

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
June 21, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Phil Bloomstein, Bethia Feeney, Meredith Ripley and Amanda Jamison

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported that Liberty will have a BBQ on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Fire Department maintenance update, the toilet and sink have been replaced. The fixtures were purchased. The labor was all done in house for no charge.

Public Works: Travis Price said the plumbing is being worked on now for the Town Garage addition. Travis said the Goosepecker Ridge Road paving will begin next week.

Solid Waste: Phil Bloomstein will set up a meeting with Mike Carroll from the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) for Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm or second option to meet July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant is \$3,077.42 and the A/P Warrant is \$9,262.12. The ending checkbook balance is \$94,341.63. Dyann reported she met with Amy Dunn to begin process of lining up chart of accounts with budget. Dyann said the Tax Anticipatory Note (TAN) is ready to sign and money will be available later this week.

**MOTION** by Ron: To pay one school payment next week. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**MOTION** by Ron: To pay the Harris/Trio payment next week. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**MOTION** by Steve: Approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,077.42 and pay the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$9,262.12. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**MOTION** by Elaine: To accept Select Board minutes from June 14, 2021 as presented and place them on file. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: Elaine Higgins reported that a resident contacted her about noise from a neighbor shooting guns and setting off fireworks close to residence. There is no ordinance to address noise issues. Steve suggested the Board table this at this time and see if it happens again.

School Board Representative: Ron Price reported Ellie Hess was reelected as Freedom's representative to the school board.

Planning Board: Steve Bennett reported he met with the Board. The Planning Board agreed with scope of work for Community Development Advisory Committee but suggested that a separate committee be formed to research and write the Town Charter. Steve said next steps are to pull together the recommendations and meet with Community Development Advisory Committee.

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**MOTION** by Ron: To hold two hearings, one for the Dangerous Buildings Statute and the other on the Community Development Advisory Committee and to have a Special Town Meeting to vote on the creation of a Town Charter Committee on September 15, 2021 at 6pm. Unanimous.

Town Clerk: Cindy reported that the town needs the Quitclaim Deed for the Greeley Road property. Steve will call Bill Kelly about the deed and to set up a meeting with Bill Kelly, Select Board and the abutters of the Rollins Road. Black Hills Stock discussed and the need to confirm the dividends go to the Smithton Cemetery.

**MOTION** by Steve: To sign document that authorizes South Paw Farm to serve alcoholic beverages at an event for becoming a property that is protected in perpetuity by Maine Farmland Trust. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Old Business: Ron received letter from surveyor in regards to Skidgell Lot. Ron will follow up to clarify.

June 29, 2021, at 1pm, Select Board will meet with Amanda to look at Freedom website.

New Business: none

**MOTION** by Elaine: To go into Executive Session, Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)A.

**MOTION** by Elaine: To end Executive Session. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**MOTION** by Steve: To adjourn meeting at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison