

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
April 12, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Dylan Turner, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Phil Bloomstein, Meredith Coffin, Nathan McCann, April Turner, Alyssa Brugger and Amanda Jamison

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported that he delivered 42 food boxes last Friday and will deliver 37 boxes on April 23rd. There is a business meeting tonight at the fire department.

Public Works: Travis Price said the gravel was delivered, and he is still working on the pad. Elaine Higgins said Mr. Corson let her know there is no Freedom town sign at the corner of Barnes Road, South Freedom Road and Albion Road. Ron Price will contact the State, since that portion of road is a State maintained road that the sign is missing. Travis said the Freedom/Unity signs on Stevens Road were stolen. Steve Bennett said he would contact Unity Selectors about this sign on Stevens Road.

Elaine made a motion to accept minutes as amended, Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Post Office: Ron reported that he received quote from roofing company to patch the roof of the Post Office building with a sealer or put a cricket on it. The cost is \$800 to install the cricket. Travis recommends installing a cricket so that you don't have to keep patching roof in that area. Ron made a motion to install the cricket on Post Office, Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Solid Waste: Phil Bloomstein reported that he heard from Mike Carrol, from the MRC. Ron would like the point made to the MRC that the Town of Freedom is tired of Freedom's garbage going to a landfill. Phil suggested that he would write to Mike Carrol and share how upset the Selectors are and let Mike know, the Selectors would like to meet when MRC has a plan for the Town's garbage, other than going to a landfill. Phil met with Jeff from UARCC in regards to Spring Clean Up and found out that it is illegal to transport electronic waste unless the driver is certified to transport that waste. Meredith said she will coordinate with Cindy to create the flyer advertising Spring Clean Up. Spring Clean Up will tentatively be set for May 17-28. Travis would like both Fridays of the Spring Clean Up week to collect steel and nothing else. Steve made a motion to have Spring Clean Up May 17 – 28, Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported that the Payroll Warrant is \$3868.40 and the A/P Warrant is \$7251.37. The ending checkbook balance is \$223,726.54. The Town received a letter from MMA stating that the workers compensation audit is defined as complete. Steve made a motion to approve Treasurer's report as stated. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott state the school's public budget meeting is May 26th. Town Meeting is this coming Saturday in the gymnasium at Mt. View High School. Ron asked

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about out of town registrations. Cindy said she could register out of town vehicles. Ron feels like the Selectors should be prepared to discuss this at next meeting and how to compensate Town Clerk for this work.

Recreation Committee: Cindy Abbott said Easter Drive Thru was a big hit, lots of children and the event made the newspaper.

Budget Committee: Steve reported that the Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 7th.

Old Business: Ron suggested meeting tomorrow at noon to finalize the Blake and Hazard property going out to bid.

New Business: Ron talked about creating a maintenance position that would include shoveling, sanding, town cemetery maintenance and other small maintenance jobs at the town office. Steve made a motion to create a General Maintenance Position and pay that person \$15.00/hour for positions we've talked about. The position would be roughly sixteen to seventeen hours a week over the course of a year. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Ron said the roof on the dugouts needs to be replaced. He suggests the shingles should be taken off and then install a metal roof. Cindy said if the money comes out of Recreation Budget, she could host a Zoom meeting to vote on it if the Recreation Committee received an estimate. Ron will get an estimate.

Ron said he has scheduled someone to repair the power washer. Power washer should be available after this week.

Ron reminded everyone about the Town Meeting on Saturday and the next Select Board meeting is on Tuesday, April 20 at 6pm.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison