

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
June 6, 2022**

Present: Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Travis Price, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Tim Biggs, Wilson Hess, and Amanda Jamison.
Present on Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak and Anne-Marie Adamson

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

Motion by Elaine: To accept May 31, 2022 minutes as amended place on file. Ron 2nd. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said 1981 GMC, 4 X 4, Model 3500 truck is parked outside of the fire department for people to look at. The truck is for sale by sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$2,500. June 22nd the fire department will do hose and ladder testing.

Public Works: Travis Price reported that Townhouse needs to be mowed, completed brake repair on Truck #6, material will be delivered tomorrow for backing up pavement on Rollins Road and Beaver Hill Road. Discussion about Public Works seminar Travis attended and learned about possible money available for downtown improvements that relate to water and watershed improvements. Ron will call Peter to find out more. Travis requested an Executive Session.

Motion by Elaine: To go into Executive Session at 6:43pm for a Personnel Matter 1 MRSA 405(6)A. Steve 2nd.

At 6:50pm Select Board came out of Executive Session with no decision made.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Ron Price read the Treasurer's report. The Payroll Warrant this week is in the amount of \$6,364.93 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$109.17 for corrected American Funds and the second A/P Warrant in the amount of \$18,155.33. The ending checkbook balance is \$83,154.68.

Motion by Steve: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6,364.93 and the A/P Warrants in the amount of \$109.17 and \$18,155.33. Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

Discussion about TAN loan. Steve said size of TAN would be \$400,000 through Camden National Bank. Received a letter of opinion from Attorney Pitman in regard to taking out the loan as a tax exempt or taxable loan. The difference in rate is 1.25% higher for taxable loan. If Town chooses to take the taxable loan, Town can avoid the bond fee and overall save money.

Motion by Elaine: That Steve goes forward with all the information on TAN loan and sign the note. Ron 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott said Kristy Palmer will be filling in as Deputy Clerk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Cindy said a resident on Pleasant Street had a possible bear in yard. Cindy has information from Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on what to do to avoid bear encounters. Cindy said the Freedom Boosters & Recreation Committee received a donation of \$1,300 from The Mill School to be used for upkeep, maintenance and capital expenditures for Mitchell Field. It was agreed this donation letter should be filed and kept in correspondence.

Correspondence: none

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Town Boards and Committees:

Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC): Wilson Hess presented Select Board with CDAC Recommendations. Discussion about this document. Select Board would like to read through recommendations and discuss at next meeting. Steve will draft a letter as requested and have it ready for meeting next Monday for review.

Recreation Committee: Cindy needs to call a meeting of the Committee. Eleonor MacMakin asked for money from committee for posts to be installed at Hills to Sea trailhead that will go across Myrick Cross' field. Cindy requested that Eleonor put request in writing.

Appeals Board: Eleonor MacMakin reported that the building in question is going to be moved.

Cemetery Committee: Ron will talk with maintenance personnel about cemeteries.

Budget Committee: Next meeting is on June 15th at 6pm. Need to get Select Board All Accounts worksheet.

Old Business:

1. Tim Biggs reported that the dock is installed at the Town Boat Landing. Tim said that Derek Leadbetter will be responsible for putting in the dock in the Spring and taking out the dock in the Fall. It will be stored at the boat landing for the winter.
2. Elaine wanted to make sure that all of the Select Board Policies and Ordinances are on the Town's website. Amanda said she would look into that.

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison