

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
March 29, 2021

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

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported he will deliver boxes of food on April 9 & 23. Fire Department has responded to two structure fires in other towns.

Public Works: Travis hauled in a significant amount of steel from the Skidgell Lot and sold it for \$560. Steve made a motion that Cindy put the money for the steel taken from the Skidgell Lot in the cash receipting then into the Public Works Capital Reserve account. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant is \$12,223.35 and the A/P Warrant is \$3,163.86. The ending checkbook balance is \$208,924.69. The Maine State Revenue Sharing check was received in the amount of \$5,679.56. Steve made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Elaine 2nd. Unanimous. Dyann said Alyssa is working on the worker's comp. audit and said it might be done by the end of the week.

Town Clerk: Cindy Abbot said she sent out pre 30 day notices last week, and she has been receiving money from those. Steve asked if the town is ready to auction off Blake and Hazard Lot? Ron said the Board can discuss this with Jackie tomorrow.

Discussion about holding Town Meeting: Steve Bennett spoke with Superintendent Charlie Brown about holding town meeting at Mt. View. The Select Board agreed April 17, 2021 is their preferred date to hold it. Cindy said a mailing needs to be sent to townspeople to notify them. Steve said we need to send out the warrant for the special town meeting and the hearings. Cindy said if Select Board could have everything written and ready by Wednesday, she could send it out Thursday. Steve made a motion to meet tomorrow morning at 9am to meet with tax assessor, Elaine 2nd. Unanimous. Elaine made a motion to meet Wednesday morning at 9am to decide on a date for annual town meeting and special town meeting and to sign the warrants, Unanimous.

Steve made a motion to accept minutes from March 22, 2021 Select Board meeting and place them on file, Elaine 2nd, Unanimous.

Historical Society: Steve talked with Paul Flynn and Tyler Hadyniak about Historical Society money. Ron reported that Bruce installed wifi wire out to room in election hall.

Recreation Committee: April Turner reported that there is a drive thru Easter egg hunt. There are three baskets to raffle off and one bike.

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Budget Committee: Steve Bennett suggested the next meeting be on Tuesday, April 13th at 6pm at the Town Office. Zoom needs to be offered since it is a public meeting.

Old Business: Steve received letter from MMA Legal, "Notice of Determination of Presumption of Abandonment," this document details that if a road is abandoned and the Select Board signs a paper saying that it is abandoned, anybody that disagrees, it is on their shoulders to prove otherwise.

New Business: Steve suggested need to have an executive session for a personnel issue at 8am on Wednesday.

Ron made a motion to recess this meeting and reconvene on March 31st at 8am. Elaine 2nd.
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison