

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
July 11, 2022**

Present: Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Travis Price, Cindy Abbott, Wilson Hess, Bob Kurek and Amanda Jamison.

Present on Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak

Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Motion by Steve: To accept, July 5, 2022 minutes as presented and place on file. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

FVFD: no report

Public Works: Travis Price said storage trailer was moved from Owl's Head Transportation Museum and will provide Public Works with 3,420 additional cubic feet of dry storage space. Truck #4 drive shaft will cost \$437.00 and the housing will be \$100.00. Travis would like to add DJ's Municipal Supplies as vendor. Ron Price reported weed whip cannot be fixed. Public Works has all attachments for Husqvarna weed whip.

Motion by Elaine: To allow Ron Price to purchase gas powered Husqvarna weed whip. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Travis noted that fuel expenditures this year are exceeding budget. Will focus Public Works to working at Town Garage on mechanical items rather than ditching, which will result in saved fuel costs.

Discussion about mileage reimbursement for use of Travis' personal truck while Truck #4 is being repaired.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Travis Price \$100/week for every week he uses his personal truck and allow him to use fuel from Town's tank while using personal truck for Public Works jobs. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Abbott reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$5,290.01 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$23,788.19. The ending checkbook balance is \$93,084.14.

Cindy reported Town received a check from USPS in the amount of \$884.17 for June 2022 rent.

Motion by Ron: To pay Todd Van Tassel for domain name and town emails with credit card. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$5,290.01 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$23,788.19. Unanimous.

Ron will follow up about Harris bills.

Motion by Ron: To have Cindy include Harris bill, which is Trio's yearly payment, in next week's warrant. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott discussed request from landowner, who lost appeal before Appeals Board. Steve suggested most appropriate fine would be to charge a certain amount per day until building is moved. Select Board advised Cindy that Jackie Robbins, CEO, should be contacted about this matter.

Correspondence:

1. SeaCoast Security: complete inspection report of systems in Town Office and FVFD.

Town Official Reports: none

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Town Boards and Committees:

Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition: Elaine Higgins presented rewritten Interlocal Agreement to Select Board for review. Discussion about wording in agreement. Steve requested that the agreement state clearly that the Town must only pay money that is allocated to broadband. Wilson Hess and Bob Kurek said lawyers heard Town's concerns, including Steve's and did rewrite agreement based on concerns. Select Board decided to bring Interlocal Agreement as written to citizens asking them to allow Select Board to enter Interlocal Agreement. Public Hearing will be on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6pm at the Freedom Town Office Annex. Special Town Meeting will be on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6pm at the Freedom Town Office Annex. Cindy will send out a mailing that includes notice of public hearing and warrants. Select Board will hold a workshop on July 12, 2022 at 9am to sign warrant and hearing notice.

Planning Board:

Motion by Elaine: To have Clara Alvarez join Planning Board to serve the remainder of Frances Walker's term until March 2026. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Old Business:

1. **Motion** by Steve: To have Select Board add the Policy for Maintenance and Public Visitation of Freedom Cemeteries to Select Board Policies. Ron 2nd. Unanimous.
2. **Motion** by Ron: To send letter to Mark Boudreau along with Maintenance and Public Visitation of Freedom Cemeteries Policy. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.
3. Elaine showed Select Board sick time policy for full-time employees. Elaine will edit document, email Select Board with it, to discuss at next week's meeting.

New Business:

1. Steve called Unitel to learn about what they offer for broadband service. Unitel gave proposal to Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition to expand broadband to five towns. Steve is looking for what Unitel would charge town of Freedom to bring broadband to everyone in the town. Steve asked if Select Board would like to meet with Unitel to learn what they might offer.

Motion to recess meeting at 8:27pm and reconvene July 12, 2022 at 9am. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison