

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
April 5, 2021

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

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported that the Sandy Pond Dam Emergency Action Plan is in the town office. Jim also stated, on April 7<sup>th</sup>, everyone 16 and older can register for a Covid vaccination. This coming Friday, Jim will deliver 39 boxes of food.

Public Works: Travis Price said the town has received one paving bid. Travis is going tomorrow for Jury Duty. Travis will work behind the sand and salt shed with the hammer that he rented. Inspection for both trailers is tomorrow morning. Travis asked to get approximately 75-100 tons of material to put on top of chipped ledge. Elaine made a motion that we have Travis spend up to \$1,600 to purchase material to finish off pad. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: None

Steve made a motion to approve minutes of March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting as written, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported that the Payroll Warrant is \$6,838.94 and the A/P Warrant is \$7,645.56. The ending checkbook balance is \$220,633.98. She added that the Worker's Comp MMA audit is done. She said the RHR audit requested 5 invoices. Steve made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott asked if the Spirit of America tribute is complete? Ron said he'd have it for Cindy this week. Ron asked, have we reached a conclusion about out of town car registrations? Cindy said she will be ready to talk about this next week. April 19<sup>th</sup> the office is closed for Patriots Day. Steve made a motion to move the April 19<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting to April 20<sup>th</sup>, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Steve made a motion that the Selectors can put the property out to bid. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Steve reported that the Budget Committee will meet this Wednesday at 6pm at the Town Office. Zoom will also be available for those that would rather use Zoom to attend.

Solid Waste: Meredith Coffin reported that the manager at the UARRC would like to be more involved in the Freedom Spring cleanup, in regards to what comes to the recycling center. If the town picks up electronics, bulbs, batteries, etc..., the town is not able to bring them to the UARRC. Ron asked, why can't the town bring electronics on town truck to the recycling center? Phil Bloomstein said he would look into this to solve this. Ron said flyer will be sent out around the first of May. Phil Bloomstein reached out to Mike Carroll again. He has not heard back from Mike.

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Steve made a motion to supplement Avian Haven on forty acres on the westerly side of N. Palermo road for 2020 taxes and tax normally this year. Unanimous.

Steve made a motion that the Select Board sign the letter to Will Leighton, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Steve made a motion to sign the Emergency Management Document and give it to Jim, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Historical Society: Steve said computer line has been hooked up to room in election hall for historical society.

Budget Committee: Meeting on Wednesday at 6pm at town office and on Zoom.

Old business: Ron said the Select Board had a proposal for a new town position that would include minor maintenance around town office, mowing, include cemeteries, shoveling and keeping boat landing clean. Steve said he'd like to look at job description one more time before voting.

Ron talked about the process to open the Town Office to the public again. He said to wait to open until all employees who want to be vaccinated are vaccinated. Install a plexiglass shield in front of Town Clerk's desk. Pete Mattson said he'd install that. Steve suggested a route through the office, so people aren't congregating inside. Ron said there could be a sign on the door. Elaine made a motion to purchase sheet of plexiglass for town office and Ron Price pick it up. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Ron said at some point there needs to be another workshop on policies. Steve would like permission to send policy regarding taxing real estate owned by nonprofits to the town attorney for review.

Ron asked about the town website. Ron suggested that the Select Board meet with Tammy and Amanda to talk about the website and get on the same page. Ron said he would like to have this meeting sometime soon after the Town Meeting.

Elaine made a motion to adjourn at 7:17pm, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison