62 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$11,083.54. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous.

Discussion about taking deposits to Camden National Bank in Belfast. Cindy said Select Board Policy says deposits are done daily. Ron said that policy needs to be updated.

**Motion** by Ron: To pay Elaine mileage rate presently enforced for taking deposits to Belfast. 2 -in favor, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

**Motion** by Elaine: To approve Cindy paying Pitney Bowes bill online with credit card. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Elaine: That the worksheet we have from Trio be put in system now and have corrections done January 1, 2023. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy Abbott had General Assistance report for Select Board to fill out for State.

**Correspondence:**

1. Select Board and Treasurer signed paperwork to initiate the TAN.
2. Letter from Mark Boudreau about Timberwood Lane cemetery access. Discussion about public access. Steve will look this over and come back to Select Board.

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**Town Official Reports:**

**Health Officer:** Health Officer position is vacant. Elaine introduced Patricia Ashland who was interested in learning more about position. Health Officer pay is currently \$250/year and the term is for three years.

**Town Boards and Committees:**

**Recreation Committee:** Next meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm over Zoom.

**Community Development Advisory Committee:** Wilson Hess said he and Dave Bridges walked Skidgel Lot with Robin Stanicki from KVCOG.

**Motion** by Steve: to authorize the CDAC to follow through on committee's recommendations and write appropriate letters to KVCOG and enroll in the Community Resiliency program. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Appeals Board:** Cindy said Appeals Board needs to give written notice within thirty days of decision to person who made appeal. Ron will call Mike Smith about this.

**Old Business:**

1. Ron said a meeting is schedule for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to talk with Mr. Tochterman about the well on their property that is hooked up to Town Garage.
2. **Motion** by Ron: To go into Executive Session for Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405(6)E at 7:45pm.  
At 7:58 Select Board resumed regular meeting with no decision made in Executive Session.
3. **Motion** by Elaine: To get RHR Smith here to address issues with payroll deductions. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.
4. June 23, 2022 will be an Assessor's Meeting with Peace Ridge at 6:30pm.

**New Business:** none

**Ron moved** to recess this meeting at 8:25pm until noon on June 20, 2022 for Executive Session for Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6)E. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison