

**APPROVED MINUTES
 FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 October 19th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:23 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance were Erna Keller, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Hilary & Tom Fleeming, Jim Waterman, Barb Ron Littlefield.

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from October 12th 2015 were reviewed. **Ken/Steve**, made motions, to accept with one correction and place on file; motions passed.

- Pg 3 Planning Board Meeting was about new Wind Ordinance and how to proceed.

REVIEWED CORRESPONDENCE:

- FiberRight has sent a packet and town will be presented with a contract soon.
- Thank You letters from charitable donations made by town
 - a. Unity College
 - b. Belfast Area Child Care
 - c. Volunteer Regional Food Pantry
 - d. WC Cap
- State Valuation is \$58,850,000
- Valuation is up from last years.(57,650,000) They met with Jackie. Jackie contacted Cindy the day before meeting when she found out
- Steve would of liked to have been there
- discussion
- Should file a grievance we have 45 days
- Steve will contact them for an explanation. He will try to get it in writing and report back to selectmen.
- AUSPL- \$100 a year (Take from revenue made from rent)
- **Ron/Steve** made motion to join this group (Ken abstained)
- Discussion on post office building, lot and driveway.

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant..... \$1414.19
 A/P Warrant..... \$16,826.09
 Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 712,717.49

- Payroll Warrant this week is \$1,414.19 (clerk, treasurer, cleaning lady & road crew)
- A/P this week is \$16,826.09

1840	1,565.77		90	00005 SULLIVAN'S WASTE DISPOSAL &
1841	36.15		90	00007 CENTRAL MAINE POWER CO.
1842	160.80		90	00010 FREEDOM GENERAL STORE
1843	11.32		90	00013 INGRAHAM EQUIPMENT CO.
1844	1,569.02		90	00016 PENOBSCOT ENERGY RECOV CO.
1845	947.00		90	00019 TREASURER, STATE-BMV
1846	241.92		90	00036 655-Fairpoint Communications
1847	85.00		90	00052 AAA PORTABLE TOILETS
1848	32.19		90	00224 ERNA KELLER
1849	233.05		90	00324 Staples Credit Plan
1850	25.00		90	00509 Curra Farms

1851	11,848.14		90	00607 J. & S. Sand, Gravel & Fill inc.
1852	70.73		90	00631 Pioneer Machine, Inc
Total	16,826.09			

- **Ending Checkbook balance.....\$712,717.49**
- Rec'd a check from State Revenue Sharing for October \$3914.10
- Payroll wages for plowing- Needs to be signed... **Ken/Steve made motion to pay plow drivers \$18.00 per hour for the winter.**
- Emails in selectmen office
- Email from Thomas Stevens
- **Discussion: Unprofessional email from Mr. Stevens. We have the tapes stating Mr Stevens was here during selectmen meeting and was told he would get paid \$2520 for the cleaning of all cemeteries and \$500 for repairs in the Gould Cemetery. Total was \$3020, Mr. Stevens agreed- and had asked to drop off the three foot markers to office. Selectmen had agreed to this, which Mr Stevens did the following week. Below is the minutes from that meeting.**
- **This is From September 21st meeting**
- **Mr. Stevens is here to discuss his work that was done on cemeteries**
- **Steve: Mr Stevens called me last week and he is here tonight to see about an agreement being made**
- **Ron: We voted at last meeting as a board that we no longer wanted his services and expressed his concerns.**
- **Mr. Stevens: I would like to correct all the mistakes that have been made**
- **Ron: What would cemetery committee like to see done**
- **Cindy: Cleaning portion was wonderful. I felt like an amatuer did the repairs. They was terrible and what they did to Hannahs stone was disgraceful. If there was a problem or questions they should of contacted us. Never should the bases and stones been thrown over the wall or removed without knowing what we wanted. We hired you because you came highly recommeneded and we take great pride in our cemeteries.**
- **Kim: Why did they throw away good stones?**
- **Mr Stevens: They wasn't usable-they was to small. They should of left them there after cleaning them.**
- **Erna: They are in the cemeteries for a reason. Even if they a small they are used as a marker for family and/or cemetery to use for guidance or a reference. You should never remove them just clean them and place them behind the stone. We could of put them where they belonged.**
- **Mr. Stevens: Their reasons right or wrong shouldn't have been done.**
- **Cindy: When you replaced the base what was done?**
- **Mr. Stevens: Concrete about 6". That is how we have always done them. Normally I am on the job but have been out with a back injury. I had been to two of the cemeteries with the men.**
- **Erna: Penney & Gould- Those we have no problem with. Cleaning was great and they stood up the stones that were lying against the trees. They did leave a trowel on the top of one monument stuck to it.**
- **Kim: When you were hired we put our trust in you, after seeing all the damage we lost that trust.**

- Mr. Stevens: We have had problems in the past @ Fryeburg & Gardner. They removed marble stones and put out by the road. The problems were corrected. All I am asking is that you let me rectify the situation. I have some footstones that were made and would like to work and finish the resetting of stones & fill the cracks.
- Steve- I have learned footstones are markers at the end of the graves
- Ken: Footstones are not only used for what you say. I have worked in our cemeteries for years. In several of these old cemeteries they are to distinguish where the person is buried. Their names are listed on a monument and the stones are placed to show with initials to indicate who is buried where.
- Steve Holmes: As a committee we could have put the foot stones back together and done the epoxy. There are rows that haven't been done.
- Kim: Hopefully a stiff wind or an animal doesn't knock them over before they can get fixed.
- Cindy: We are highly disgusted. We worked very hard to raise this money and it is a slap in our face the way the cemeteries was left. Erna and I were very upset when we found out at a selectmen meeting.
- Ron: I guess it is now up to the cemetery committee and the board to decide where to go from here.
- Mr. Stevens: I would like to have the opportunity to correct these issues. I have 3 footstones that need to be replaced and finish what needs to be done. Then I will walk away. Whether you decide to pay me or not. I have been in business for 40 years. When I sell a monument or restore cemeteries I stand behind my work.
- Steve Bennett: I think everyone is in agreement that that cleaning was done to our expectations.
- Scott Holmes: Can we ask the selectmen to go into executive session to discuss this matter
- Ken/Steve motion to go into executive session @ 7:20 pm with the cemetery committee
- Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E
- Returned at 7:30 pm no decisions made
- Steve/Ken made a motion to pay Mr. Stevens \$3020.00 (\$2520 for cleaning on all cemeteries, plus \$500 repair on Gould Cemetery.) We also would like to go on with our cemetery committee to do any repairs that still need to be done.
- Mr. Stevens: I understand your decision and would like to drop off the foot stones here at office that I had made.
- Ron: That would be acceptable
- Ron/Steve made a motion for not responding at all to Mr. Stevens. That conversation is on tape and in the minutes.
- We have a lady working for the town thru the ASPIRE program (ASPIRE stands for Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment. It is the education, training, and work program that most parents getting TANF must do.) Her name is Tiffany Fitzpatrick... She has worked her since last week and has done an amazing job.
- HALLOWEEN PARTY this Sunday from 6-8
- Turnaround Easements- Did you get these so they can be filed at Registry of Deeds?
- Pepsi Machine- Ron did you get a hold of salesman

Ken/Steve moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed. (All in favor)

Ken/Steve moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed. (All in favor)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

- Ken wrote the letter for poverty abatement decision
- **Ken/Steve** made motion to sign and mail (All in favor)

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

- Steve stated he thinks Ron should get compensated for taking care of public works with all the extra he does.
- Ron: I don't expect anything for me. Just want something for the plow drivers.
- discussion
- Steve: How about mileage
- Ken: It is cheaper than 2 drivers plus a road commissioner
- **Steve/Ken** made a motion to reimburse Ron for mileage accumulated for winter roads @ .56 per mile.
- **Ken/Steve** made motion to pay plow drivers \$18.00 per hour for the winter.
- Ron: Plow are on trucks
- We will be working on loader-should take 3 to 4 days to fix
- Replaced some signs around town
- We have a load of salt off to one side incase we need it
- Damage to Sibley Road

SOLID WASTE:

- Hilary: Sullivan's Contract is up for renewal. Does the selectmen need any help or suggestions?
- Ron: FiberRight won't be coming into effect until 2018. We might need to rewrite Sullivan's contract (or contract we go with) if there are changes
- Hilary: There are going to be changes, we just need to make which ever contractor we go with aware of what we know.
- Ron: Maybe we should go with a one year contract and put this out to bid..
- discussion about several options.. (Sullivan's, CMD, Bolster's)
- Selectmen would be interested in Hilary & Meredith helping set some parameters for a bid proposal for the solid waste contract.
- Need a commitment from the hauler to use a light truck-hauler to pick up trash during the spring when roads are posted.

CEO/LPI:

- Will be here next meeting

EMD:

- Selectmen need to set up a time to meet with Dale Rowley. He will come here and hold a work session for Hazardous Mitigation Program for the town.
- Ken: after 4 pm would be good
- Steve: Thursday night is best for me
- Ron will contact Christine to see about setting up for next Thursday night after 4

HISTORICAL:

- Freedom Fall Follies is this Saturday at the grange from 7-9

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE:

- Halloween Party is Sunday from 6-8
- Erna: Decorating has been really fun and I want to thank Tiffany, Sallyann, Meredith, Kim, Tina and Cindy for the countless hours that has gone into this party. We have worked daily on this for weeks.

PLANNING BOARD:

- Asked if selectmen wants them to bring forward a hearing & referendum?
- They would be ready by November 17th 2015
- Need more time to get out to the citizens
- If more notice gives the opportunity for people to show up
- Ken- What does planning board want to do?
- Sallyann-They want selectmen to decide
- Ron: I would also like to see on the same night about authorizing an engineering firm for salt & sand shed.
- Steve: so a hearing
 1. to authorize engineering firm
 2. approve structure type
 3. approval to put this out to bid
 4. Town Meeting- Have all info to vote on money part
- Ron: check to see best pricing and contract now for spring
- Steve: 2 hearings 2 votes
- **Steve/Ron** motion to hold public hearing on planning board wind ordinance and salt & Sand building, followed immediately by a vote after each hearing. (All in favor)
- Discussion
- Next planning board meeting on November 10th
- Hearings on November 17th @ 7 in election hall
- **Ron/Ken** made motion to hold hearings on November 17th @ 7pm in election hall

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pepsi Cooler will be removed in 3 weeks,
- Planning Board requesting their filing cabinet to be put where pepsi cooler is being removed

Ken/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 8:30 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Ernestine Keller