

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 15th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance was Erna, Sallyann Hadyniak, Glenn Sporie, Bob Gerrish, Ron and Barbara Littlefield, Rick Martin, Forest Larrabee, Lee Kinney, Chip Bessey, Cindy Abbott, Charles Omea, Marti Martin, Phil Dow Sr., Wayne Tripp, Joe Freeman and Jim Waterman.

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from June 8th 2015 were reviewed. Steve/Ken, made motions, to accept with adjustment to #1- should say 30% and place on file; motions passed.

CITIZEN'S ISSUES: Cindy handed 8 sealed bids to selectmen. Erna also gave them the amount to be covered was \$35,052.91 plus Quit Claim costs and their half of transfer tax)

1. Jacques Lebel- Rockland (Bid \$60,000 deposit \$12,000)
 2. Ed Bessey & Son- Hinkley (Bid \$76,750 deposit \$15,350)
 3. Richard Martin- Freedom (Bid \$45,000 deposit \$9,100)
 4. Blaine Miller- N. Anson (Bid \$110,000 deposit \$22,000)
 5. Lee Kinney-Knox (Bid \$25,000 deposit \$5,000)
 6. Wayne Tripp-Frankfort (Bid \$61,550 deposit \$15,000)
 7. Forest Larrabee-Knox (Bid \$39,000 deposit \$7,800)
 8. Wayne Burgess- Belmont NH (Bid \$42,777 deposit \$8,555.40)
- &M Steve/Ron motion to approve or reject any bids, then Cindy will return all other bids to the bidders.

&M Ken- I would like to thank everyone who did bid and was glad to see the local bidders.

&M Ken- I think with our school obligation going up and BRW abatement upcoming, then I recommend taking the highest bidder.

&M Dirigo Timberlands, P.O. Box 481, North Anson, Me. 04958 #4 Blaine Miller

&M Ken-When we went out showing the property people was talking about Income property. I think no matter which one we pick it will be for income opportunities.

&M Steve asked " Do you know him?" to Chip

&M Chip "Yes, he is a good man."

&M Ken- Leave open for discussion

&M Steve- The highest bid would clean up expenses 3 to 1.

&M Ken- I was surprised to see one this high

&M Steve/Ron made motion to accept bid of \$110,000 from Blaine Miller of North Anson.

&M All approved

&M Cindy will make copies of all bids and enter money into tomorrow's deposit.

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant..... \$3,888.10

A/P Warrant..... \$4,371.63

&M Payroll Warrant this week is \$3,888.10 (clerk, deputy clerk, treasurer, ballot clerks, fire

chief and road crew) Reimbursement from school for school ballots will be \$742.63
&M A/P this week is \$4371.89 (Freedom General, Thorndike Auto, PERC, BMV, Aflac, Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters, Hutchins, Pitney, Clayton Larrabee, Mac's, Yeaton's, CM Pharmacy, MTM, Kelly & Collins, Treasurer -State of Maine-elections, Northeast Truck, Hilltop)

Steve/Ken moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.
Steve/Ken moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

&M Dates OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

&M June 25th 2015

&M July 29th 2015

&M August 1st 2015

&M Otherwise than that, Office will be run by Kristy and Abby while I am on vacation

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

&M Steve brought up that something has happened on the Rollins Road that needs to be discussed but might need to be done in executive session. The three selectmen should talk could lead into a legal issue.

&M Ken stated that it came from a citizen's complaint.

&M Steve/Ken motion to go and discuss in executive session after more business is done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

&M Steve/Ron motion to consult on Rollins Road legal issue @ 8:00 pm

&M Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E

&M Returned @ 8:35 pm

&M Personnel Matters 1MRSA 405 (6) A

&M Met with Glenn Sporie at 8:35 pm

&M returned at 9:00 pm

&M 9-9:35 discuss BRW abatement

&M No decisions was made

CORRESPONDENCE:

&M Letter from Sallyann that was a very nice thank you for helping fix the road.

&M Ron stated that received letter from Peter Coughlin. Help with building the salt and sand shed. There are 20 towns on the list and these towns have 25 months. If towns don't accept there won't be any state funds available after that time frame.

&M Steve: So they will give 40-60%

&M Ron: It is based on the amount of state roads that the town plows during the winter. Around 8 1/2 miles which includes N. Palermo Rd., High Street and Pleasant Street.

DAM COMMITTEE:

&M Steve stated "Tim Biggs and David Bridges will make a report at the next meeting about what happened with the engineer and contractors they met with.

PLANNING BOARD:

&M Steve reported that Bill Pickford took the list he made and relayed it to the planning board for discussion.

&M Skidgells Warehouse

&M Public Works Dept.

&M Steve asked them to look into grants available and he said he would be the liaison between them and select board.

&M Ken asked " What about Skidgells? Mildred still owns that property. If she isn't breaking any laws then the town shouldn't get involved.

&M Steve "Mildred would like to sell the whole thing, between 18-22 acres there. Wants to sell for assessed value 67,000 (building and land)

&M Erna asked "Did the EPA liens get cleared up, Dave said that there was liens on property after they came and cleaned up."

&M Ron "Mildred sold property to Gerry Spaulding and wouldn't have been able to if there was still liens. Mildred said that there was 450,000 liens but are cleared up."

&M Ken- So she is actively wanting to sell

&M Steve- There is a buyer for the 5 acres on right of town property

&M Ron- Knox has that listed as Alan Blueberry Co. I thought. We should check the registry to make sure

&M Steve offered to do that

&M After discussion they decided to look into registry, grants that might help, talk with Mildred about a sale price and how much it might cost to have buildings torn down. It is worth pursuing.

&M Bill requested a walk thru of the property if Mildred would agree.

&M Ken- As long as Mildred agrees because it is her property and we don't want to upset a land owner.

&M Looking for working on an ordinance on abandoned buildings around town.

&M Public Works- It would be worth having to expand if public works is kept. Could sub divide and sell (pallet mills...etc... might be interested, bring jobs to area).

&M Cindy stated "Back when Dave Schofield had been working on Mildred's, he said that there are a lot of grants that the town could use to get cleaned up.

&M Sallyann asked "How much land is on the dump road."

&M Discussion on portable salt and sand shed, amount of property, pros and cons on keeping or selling town garage.

&M Planning Board met with Jackie Robbins about 1/2 division on N. Palermo Rd

&M Ron- He understands that this is illegal because of the transferring back and forth of property and that the lawyer was supposed to be fixing this mistake. Lawyer wrote the deed up incorrectly.

PUBLIC WORKS:

&M Joe asked "How much has been spent this year?"

&M Ron replied, "\$216,900 is budget, summer roads balance is \$76,636 and \$139,000 winter. Spend around \$34,000 for salt and sand

&M Steve Public Works budget vs actual 2014, added URIP

&M Winter Roads per mile w S & S 26 miles \$4,408.68

&M W/O S & S 26 miles \$3,079.94

&M Steve I know we decided not to use 2013, but I think we should. Also first two quarters of 2015

&M Ron "As long as treasurer doesn't have to do any extra work."

&M Erna" I have already separated 2013 the same way as I had 2014, which I already sent to Steve. He only has to talk the final numbers like he did in 2014. I don't have time to do any extra reports. I have spent hours and hours on these already.

&M Steve " I can use the reports Erna has sent

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EMA:

&M Steve stated that Christine contacted 3 items

1) Town won the grant for 15,000 watt portable generator

&M Around a \$3000 grant

&M Must be in a building, locking shed.

&M Transfer switch in town office?

&M Ron Yes, in boiler room

&M Has to be built within a month or they won't deliver

&M Ken- It runs 10 hrs. on 16 gallons fuel with electric start

2) Haz Mat Plan- Meeting last Thursday of month in Belfast

&M Selectmen have to attend and be retrained

&M Every 5 years the town has to participate

&M Christine stated that Dave Schofield has a form as CEO that hadn't been done, should of been done every two years

&M Was discussed that Christine talk to old CEO & new to find out and get these papers signed.

3) Christine presented a Dam Plan to the state and said it was rejected.

&M Cindy asked Steve, "Why?"

&M Steve replied "I don't know, she didn't say."

&M Will contact her to have her come to a meeting

Ron- Cindy mentioned these grants for culverts and dates...

&M Winslow Bridge might qualify on Mitchell Road

&M Application has to be in by 7/15 for first session

&M Oct-Jan is second session

OLD BUSINESS:

&M Ron discussion about Rollins Road

&M Ron contacted Jerry Sullivan

&M Jerry apologized for the errors that has happened and has agreed to make sure it doesn't happen again

&M Asplundh working on a road- the Sullivan's drivers didn't go down road. Jerry said this is unacceptable and they should of come after a small truck

&M Steve/Ron made motion to propose to BRW 7 1/2% for 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018. Totaling 30%. From then a 3% a year until they reach a 30% floor. Also asking BRW to donate to town \$6000 per turbine per year, for town to use as they see fit. In Lieu of

&M All in favor

&M Ken - Ask them to respond ASAP. I am leaving for Colorado

&M We will discuss at next AP/Payroll meeting if we hear back from BRW

NEW BUSINESS:

&M MMA training Elected Officials Training on Wednesday, July 29th 2015. Cost is \$55 for each selectmen. Steve would like to go. Ken and Ron might be interested

&M Ron/Ken motion for any selectmen who wants to attend to sign up and go. Town will cover the cost of \$55 each. All approved

Ken/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 9:48 pm

Next AP/Payroll Warrant signing meeting will be June 22nd 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Next Regular meeting will be June 29th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary
Ernestine Keller