

**APPROVED MINUTES
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 24th 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Ken Overlock and Steve Bennett. Also in attendance were Erna Keller, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Ron & Barb Littlefield, Ryan Vines-Belfast Computers/TechSource, Jim Waterman, Steve & Kim Holmes, Scott Holmes and Cindy Abbott.

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from August 17th 2015 were reviewed. Ken/Steve, made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

- Ron & Barbara- still having an issue with the water coming down their driveway

TREASURER:

Erna reported:
Payroll Warrant..... \$2426.78
A/P Warrant..... \$58,197.14
Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 208,480.27

- Payroll Warrant this week is \$2426.78 (clerk, treasurer, cleaning lady & road crew)
- A/P this week is \$58,197.14 (CMP, Thorndike Auto, PERC, BMV, Fairpoint, Eagle Rental, AAA, MMA-training Steve, MSAD3, Leonard Chadbourne, Ron Price, Staples, Purchase Power, Hospice of Wtvl, Informed Notaries of Maine*-7 yrs -Erna, Dwight Gould, Derek Larrabee)
- **Ending Checkbook balance**.....\$208,480.27
- We received a check from Revenue Sharing August \$2609.99 and MMA workers comp refund \$827.00
- Black Hill CD- I found out that this is for the Smithton Cemetery-back thru Hilary's paperwork.
- Steve- we need something to earmark this info so that it doesn't get lost in the years to come
- Ken asked about our auditors and when they come around
- Erna said "Usually Vernice comes around towards end of year to start audit process and make sure that items are in the correct accounts.She will call and set up something soon."
- Cindy stated " Vernice is an amazing auditor, she knows the trio program inside and out which has made a world of difference. The last auditors that we had didn't know trio and they wanted all the reports over and over and then we would have to put into an excel spreadsheet for them to figure out."
- Erna, "With Vernice she checks everything and if there has been an adjustment or an error you had better have all the paperwork to show why it was changed."
- **Labor Day- I will not be here and payroll/ ap warrant wont be done until Tuesday...**
- **Ron/Ken** motion to hold selectmen meeting on Tuesday, September 8th 2015 @ 6 in annex building

Ken/Steve moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.

Ken/Steve moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

- Cindy handed out a Real Estate Commitment Book to each selectmen

FIRE DEPT:

- Hazardous Survey-
 - a. Procedure tire change
 - b. Out of service
 - c. Lock out tag out
- report on skidgells possible building collapse with run off into the stream
- Need Jackie to contact owner (Ken will contact Jackie)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

- Peter Coughlin came last night and met with the selectmen to go over the towns share and states funding of salt and sand shed (Informational meeting only)
- The second turn around has been finished and will start working on corner of Mitchell and Smithton
- Ditching- still a few issues that needs to be addressed. When a new residence is formed there needs to be culverts at the end of driveways. We are finding that back years ago this was never done.
- Ken Boulier's -turn around is done and culverts have been extended.
- Need to address the water in Ron Littlefields driveway
- Steve-Inspector for MMA i
- 2010 there was 9 items that needed to be addressed (8 has been corrected)
- 2013 there was only 1 issue
- Fixed this item
- Inspector very pleased with all that has been done
- Bob Herman did a great job answering any questions and commenting on any thing inspector talked about
- Inspector had one suggestion and that is to put new siding on building
- Steve suggest increasing insurance on town garage
- MMA inspector will give a quote for replacement value, he has square footage & pictures.
- Cindy asked "How do you decide the replacement value of any items that are lost
- Steve: Kepp photos or video , the insurance only covers up to a certain amount
- Cindy: Travis had been taking an inventory with pictures that I have been downloading on computer, but still needs to be finished.
- Steve-We need to come up with a plan that is in depth for salt and sand shed
- Ron- According to Coughlin last night, he said that back in 2003 the town had started the process. The discussion was where to have it. Different locations such as dump road and corner of Mitchell and Belfast Road. They was decided against because of the cost to move and rebuild in a new area. So the foundation was laid back then and has been back and forth for years. We need to rectify this situation, make a plan, stick to it and take action.
- Go to Knox and look over that building
- Brooks- Cost was \$248,000 for a 71000 sq ft building,low cost loan for 20 years. They haven't submitted a bill yet to state. (11000 more square feet then ours)
- Ken: Belmont will be calling with their info on stick frame building with metal fan in back wall
- Steve- we need to meet and sit down to discuss this besides at a regular meeting
- Ron- I have a bid for sand for XXX delivered in place and pushed up **I didn't add an amount here because I wasn't sure if you accepted or if this was going out for bid**
- Ron/Ken motion to have a public works workshop on Wednesday Sept 2nd @ 6pm here to discuss S&S plus budget

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

none

HISTORICAL:

- Sallyann asked if Historical could meet in town office where the bathrooms are?
- Ron I dont see why not
- Erna: Just need to contact Cindy about calling to get Myrick a password for securiy system

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE:

- Ron asked Steve did you order storage buildings
- Steve- No not yet

Cemetery Committee:

- Cindy contacted Thomas Stevens about meeting with cemetery committee and going to look at restoration work that had been done
- He will be here Tuesday at 4:30 to meet with selectmen and committee
- He will need to replace footstones and fix any broken or loose ones.
- Kim gave Erna CD of pictures that she has taken. Erna will add to ones that her and Cindy has already taken

OLD BUSINESS:

- Public Works-Sandy Pond Dam
- need to go to town meeting
- Ken asked Ron to check with head of committee for info or suggestions for special town meeting
- Steve/Ron motion to put on warrant up to certain figure
- Ron around 28000
- Need to clarify from committee & engineering firm
- report back next monday and sign warrant then
- need to have a good dollar amount for meeting
- commitment for contractor that he can do work this fall
- Date: Special Town Meeting
Wednesday Sept 9th 2015 @ 7:00 in election hall

NEW BUSINESS:

Ryan Vines from TechSource Computer(Belfast Computer) who has been taking care of the towns IT needs for past 8 years under Belfast Computers was here to go over a new contract and oppotunity for the town.

- This company is supporting businesses only
- Trying to provide better services for businesses so I am seperating companies. Belfast Computers will take care of residential and any business not under a contract, TechSource will take care of businesses under a contract.
- Ryan has invested alot of money in a new program so that he can monitor a business' computers remotely. It monitor anywhere from fan speed to virus or any function that doesn't belong. Faster response time. Program send Ryan an alert or if we have problem click on an icon which automatically sends ryan a fix it notice
- Fixed price per month 210ish with a onetime set up fee \$974
- auto backup every day
- covers most general needs such as virus, corrupt files, data solutions, email issues...etc.
- Around \$3060 per year
- Ron asked How many businesses do you service
- Ryan: Around 200
- Ron: Are you looking to increase

- Ryan: Right now it is trimming down to professional which if we end up with my clients then I will hire another person that knows all the ins and out with experience a that has a real talent
- Ken: When would you like an answer?
- Ryan: Around the first of the month
- Ken: What do you access a municipalities biggest problem
- Ryan: Stealing of data all info or holding that data for ransom, security is a huge concern.
- **Steve/Ken** motion to consider at end of meeting
- **Steve/Ken** motion to adopt Ryan's second proposal.

Ken/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 8:00 pm

Next Regular meeting will be August 31st, 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary
Ernestine Keller