

## **Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes October 18, 2021**

**Present:** Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Dyann Anderson, Jim Waterman, Joe Freeman, Tyler Hadyniak, Gwen Littlefield and Amanda Jamison

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

**Motion** by Elaine: To accept minutes from October 12 Select Board meeting as amended. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FVFD:** Jim Waterman recommended to Select Board to amend Freedom Volunteer Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance to add \$500 for cold water rescue. The Select Board approved this addition to list of costs that can be recovered.

**Public Works:** Travis Price said the two fuel tanks have been delivered. They are 500-gallon tanks, each with their own pump and need to be wired. Travis will work on getting the pad ready for tanks. He completed riprap on Davis Road. Travis will work on Greeley Road to get water moving in the right places. Greeley Road needs to be ditched and Travis will include this work in next year's work list. Gwen Littlefield from the Greeley Road showed Select Board notice she received from the Freedom Post Office about wash outs the deliverer needs to drive through to get to her mailbox. Travis will deliver material to fix those wash outs. Travis' priorities include getting trucks ready for winter and the Public Works garage finished for winter.

**Citizen's Issues:** Steve Bennett received call from citizen that lives on Bryant Road. This citizen expressed concern for how fast people are driving on the road, no speed limit signs on road, and the chickens and ducks that have been in the road recently. Ron stated he did not believe the Town has authority to set speed limits on Town roads. Steve concurred with that after reading Maine road law booklet. Ron will call Maine DOT about speed limits.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,047.89 and A/P Warrant in the amount of \$5,907.60. The ending checkbook balance is \$572,562.12. Dyann suggested that the October school payment be made.

**Motion** by Elaine: To accept Treasurer's Report for Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,047.89 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$5,907.60. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Elaine: To get someone from Trio to come and work with Dyann. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk:** Ron reported for Cindy who is on vacation. Deputy Town Clerk will be in office tomorrow at 9am.

**Motion** by Steve: To sign Purchase and Sale agreement for two lots, one in Freedom and one in Unity, that abut former Skidgell Lot, now known as Town Lot. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Steve said to make sure the \$500 earnest money is in next week's A/P Warrant.

**Town Charter Commission:** Steve explained about the commission to the townspeople at meeting wondering if they'd be interested in serving on the commission. Tyler Hadyniak asked if the size of committee could change in case there are not six people that will take out papers

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and run to be elected to committee. Tyler read the Statute and read it to say there could be “up to” six people elected. He thought that language would be good to check on with the Town’s lawyer. Steve is going to call MMA to get a few examples of charters and will ask Bill Kelly that question about number of elected members needed on committee.

**Correspondence:** none

**Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition:** Elaine Higgins reported there is a meeting this coming Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Animal Control Officer:** Ron will have Peter Nerber make another visit to home on Bryant Road about chickens and ducks in the road.

**Freedom Boosters and Recreational Committee:** Reminder about Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Town Office from 2pm – 4pm.

**Historical Society:** Ron said the computer lines were checked and they do work.

**Budget Committee:** Will meet on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Ron said there is a new building on Smithton Road that does not have a building permit, septic permit nor plumbing permit. Travis did do an application for a driveway with this landowner.

### **Old Business:**

- **Motion** by Ron: To go into Executive Session for Legal Consultation, MRSA 405 (6)E at 7:00pm.  
At 7:10pm resumed regular Select Board meeting with no decision made from executive session.

### **New Business:**

- Ron contacted a new surveyor about surveying the Town Lot. Ron suggested he take information to this surveyor and thought the work could get done much faster. He will find out a price. Select Board agreed Ron should do this.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison