

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
May 3, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Alyssa Brugger and Amanda Jamison

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

Ron stated the first order of business is to open the bids for the sale of the property on Greeley Road. The town received a total of six bids.

1. Clint Spalding Jr. in the amount of \$2,950.00.
2. Susan Friend in the amount of \$2,000.00.
3. Derrick Wilson and Charlene Grotton in the amount of \$5,100.00.
4. Dan Ford in the amount of \$2,115.00.
5. Daryl Horak in the amount of \$1,546.60.
6. Maine Equity Builders in the amount of \$1,125.00.

Steve made a motion to award the bid in the amount of \$5,100.00 to Derek Wilson and Charlene Grotton. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman expressed his gratitude to Travis for work he did over the weekend on the fire department parking lot and for getting Hank Elkins help. Ron stated that the town of Freedom lost two of its residents this past week, Marilyn Perry and Joe Ascrizzi.

Public Works: Travis Price met with Ted Pellerin to create a septic design for Town Garage addition.

Elaine made a motion that the April 26th Select Board minutes be accepted as presented, Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6,550.65 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$62,189.58. The ending checkbook balance is \$189,350.22. Included in the A/P Warrant this week is the March 2021 school payment. A check from Montville in the amount of \$9,225 for garbage collection and trailer rental received for first quarter payment. Elaine said employee overpaid eight hours of overtime. Elaine made a motion to reissue paycheck to Travis for 40 hours, regular pay. Steve 2nd, Unanimous. Elaine made a motion to approve the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$62,189.58. Ron 2nd, Unanimous. The Payroll Warrant needs to be approved after check reissued to Travis. Steve recommended that under Revenue Summary Public Works, the line for "culverts" be changed to "scrap metal." The line in Town Garage, change "Efficiency of Maine" line to "unusable inventory." In the Fire Department lines combine "reimbursements for accidents" and "Maine Central Cost Recovery" to just "Maine Central Cost Recovery." In revenue, the Black Hill CD should be called Black Hill "stock certificate."

Citizen's Issues: none

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Recreation Committee: Cindy said the committee has received a request to help with Marilyn's service.

Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition: Elaine Higgins reported that the coalition has developed and printed a flyer that will be distributed by mail. She encouraged everyone to take the survey and for those that do not have internet to still fill out a survey that can be found at the town office.

Community Development Committee: Steve has set a tentative date of May 19th at 6pm to meet at the Salt/Sand building.

Planning Board: Steve made a nomination of Peter Abello to take Nathan McCann's place on the Planning Board. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Old Business: Ron will inventory flags tomorrow with Cindy. A motion was made to resume Select Board meetings on Mondays at 6pm at the town office going forward, Unanimous. Steve discussed Frank Siviski's quote to do survey of Skidgell Lot. Ron suggested he contact Good Deed to get a quote for the Skidgell Lot survey as well. Ron made a motion to send letter to Peace Ridge along with the town attorney's response to their request for property tax exemption. Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

New Business: none

Ron made a motion to recess and reconvene tomorrow at 8am, Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison

May 4, 2021 meeting reconvened at 8am.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Payroll Warrant #1 this week is \$6,454.40, payroll warrant #2 is \$1,305.67.
2. A/P Warrant #1 this week is \$61,889.58, A/P Warrant #2 is \$2,700.
3. Ending Checkbook balance.....\$191,042.17

Discussion of attorney advice on the Rollins Road article that was passed at a Special Town Meeting on May 17, 2021. Select Board agreed to meet for a work session on Friday May 7th at 9:00am to address mailbox placements on the Davis Road.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Board Chair – Ron Price

