

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
April 20, 2021

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

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman will deliver 38 food boxes this coming Friday to Freedom residents. This will be last food box distribution, because the federal government has canceled funding. Maine Department of Transportation signed off on the Sandy Pond Dam Emergency Action Plan. Jim met with Travis Price and Hank Elkins about ditching a portion of the FVFD parking area. The plan is to take off a few inches of topsoil and bring in gravel and roll it out. FVFD will cover cost of gravel from FVFD account, building fund. This work will probably take place in early May.

Public Works: Travis Price would like to meet with person hired for General Maintenance position and explain about the equipment. Travis asked about the driveway and culvert applications. Cindy said she has a list at the office with names that have taken out a building permit and then subsequently they are given driveway application. Cindy can make a separate list of just driveway applications that Travis can check. Travis reported that the Town has received three paving quotes. Travis recommends going with FC Works. Steve made a motion instructing Travis to sign the contract with FC Works to pave the Penny Hills section of the Goosepecker Ridge Road. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported that the Payroll Warrant is \$3,675.39 and the A/P Warrant is \$5,173.05. The ending checkbook balance is \$236,476.18. Elaine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,675.39 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$5,173.05 with an ending checkbook balance of \$236,476.18. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Ron Price said Cindy reported how many cemetery flags we need to buy and that the roadside flags are in bad shape. Cindy will do an inventory of how many flags we need to purchase and take care of this next week. Ron reported that the donation that was approved by voters in the amount of \$1,200 was never made to cemetery committee in 2020. Another \$1,200 was approved for 2021. Ron said next week this should be on the warrant. In regards to out of town car registrations, Ron is in favor for every out of town registration that Cindy does, pay the Town Clerk half the clerk's fee, which would be \$3.00 for a renewal and \$3.50 for a new registration. Steve made a motion that the Freedom Town Clerk be paid \$3.00 for re-registrations and \$3.50 for new registrations for out of town car registrations.

Citizen's Issues: Steve Bennett thanked Ron and Elaine for the Spirit of America award. Steve made a motion to appoint Jim Waterman to the EMA directorship next year. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Community Development Committee: Steve will set up a meeting to brainstorm ideas for Skidgell Lot.

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SWCBC: Elaine Higgins reported she will meet with the County Commissioners with a survey in regards to internet speed. This survey can be done online. In addition, the coalition will print surveys for those that can't fill it out online. The coalition wants to get as much as information as possible. Elaine encourages everyone to take the Maine Broadband Coalition speed test.

Old Business: Steve emailed Select Board and Travis a spreadsheet in regards to measuring the width of a road and measuring for a mailbox. Steve also has a draft letter for Peace Ridge. Steve would like the Selectors to review it and sign it. They will look at letter tomorrow morning.

Article passed at Town Meeting to survey Skidgell Lot: Ron reported that Marie Lougee does not want to do survey of Skidgell Lot. Marie suggested another person to do the survey. Marie will hand off all of her materials about the Skidgell Lot. Elaine mentioned Frank Siviski also does surveys. Ron suggested getting two quotes. Ron will call person in Belfast that Marie recommended. Elaine will call Frank Siviski.

Elaine mentioned that the Selectors need to vote on town policies. The Select Board will meet at 9am on Thursday.

Website: Ron suggested that the Selectors meet with Amanda Jamison and Tammy MacTaggart in early June to show the progress made on the new town website.

New Business: Ron said the Select Board needs to consider when and how to open up town office to townspeople. Ron will have the plexiglass by end of the week, and he will install it. Ron reported the town received a letter from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations stating that processes need to be up to date by 2022 for how the town approves of alcoholic beverages for sale.

Spring Clean-Up: May 17-28. Both Fridays, only metal and tires without rims would be picked up. Need to work out the details by May 1st for the flyer to be created. A reminder was made to involve Phil Bloomstein and Marilyn Coffin in the creation of the flyer.

A motion was made to recess this meeting and reconvene on Thursday, 4/22 at 9am.
Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison

Addendum:
Select Board minutes April 22,2021

Recessed Meeting from April 20, 2021 called back into session at 9:00 AM. Several Select Board policies were reviewed. Some were approved as they existed in 2020 and two or three were set aside to be revised for 2021. All policies are to be approved at the April 26, 2021 regular Board meeting. Motion by Elaine and seconded by Steve to award the Town Clerk one half of the admin fee for all out of Town vehicle registrations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Board Chair Ron Price