

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
February 22, 2022**

**Present:** Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Dyann Anderson, Travis Price, Joe Freeman, and Amanda Jamison.

Present on Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak

Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**Motion** by Steve: To accept February 14, 2022 minutes and place on file. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FVFD:** Ron Price reported that Jim is unable to make this meeting due to another meeting. Ron gave Jim's report. The Town has a copy of Bill of Sale and Title for new fire truck. These have been given to the leasing company. The plan is to pick the truck up this Saturday. Jim thought insurance for truck should be higher than purchase price. Ron said that needs to be figured out once truck is in Freedom and to let insurance company know what it should be insured for.

**Public Works:** Travis Price said he closed Mitchell Road for 24 hours. People still traveled road as he saw that sign had been moved out of the way and large ruts on road. Discussion about whether to fix Mitchell Road or Smithton Road this Spring. Travis recommended fixing Smithton Road since it is a connector road between two paved roads. Select Board wants to wait to make decision after seeing Spring thaw and how roads wear this Spring. Travis said he fixed eight mailboxes on Beaver Hill Road after he accidentally hit them with the plow. Travis said that he is seeing that the Winter Road Policy is not being followed by some landowners on Greeley Road. The culverts are getting plugged up by snow being plowed into head of culvert. Ron read a letter he wrote to two landowners on Greeley Road to address these concerns and about light on mailbox at one residence. Select Board decided to sign the letter and mail it. Steve will ask Town Attorney, Bill Kelly, about what can be done about snow being pushed into openings of culverts. Ron will go visit landowner who has light on top of mailbox that shines right at head level of oncoming cars.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,794.53 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$8,243.69. The ending checkbook balance is \$372,974.12. Dyann said the December checkbook is almost reconciled. Discussion about Knox employees coming to help Dyann with Trio payroll. Ron said that since he first made the call to them inquiring about help for Dyann, he will call back and let them know that Dyann would like help from one Knox employee that has experience with using Trio to process payroll.

**Motion** by Steve: To authorize Ron to call Sue Fagg from Knox Town Office and set up date to work with Dyann. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Elaine: To accept Treasurer's report and pay the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,794.53 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$8,243.69. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** no report

**Correspondence:**

ME DOT – letter asking questions about bridge on Route 137 by Grange Hall, Ron will answer questions and send back.

**Citizen's Issues:** none

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**Town Official Reports**

**Solid Waste:** Ron read a notice from Sullivan's to the citizens of Knox about trash policies. Ron wondered if the Town of Freedom would like to adopt any of these to keep trash collectors safe and just as general guidelines for citizens of Freedom. Select Board found that Freedom doesn't have a trash policy. Select Board said they should think about writing one.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Ron said Jackie Robbins will check in on a camper that has been parked with people living in it.

**Health Officer:**

**Motion** by Steve: To appoint Alyssa Brugger as Health Officer. This will expire Town Meeting 2025. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Boards and Committees:**

**Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC):** Steve corresponded with Colleen Hanlon-Smith about intent to lease and the recommendation to keep the intent to lease confidential at this time. This is what Select Board and Daybreak Growers will do.

**Recreation Committee:** Ron said that Winterfest seemed like a very successful event.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison