

**APPROVED MINUTES
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 14th 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:14 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance were Erna Keller, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Barb & Ron Littlefield, Bob Gerrish, Scott Holmes, Steve & Kim Holmes and Jim Waterman.

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from August 31st 2015 & September 8th 2015 were reviewed. **Steve/Ken** made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

CITIZEN’S ISSUES:

- Bob Gerrish- I think special town meeting should of been posted longer and I have an issue that I couldn't do an absentee ballot we was on vacation.
- Steve- It was posted in all the regular places, in the paper in Sallyann's column and sent by mailing. We covered all things we was suppose to do and more.
- Jim Waterman: A little more notice would of been nice to have, by the time we got mailing it was only 3 days.
- Sallyann: I posted it 7 days ahead at the store, town office, fire department and post office.
- Steve: A hearing followed by a vote is far more democratic then having a hearing that 5 people show up for, then a referendum that 150 people vote on. I am hard core about that. Now should we have had more notice probably, but we followed the letter of the law plus did the mailing. We did our best in the time frame & nature of the request.
- Bob: It still isn't fair that I couldn't take out an absentee. Could we have waited or could the article @ meeting.
- Steve: At a special town meeting you can't take out absentee ballots.
- Ron: They could of reduced the amount but couldn't have increased or try to change to raise from taxes.

TREASURER:

Erna reported:
Payroll Warrant..... \$1418.40
A/P Warrant..... \$161,609.63
Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 387,506.13

- Payroll Warrant this week is \$1418.40 (Clerk, treasurer, secretary, deputy clerk & road crew)
- A/P this week is \$161,609.63

R	1726	1,447.99	09/14/15	79	00005 SULLIVAN'S WASTE
R	1727	80.78	09/14/15	79	00012 THORNDIKE AUTO PARTS
R	1728	72.91	09/14/15	79	00013 INGRAHAM EQUIPMENT CO
R	1729	327.85	09/14/15	79	00016 PERC RECOVERY CO.
R	1730	407.50	09/14/15	79	00019 TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE-BMV
R	1731	615.00	09/14/15	79	00025 TREASURER STATE OF MAINE (IF & W)
R	1732	500.00	09/14/15	79	00032 WALDO COUNTY WOODSHED
R	1733	495.00	09/14/15	79	00044 NEW HOPE FOR WOMEN
R	1734	2,689.00	09/14/15	79	00045 WCAP
R	1735	1,000.00	09/14/15	79	00048 Kennebec Behavioral Health
R	1736	104.00	09/14/15	79	00058 MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOC
R	1737	48,437.00	09/14/15	79	00060 MSAD # 3
R	1738	2,206.27	09/14/15	79	00106 Rod Luhn
R	1739	100.00	09/14/15	79	00107 Special Olympics Maine
R	1740	1,007.00	09/14/15	79	00113 WALDO COUNTY REGISTRY

R	1741	600.00	09/14/15	79	00122	Maine Farmland Trust
R	1742	325.00	09/14/15	79	00123	WALDO COUNTY WIC PRO
R	1743	296.50	09/14/15	79	00135	Children's Center
R	1744	97,750.69	09/14/15	79	00137	Treasurer,County of WaldoTa
R	1745	500.00	09/14/15	79	00167	Belfast Area Child Care Servi
R	1746	500.00	09/14/15	79	00172	MAINE BEHAVIORAL HEALT
R	1747	387.00	09/14/15	79	00173	UNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY
R	1748	150.00	09/14/15	79	00177	Maine Youth Alliance
R	1749	100.00	09/14/15	79	00244	MPBN - MAINE PUBLIC
R	1750	80.91	09/14/15	79	00265	U.S. Cellular
R	1751	100.00	09/14/15	79	00272	THE LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATI
R	1752	1,000.00	09/14/15	79	00368	Broadreach Family & Commu
R	1753	79.23	09/14/15	79	00541	Hilltop Store
R	1754	250.00	09/14/15	79	00595	Waldo County YMCA
Total		161,609.63				

- **Ending Checkbook balance**.....\$387,506.13
- Dumpster price for Sullivan's gone from \$40 to \$45
- **Are any of you going to the MMA convention on October 7th & October 8th ... I need your paperwork to send in**

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

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

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

- Raven Road Culvert needs to be done
- Trucks to be inspected
- Truck #7 needs clutch, the estimate is around \$2000
- **There is a problem on Oak Lane**-ditch where mailboxes are has been washed out. To fix we would have to ditch and add surface. This is a discontinued road but it affects the Greeley Road
- Steve: Where Oak Lane abutts Greeley?
- Ron: 200 to 300 feet
- Sallyann: Shouldn't residents be responsible for their own road?
- Ken: I don't think town should be responsible
- Steve: The town voted \$10,000 for discontinued roads
- Ken: I have the article it states for minimal maintenance & extreme winter plowing
- Steve: Is the culvert in the right of way
- Ron: It isn't the water from the culvert causing the problem, it water coming down Oak Lane that is washing out the mailboxes.
- Ken: Guess that won't change until the residence fix their road.
- **Salt & Sand bids:**
- 4 contractors have been contacted about bids and sample to be delivered here Thursday @ 6
- Process has been given to each contractor
- Derek Larrabee
- Todd Garnett & John Cranouski
- Clayton-no bid, not interested
- John Works
- Clint Spaulding

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Ron/Steve motion to go into executive session on Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E
- 7:25 pm
- out 8:07 pm
- No decisions made

CEO/LPI:

- Ron has talked with Jackie. Starting next week she will be here atleast once a month

- Steve: Planning board is requesting that she goes there to their meetings once a month
- Ken: We need to ask Jackie about permits for storage buildings next week.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

- We met 2 weeks ago
- Still could use more members
- Clayton Wentworth had some great info
- Info back to 1926- there is alot to go thru

HISTORICAL:

- Going to have a meeting the 23rd

EMD:

- Ron talked to Christine - she will try to be a little more attentive
- She was happy to hear about the storage building donated by the rec for the town to use for generator
- There is a grant for a hook up and cord that she is applying for

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

- Halloween Party is October 25th
- Veteran's Day Celebration- Kim and Sallyann will be working on
- Christmas Craft Fair is December 12th

PLANNING BOARD:

- Moving forward with the Wind Ordinance
- Want to hold a hearing followed by a vote

SOLID WASTE:

- MRC has signed a contract with Fiberight

HEALTH OFFICER:

- When Jackie gets back there is a request from the selectmen to go to a house
- Webmaster Report:
- Having a problem with the selctmens reports being so big, they aren't downlaoding and taking up to much room
- Erna: Most towns use a PDF
- Frances: That's what I am going to do

DAM COMMITTEE:

- **Ken:** Friday at 4pm we will be meeting with Tony Flethcher, engineer, Prentis & Tony Grassi, Clayton and hope all of the selectmen .
- Haven't gotten ahold of Larry Hotham but Clayton will contact him.
- Kim Holmes: Why are we spending money on an earthin dam?
- Ron: Discussion and explanation
- Steve: The dam over last 10 years has deteriorated. A complete rebuild back then was estimated at \$250,000. We are increasing the spillway to 70 feet wide and an increase of 3" to help maintain the water level. This should increase the life of the dam by decades.
- Ken: After talking with Tony Grassi about the 100 year flood, he thinks that his Mill Pond Dam would be able to handle it.
- Steve: The main concern would be the bridge below the damn and the Stevens Road would probably get taken out.
- Frances: Will boaters be affected?
- Yes, we will put up signs to warn people and then close the boat landing.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

- Email from Mr Stevens to Cindy
- Email to Kristin Collins explaining how the selectmen and committee feels about the shabby work, an outline of timeline and photos.
- Email from Kristin Collins
- options are : Inform Stevens in breach of contract and pay him a %
- Allow Stevens by agreement to fix
- Come to terms with Stevens upfront- should be in writing. Set a goal, come to terms, reduce the charges, repair or otherwise
- Ron: I personally feel he shouldn't be allowed o come in and fix, you don't know what kind of work they will do. He already has screwed up.
- Bob: How much do you think
- Steve: I agree with Ron
- Ken: How much would it cost to have the lawyer write letter so it has a little more weight?
- Steve: Not much
- **Steve/Ken** motion to request town attorney to contact Mr Stevens informing him that we aren't going to pay him. Allowing Steve to call her (Kristin) and convey we don't intend to pay him anything. (All in favor)
- Ken asked Steve and Kim Holmes if they would be interested in taking on the repairs that still needs to be done?
- Steve Holmes: My opinion is to continue on cemeteries the way we are. Working on one cemetery at a time with town just buying the supplies needed. We are not requesting any money, we have been working on these cemeteries as volunteers.
- Steve Bennett- Some compensation
- Steve Holmes- NO
- **Ron/Ken** motion to commission Steve, Kim and Scott with maintenance of cemeteries and town by the supplies. Spending up to the \$5500 minus lawyer fees and replacing of few stones.
- Kim talked about Spinney cemetery at Gunner's and that Gunner helped alot with the cutting of trees, repairing and maintenace of the cemeteries.
- Steve: Thank You for all your hard work

OLD BUSINESS:

- Steve: will call Haskell's and check on service plan

NEW BUSINESS:

- Post Office Lease is up for renewal. 5 yr lease they say for same amount \$630 per month (9/1/2016-8/31/2021) Should we take action or wait
- Steve: Let it sit for now
- Complaint Al Poulin Pleasant Street about speeders
- Ron will call and ask police to check and keep eye on Pleasant Street
- Erna asked who will be doing mowing now that Glenn is working somewhere else?
- Ron- Bob Herman

Ken/Steve motion to adjourn meeting 8:09 pm

Next Regular meeting will be September 21st 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Secretary
Ernestine Keller**