

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
February 14, 2022**

**Present:** Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Cindy Abbott, Dyann Anderson, Travis Price, Jim Waterman, Joe Freeman, and Amanda Jamison.

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

**Motion** by Steve: To accept February 7, 2022 minutes as amended and place on file. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**FVFD:** Jim Waterman said there is no word yet on date of delivery date of new truck. Ron said the new truck needs to be on insurance policy. Jim said people have asked what will happen with old truck. The fire department will remove hose reel from truck and then Select Board can decide what to do with old truck.

**Public Works:** Travis Price said he posted roads today to limit heavy vehicle traffic. He said the freeze/thaw cycle is hard on some of the dirt roads and expecting more thawing this coming week. To protect these dirt roads, Travis will call businesses that use heavy trucks to deliver and ask them not to deliver at the end of the week. Will call the RSU #3 bus department and ask them not to drive on Smithton Road on Thursday and Friday of this week. Regarding proposal to take on snow plowing another town, Travis said he is not interested in discussing this until 2023. He said that to even consider this, there needs to be enough trained labor force that could undertake snow plowing another town, and that Public Works is not there at this point. Steve said this is an idea that can make money for the town. Steve said he will call Jeff to let him know this won't happen at this time. Travis asked if Select Board would approve making Ryan a member of Sam's Club as a benefit to him?

**Motion** by Elaine: To add Ryan Hall to Sam's Club account. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6,090.81 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$14,635.04. The ending checkbook balance is \$379,595.80. Dyann is almost finished forwarding everything to Bangor Savings Bank Payroll Service to start having them run payroll. Dyann said Amy Dunn came to help and they were able to reconcile November, they almost have December done, then audit can be completed. Ron said to get audit done first, and then start the process to apply for a Tax Anticipatory Note (TAN). Ron advised to hold off on school payment. Ron will call RHR Smith to have someone come do the audit in person, rather than doing it virtually.

**Motion** by Elaine: To accept Treasurer's report and pay the two Payroll Warrants that total \$6,090.81 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$14,635.04. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy Abbott said she took a General Assistance training and learned about Employment and Training program available through the SNAP Program.

**Motion** by Steve: To put these Maine SNAP employment programs on the town's website. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Elaine: To sign town warrants and give information to Joe to post when necessary. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Discussion about home being foreclosed by the bank and the supplement for homestead exemption for this property for 2019, 2020, and 2021.

**Motion** by Steve: To sign the supplements. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

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**Correspondence:**

Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area: looking for volunteers. Amanda will put this on the website.

**Citizen's Issues:** Elaine got more information about who to contact about PFAS water testing and who to contact at the Department of Environmental Protection and about a Facebook site that the town could follow that posts regular updates.

**Solid Waste:** Joe Freeman discussed Spring Clean Up and thought it would be a good idea to offer it for an entire month but specify specific dates for larger items like mattresses, couches, metal, etc...

**Motion** by Elaine: To pay trash collection helper \$18.00/hour. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Boards and Committees:**

**Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC):**

**Motion** by Steve: To have Ron sign, on behalf of the Town, intent to lease agreement between Town of Freedom and Daybreak Growers Alliance. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Recreation Committee:** Cindy said they will start setting up for Winterfest this week. Zoom meeting scheduled for Thursday at 4:30pm with committee.

**Old Business:** Ron took water tests to lab today. These tests are for potability of water in Town Office and Town Garage. Will get results in 2 – 3 days.

**New Business:**

**Motion** by Steve: To go into Executive Session at 7:32pm for Legal Consultation, 1 MRSA 405(6) E. Select Board resumed regular meeting at 7:43pm after no decision made.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison