

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 20th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

PRESENT:

Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance was Erna, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Ron and Barbara Littlefield, Jim Waterman and Robert Kanzler.

REVIEW MINUTES:

&M Minutes from July 6th 2015 were reviewed. Steve/Ron, made motion to accept and place on file.

&M Minutes from July 13th 2015 were reviewed.

&M Steve/Ken made motion to accept with adjustment to

&M New business... Tom Clay request for help on his road with gravel under discontinued roads was denied and place on file; motions passed. (Ken/Steve motion to deny... All in favor)

&M Under Road Commissioner 5th paragraph: Add according to Mildred Skidgell.

&M Under Solid Waste: Ken asked Meredith to look into who funds MRC

CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

&M Robert Kanzler: Was wondering why at the end of Rollins Road and Sanford Hill people are blocking access off from citizens being able to hike.

&M Ron- Select board Policy states: "All discontinued roads are open as public ways, unless determined by a court of law."

&M Robert: The reason I asked was I asked a land owner about clipping the trees back on road way for hiking & biking. I was told no.

&M Ken: Are we going to let the land owners rule the roost or get involved.

&M Steve: Technically a town road but these citizens live there and have to deal with people destroying it.

&M Ken: Public easement

&M Sallyann: I got involved with politics because of Red Mitchell and what we was told when we was buying our property.

&M If my road it is open as a public way then why can't we get garbage picked up at our house or the mail delivered?

&M Ron: These roads have been an issue for a long time now. I suggest we get a committee together, make a list of the roads, collect all the info on them then decide which roads need to be addressed and take to town meeting...

&M Robert: I would be interested in heading this up.

&M Ken: I will be willing to also be on the committee and help

&M Steve: I am also interested, I have mentioned to the planning board twice. They aren't interested as a group but maybe a few of members would be.

&M Sallyann: I am interested too...

&M Jim: As addressing officer, roads that are discontinued officially have no name. Need name of the road, distance of road and it can be addressed for 911. This is a public safety concern. (Zachary Buckley Sanford Hill Road is off the grid, he is building a house)

&M Steve/Ron motion to get committee together, do research, collect data, make recommendations and report back to the selectmen. (All in favor)
&M First meeting will be August 4th 2015 @ 6 pm... Will meet first Tuesday of the month. On committee so far are Robert Kanzler, Sallyann Hadyniak, Ken Overlock and Steve Bennett...
&M Selectmen will ask around to see if others are interested.

&M TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant..... \$1,690.20
A/P Warrant..... \$7,190.70
Checkbook Balance..... \$313,134.06

&M Payroll Warrant this week is \$1,690.20 (clerk, treasurer, deputy treasurer, cleaning lady & road crew) Steve/Ron motion to accept & Pay (All in favor)
&M A/P this week is \$7190.70 (Sullivan's, CMP, PERC, BMV, Hans Schmidt, Fairpoint, AAA, Unity, Erna-mileage, Pike, Staples, Sam's, Montville, Knox, Jackson, Waldo)
&M Steve has concerns about paying treasurer mileage
&M Discussion on matter
Steve/Ken motion to accept & pay (All in favor)
&M Ending Checkbook balance.....\$313,134.06
&M We received a check from State of Maine for Dog Violation \$50.00, Revenue Sharing for July \$5158.98, Town of Knox Fire Protection \$2549.73
&M Letter from Sullivan's- Increase \$5.00 for dumpsters
&M Letter from Perc- Increase to \$79.00 Ton
&M Power wash outside of office???
Steve/Ken moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.
Steve/Ken moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

&M Dates OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

&M June 25th 2015

&M July 29th 2015

&M August 1st 2015

&M Otherwise than that, Office will be run by Kristy and Abby while I am on vacation
&M Permit for James Garrison- Cindy and Jackie has talked and where town isn't collecting personal property and the selectmen agree to give Cindy permission, she can sign the back of permit she has to send to the state. He will pay excise & state fees.
&M GA info but need to go into executive session- will discuss later
&M Cindy has been hired part time at the Thorndike Post Office from 7-9 and 1:30-3:45 M-S
New Office Hours will be
Open at 9:30
Close at 1:00
Monday still open until 9:30 to 6:00

Tuesday also open from 4:30-7 or 8

&M Kristy Palmer (Cindy's Deputy Clerk) is doing great but still needs some training on the trio program. She is will to be here and work on Mondays from 1:30-3:45 (USE TRAINING FOR THESE HOURS)

&M Ron- So you are planning on keeping office open the same amount of hours just setting up days a little different.

&M Selectmen are fine with the new set up

&M CINDY WILL POST NEW HOURS

&M When back from vacation: Taxes will go out around 3rd week of August

&M 2014 Tax liens will be going out by Friday July 24th 2015

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

&M Ditching starts next week

FIRE CHIEF:

&M The contract for Knox doesn't state when payments are to be made or Brooks.

&M Thorndike, Brooks and Freedom are supposed to be listed in covering Knox

&M Ron will contact Knox about the contract

&M Jim gave Erna bill to cover set of turn out gear. Would like \$1725 taken out of Capital Account. Approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

&M Letter from BRW

&M Add to minutes

&M Discussion

&M Ken/Ron motion to send to Kristin Collins to have her look at as quickly as possible, and let Steve contact her to voice selectmen questions and concerns. (All in favor)

&M There is only 8 days to respond

OLD BUSINESS:

&M Steve: After investigating the Post Office, has decided after reading an article that they are not broke.

&M Would like to keep investigating

&M Mike Thibodeau/ Susan Collins see if interested

&M Lease is up next year, would be nice to have a plan and get new contract

&M Check with neighbor about property and if willing to sell

&M Erna mentioned: When doing the road work this summer, the town should invest in a culvert on Bryant Road to make safer access for carriers.

&M Select board are happy to keep looking into this matter

NEW BUSINESS:

&M Steve checked with Amish on storage Sheds

&M Shed 10x16 \$2175

&M Gambrel 8x12 \$1570

&M Brown w/ Brown Roof 8x12 \$1940

&M Wired building with 2 windows 10x16 \$3000

&M Erna: Right now Rec is paying \$75 per month for their storage that also houses the towns items

&M Comes on hemlock skids, put on cinder blocks
12x20 Gambrel

Steve/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 8:30 pm

Next Regular meeting will be July 27th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary
Ernestine Keller