

## **Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes February 28, 2022**

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

Present on Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak

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

**Motion** by Steve: To accept February 22, 2022 minutes and place on file. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FVFD:** Jim Waterman said the pickup date for new fire truck is hopefully this coming Saturday. Jim said there was an EMA communications drill. The communication systems from Freedom Fire Department are all up to date.

**Public Works:** Steve Bennett showed letter from Bill Kelly, Town Attorney about question regarding plowing snow into culvert. It states in Winter Road Policy, "5. Do not plow snow into the culvert openings at driveways or into cross culvert openings that are servicing the road." Ron said both landowners have been sent a letter about plowing snow into culvert openings. Ron said landowner that has light on mailbox should be contacted as this was not addressed in the letter sent.

**Motion** by Ron: To go into Executive Session at 6:20pm for Personnel Matters 1 MRSA 405(6)A. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

At 6:42pm Select Board resumed regular meeting with no decision made during Executive Session. Steve said he called Jeff Trafton to tell him Freedom would not be putting in a quote for winter snow plowing. Elaine called CMP about two trees on Greeley Road. CMP put in a work ticket.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron gave report. Auditor worked on town books today. Auditor updated fire department figures for capital reserve fund. Dyann asked if any of the Post Office funds were spent in 2021? Steve said after Select Board discussion a few weeks ago to leave fund intact since town did not spend entire amount appropriated last year.

**Motion** by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$11,610.59 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$5,239.51. The ending checkbook balance is \$375,028.30. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy had contract for porta potties. Select Board agreed to have one at Mitchell Field. Discussion continued about putting one at the boat landing, no decision made. Cindy said people are using drop box for absentee ballots.

### **Correspondence:**

Renewal for Property & Casualty Insurance: Steve took it to fill out and return.

**Citizen's Issues:** none

### **Town Official Reports**

**General Assistance:** Request was made for help with budgeting from GA Officer, Elaine Higgins. No update about request was made, Elaine said to table this and wait and see.

**Solid Waste:** Elaine wrote draft Solid Waste Policy. Joe Freeman suggested adding how to dispose properly of "sharps". Cindy said that information is in Town Report about Solid Waste that might want to be included in policy. Draft policy will be updated and reviewed later.

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**Town Boards and Committees:**

**Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC):** Steve said there will be a meeting Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition:** Elaine said the committee will meet on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss which Attorney to hire to begin writing interlocal agreement.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Steve said Colleen Hanlon-Smith of Daybreak Growers Alliance finished and submitted grant application.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:29pm.  
Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison