

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes September 27, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Tyler Hadyniak, Joe Freeman and Amanda Jamison

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

Motion by Elaine: To accept minutes as presented from September 20, 2021, and place them on file. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said September check from the Town of Knox was received. Also received a check from Maine Cost Recovery for three incidents for a total amount of \$1,100.

Public Works: Travis Price said beaver dam on Davis Road let go and washed out a culvert. Travis has fixed and rebuilt side of road that washed out. Travis has four roads he'd like to fix to fill in washouts. The roads are Mitchell, Smithton, Rollins and Deer Hill.

Motion by Steve: To authorize Travis to order 300 tons of crushed stone and lease equipment he needs to repair four roads. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Travis said while working on Greeley Road a landowner spoke with him and said that work done on the road removed survey stake and that filling in ditch has diverted water to landowner's basement. Travis had second dose of tick fix applied around Town Garage. Travis will take vacation from October 4 – 11. Damon will start winter sand next week.

Citizen's Issues: Joe Freeman said that the Turners have livestock running out on road.

Motion by Ron: To send a letter regarding animals on the road to both Mr. and Mrs. Turner and a copy to Peter Nerber.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,814.32 and A/P Warrant in the amount of \$171,855.39. The ending checkbook balance is \$476,911.26. Dyann noted the County Tax payment and September school payment are in this week's A/P Warrant. Dyann continues to work with Trio on fire department account.

Motion by Elaine: To accept Treasurer's Report for Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,814.32 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$171,855.39. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk: Cindy Abbott said the Freedom Community Historical Society has baseball caps for sale at the town office for \$20 each to raise funds for the Historical Society.

Motion by Steve: To sign abatement for Ruth Tyler-Cross in the amount of \$3,481.16 and sign the supplement for Myrick Cross in the amount of \$3,481.16. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Steve will call Avian Haven to let them know they owe supplemental tax for 2020 in the amount of \$844.43.

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Town Committees:

Town Charter Committee: Steve Bennett said he spoke with Bill Kelly. Steve explained a Town Charter is a formalization of how you organize town government. Bill Kelly strongly recommended including language about a town administrator. There need to be six people willing to take out papers to run for committee and three people are appointed. Cindy Abbott informed the Select Board the criteria to have a vote for both nominees to the committee and for those appointed. She explained the timeline to take out nomination papers.

Motion by Steve: To draft letter to townspeople regarding election of Town Charter Committee members. This letter should be put on the website, Facebook and mailed.

Cemetery Committee: Cindy Abbot and Steve Holmes have a few more cemeteries to visit. They will finish up report and present it.

Solid Waste: Joe Freeman wanted to know why he went out on Tuesday to pick up trash at a few places. He doesn't think solid waste should be taking special trips.

Correspondence:

Spirit of America: Recognition gathering has been canceled due to Covid-19.

Municipal Review Committee (MRC): Still trying to sell Fiberright facility.

Old Business:

- Steve said Lorraine Overlock found information in town reports about Smithton Perpetual Care Fund. Steve will look into this.
- Steve has Workers Comprehensive Insurance questionnaire finished.
- Steve is waiting on Bill Kelly to do corporate resolution to fill out Black Hills Form to have dividends reinvested.
- Steve sent email to board about Beaver Hill Road. It seems clear that one portion of road is abandoned. In 1997 the board did not formalize that by recording it in the Registry of Deeds. Ron said there needs to be a document that protects everyone's right of access to land. Tyler suggested an addendum to his report.
- Community Development Advisory Committee will have meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm starting in October.

New Business:

- Ron asked Select Board about talking with Bill Kelly about Frank Bagley land. Steve will add this to email to Bill Kelly. Ron will contact surveyor.
- **Motion** by Ron: To move Select Board email and Webmaster email to WIX. Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison