

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
April 26, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Alyssa Brugger, Anne-Marie Adamson, Dylan Turner and Amanda Jamison

Ron called the meeting to order at 5:52pm.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said the CARE program funded by the federal government for food box distribution has ended. Jim will meet with Palermo Fire Chief tonight to find out how the two towns can support each other. Discussion continued about dilapidated and/or abandoned houses in town and the process of removing them now with new DEP guidelines.

Public Works: Travis Price said Andy Shute approved plumbing for Town Garage addition. Travis received a call about a septic system in town. He signed the paving contract with FC Works and hopes to have the Penny Hill portion of Goosepecker Ridge Rd paved mid June. Ron reported that he will order two signs, "No Dogs Allowed" for the ball park, one on the ball park and one at the entrance to the Memorial Park. Steve reported that he spoke with Unity's Town Clerk. The Town of Unity will split the cost of the Unity/Freedom sign at the town line on the Stevens Rd.

Steve made a motion to accept the April 12<sup>th</sup> Select Board minutes and put them on file, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Elaine made a motion to accept the April 20<sup>th</sup> minutes with Hank Elkins name spelled correctly and with the addendum attached, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Steve made a motion to pay the 2020 payment to Pleasant Hill Cemetery and pay this out of the emergency spending fund, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported that the Payroll Warrant is in the amount of \$7,813.50. The A/P Warrant is in the amount of \$10,608.32. She did need to remove a check, therefore the A/P Warrant is in the amount of \$10,460.66. The ending checkbook balance is \$233,438.93. Received two checks: \$2,870.76 from Maine revenue sharing and \$418.00 from Maine Cost Recovery. Steve made a motion to make a school payment next week. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Steve made a motion to pay the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7813.50 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$10,460.66. Unanimous.

Town Clerk: Cindy Abbott said she will contact Joe to see if the flags can be put up by Memorial Day. Ron made a motion to have Cindy find out how much new flags will cost, and let Select Board know cost, and then Selectors can decide. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Cindy is preparing the flyer for Spring Clean Up. Ron said he needs to find out a few things to add to the flyer. Cindy would like to get the mailing out this week. Cindy reported that someone in town needs to do 60 hours of community service. Ron made a motion to not offer any hours of community service at this time, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

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Kevin Richards from the Mt. View Little League requested that the check, approved by the Freedom residents at Town Meeting for the annual donation of \$100, be made out to Waldo County Little League. The checks from 2019 and 2020 were made out to the wrong entity, so they weren't able to cash the checks. Steve made a motion to pay Waldo County Little League \$300, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Recreation Committee: Cindy reported that the committee will check the picnic tables and the flags and Alyssa will clean Snack Shack tomorrow.

Cemetery Committee: Ron will check with Steve Holmes whether the town will furnish flags or not.

Old Business: Steve will call a meeting of the Community Development Group once the weather is warmer and meet at the Town Garage to do some brainstorming about the Skidgell Site.

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am Select Board will look at Davis Road.

New Business: Ron said the town has a DUN number but also needs a SAM number for American Rescue Plan. Ron will look into getting the SAM number.

Elaine asked when Select Board can resume meeting at the Town Office? Ron suggested that they meet in person by May 10<sup>th</sup>. In order to continue to offer Zoom to townspeople, Amanda needs to check about the microphone and speaker for town computer.

Steve reported that the Select Board can have a conference call with the Town's Attorney, Bill Kelly, on Wednesday the 28th.

Steve made a motion to sign policy statement that approves all policies for this year. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Steve made a motion to sign the policy the Oldest Tax First, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Elaine motion made a motion to adjourn at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison