

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes September 13, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Tyler Hadyniak, Anne-Marie Adamson and Amanda Jamison

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

Motion by Elaine: To accept minutes from September 7, 2021 as presented and place them on file. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said he will pick up dehydrated food tomorrow.

Public Works: Travis Price reported that he will finish up ditching on Raven Road and move to Townhouse Road to ditch. Ron said Travis can mark trees on Deer Hill Road. Steve asked if Travis could make short presentation to Budget Committee. Travis said it would be good to talk about putting money aside for equipment. Ron let Select Board know that Travis talked with salesperson from Irving Oil. Irving Oil proposed a rent/lease of fuel storage tanks for the Town to have their own fuel on site at Public Works Garage. They are double wall tanks that don't need a containment area. There is a wifi meter on tank that communicates amount of fuel in tank with Irving office. Public Works would need two 500-gallon tanks. Ron will follow up with Irving Oil to see what materializes and find out more about cost. Travis said it would be good to install a dusk to dawn light on the little sand shed. Travis asked if the town would be interested in him getting a commercial inspection license? Select Board said Travis should find out more details and how much that would cost.

Citizen's Issues: Steve showed picture of sign on Timberwood Lane. Steve would like to write to landowners who have posted signs that are misleading on discontinued roads with public access. Ron would like to get this settled with individual landowners first.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,135.79 and A/P Warrant #1 in the amount of \$21,285.63 and A/P Warrant #2 in the amount of \$19,117.91 for a total of \$40,403.54. The ending checkbook balance is \$487,155.52.

Motion by Steve: To approve and pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,135.79 and A/P Warrant #1 for \$21,285.63 and A/P Warrant #2 for \$19,117.91 for a grand total of \$40,403.54. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Elaine requested \$500 check approved by voters at Town Meeting for Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition.

Motion by Steve: To pay school payment and \$100,000 on the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Committees:

Cemetery Committee: Cindy Abbot said Steve Holmes showed pictures of stones purchased for Spinney Cemetery. Cindy and Steve will do a survey of other cemeteries to see if other stones need to be replaced and look at any overhanging trees.

Freedom Boosters & Recreation Committee: Cindy said they are planning a Drive Thru Trunk or Treat. For Veteran's Day they will hold a small event. The larger goal for committee is to raise funds and purchase a sign for the Town Office. Ron said that for next year

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if the Town does not have a way to maintain the flags along Route 137, then we should not put them up. Cindy said the committee ends up moving stuff between buildings a lot and would like to be able to get in their storage unit year-round. Ron said he will let Travis know to keep it accessible year-round. Cindy updated Select Board on condition of Snack Shack. There are places along the floor where you can see daylight. The ball team stores equipment inside Snack Shack. The committee is looking into purchasing a 10X10 shed for baseball equipment. Steve said the base on Red's monument needs to be fixed.

Old Business:

Porta Potties will be removed by the end of September.

Ron said the dam site needs to be on the Public Works schedule. From the parking lot to the Grassi/Shyka land, there are bushes growing up along path. It would be good to cut those back at least once a year. Elaine thought that should be told to Alyssa.

New Business:

Select Board approved posting Public Works job on Town's website.

Ron brought up the community spread of Covid-19. The Select Board agreed that it should just be one person at a time in the office space to do business with Town Clerk.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison