

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 12th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Ken Overlock, Cindy Abbott, Tim Biggs and Jim Waterman. Also in attendance were Sallyann Hadyniak and Marilyn Perry
Clint Spaulding was not @ meeting

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from Dec 29th, Dec 31st and Jan 5th were reviewed. Ron/Ken, made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

CITIZEN’S ISSUES:

Cindy said that we had one complaint from Heidi Smith. Heidi was upset with a plow truck driver on North Palermo, said he hit a sign that almost hit her and kids. She then was very upset to the driver when he pulled over to check on the situation.

Ron said she called him @ Ingraham’s and was very rude.

Ron talked to driver-Travis Price who said that there were 3 cars behind him when two decided to pass so he pulled over as far as he could. Yes he did hit the corner of sign which knocked it off into the ditch. He then pulled over to check on the situation when Heidi got out of car and was very upset with him.

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant.....\$2,392.87
A/P Warrant..... \$48,863.46
Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 512,472.79

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

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

1. Payroll Warrant this week is \$2,392.87 (clerk, treasurer, secretary, cleaning lady and road crew)
2. A/P this week is \$48,863.46 (Maritime Energy, CMP, BMV, O’Connor, MSAD#3, Travis, US Cellular, Dirigo Glass, Maine Motor Transport Assoc, MRC, Kelly & Collins, Hilltop, Bob)
3. Ending Checkbook balance.....\$512,472.79
4. We received a check from GA reimbursement Jan-Nov 2014 for \$1,646.47
5. We received Statement from Bangor Savings for Phillip Thurston Perpetual Care Fund-Smithton Cemetery CD- (12 month@ .150000% maturity date 8/16/15) New total is \$5,010.18 this made \$7.50 in Interest for year
6. We received Statement from Bangor Savings for Town CD (60 month@ .940000% maturity date 8/16/18) our new total is \$10,479.34 this made \$98.05 Interest for year
7. Nicole Hubbard sent me a message today and CAN’T take the secretary position @ this time because of her boys schedule with sports.

Ron asked Erna to see what the Town CD was for...

Cindy thinks it was the Salt/Sand shed

Correspondence:

1. Revenue Sharing for 2015 will be \$33,992.64
2. FEMA sent paperwork on flood plain. They will send to CEO & publish in the register. Town has 6 months to comply with some items in this letter.
3. MMA sent letter to selectmen for the dues for 2015 (Ron gave to Erna for next meeting)
 - a. MRC sent letter with new tipping fees which has increased
 - b. July – Sept 2015 (\$79.29)
 - C. Oct-Dec 2015 (\$79.57)
 - D. Jan-Mar 2016 (\$81.44)
 - E. Apr-June 2016 (\$81.87)
4. Ron asked Erna to check and see if Unity Area Regional Recycling Center invoice was paid... ANSWER is yes check 12597 on 1/5/2015 for \$5,937.90
5. MMA Risk Management bill is \$5,482 for the year, (Ron gave to Erna for next meeting)
 - a. 1st Installment \$2,192.80
 - b. 2nd Installment \$1,644.60
 - c. 3rd Installment \$822.30
 - d. 4th Installment \$822.30
6. Maine Policy Review sent a book

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

1. Budget Committee appointments are signed
2. We will have a mailing for town meeting with who is running and times of voting. Can Historical also add a notice about the reschedule of Keene building on January 29th 2015? Ron/Ken agreed to the mailing and the letter from Historical could be added
3. Cash Receipts for December and the year 2014
4. Personal Property info (Talked about this info and discussed maybe putting a warrant article about this. Will discuss more in the future)
5. Real Estate Tax info (Went over there are accounts that still need to be fixed like Mark Philbrook property that Historical has to finish paying the bid (Contact Myrick) then town can transfer the name to them, Richard Tingley Property which Town foreclosed on in 2009-needs to be put in Town's name and as soon as sold take off the tax records)
Ron will call Jackie about Alison Perez & Randy Witham property
6. Cindy is collecting items for the Dunham Family here @ office because they lost their home in Knox to fire.
7. 2014 Tractor Excise
8. 2015 Humane Society Contract is in-total is \$1020 and this needs to be signed (Ron/Ken motion to sign and give to Erna to pay)
9. Ron rec'd certified on 1/9/2015 from FEMA-final flood hazard determination
10. Jim has written letter for the fire dept to be sent to Dept of Labor... Town Office & Garage letters still need to be finished
11. RE request for re-evaluation acct #452

FIRE DEPT:

Jim asked about the agreement with Knox for Mutual Aide
Ron said he would bring to next meeting to get it signed so he can get back to Knox before there end of month

Jim asked about water test

Ron will try to get this done by end of week

Jim has gotten his letter done for safety works and has given a copy to Cindy

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ASSESSOR'S:

CEO/LPI:

Dave mentioned to Ron that there is a grant program that might be available to get replacement on old mobile homes. Grant covers a newer more efficient model and removes the old one from the property.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Tim Biggs has been working on a comparison for plowing our roads and contractor

Budget Committee:

Meets Tuesday January 13th @ 6:30 in annex

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron talked about safety works for town garage and what still needs to be done for letter to be written

Ron talked to Ross @ Hilltop and the taxes on fuel are 55 cents

If we go with the state fuel @ Knox we don't pay any taxes

State pays like 2.20 plus vendor profit and taxes

Ron asked Tim Biggs if there was an update on dam... Tim will call Dave Bridges

Tingley Property

Ken reported that the value- according to John is around \$80,000-\$90,000 access is an issue

Ron will call Lane Gray about Legal access to property

Whoever buys the property will have to deal with the access so it would be nice to have this info beforehand. After they buy they can talk to other land owners about different means of access

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron said the Post Office is having a problem with one of the doors not opening and shutting properly

Ken will go see Michelle to see what needs to be done to fix it

Ron/Ken motion to adjourn meeting 8:05 pm

Next AP/Warrant signing meeting will be January 19th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Next Regular meeting will be January 26th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernestine Keller,
Secretary