

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
March 7, 2022

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

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

Motion by Elaine: To accept February 28, 2022 minutes and place on file. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said the new fire truck will be delivered to the Freedom Fire Department this Saturday. Jim will meet with Chief Hoffman, who will deliver truck, from Sawkill Fire Department. Discussion about regulations for burning buildings and/or doing a training with burning building.

Public Works: Travis Price said light is gone from mailbox on Greeley Road. Travis said he is still seeing snow being plowed into ditch at head of culvert on Greeley Road. Elaine showed draft copy of rewritten Winter Roads Policy, that she hoped would address this issue. Steve suggested Select Board have a workshop to look at this draft Winter Roads Policy, Cyber Policy and Solid Waste Policy. Select Board will have workshop on Friday, March 18th at 1:30pm to discuss policies. Travis said he received thank you from Lynn Hadyniak for replacing mailboxes so quickly on Beaver Hill Road. Travis said all Public Works trucks passed inspection. An outfit comes right to garage to inspect all vehicles.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7,132.27 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$15,103.08. The ending checkbook balance is \$363,834.35. Ron had questions about the Select Board all accounts sheet and why the lines did not match up with the budget. Steve said that both need to match. Cindy suggested that the Budget Committee use the worksheet from Trio to do budgeting so that they both match. Ron suggested someone from Trio come to sit with Select Board and Treasurer to get Select Board all accounts to match with Budget Committee's budget. Steve expressed strongly how unhappy he was with the way Trio is working. Steve suggested going with Quickbooks. Cindy cautioned that if Select Board chooses another program that the other program must be able to account for money for all the different receipts that the Town Office takes in.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7,132.27 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$15,103.08. Ron 2nd. 2 – in favor, 1 - abstention

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott asked for Spirit of America tribute. Ron will write it up. This will be presented at the Town Meeting this coming Saturday. Cindy reminded everyone that Town Elections are this Friday. Lissa Widoff asked for a table at Town Meeting. She asked for paper copies of survey to hand out at Town Meeting to get more responses. April Turner asked if an events calendar from the Freedom Congregational Church can be added to next mailing.

Motion by Ron: To table this request until next meeting. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Correspondence: none

Citizen's Issues: Ron will call citizen on Townhouse Road that has not been putting stickers on trash.

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Town Official Reports

Code Enforcement Officer: Cindy Abbott reported that Jackie Robbins is working on property that has numerous violations so that property to be sold. Cindy said Jackie is aware of trailer on Greeley Road and that a trailer can be lived in for 120 days. Then after that the septic needs to be addressed.

Town Boards and Committees:

Recreation Committee: Cindy Abbott said the committee is working on an Easter event. Elaine said she investigated where porta potty could sit at boat landing and suggested first parking area on the right. Elaine talked with company that rents them and said the porta potty could be tied to a tree. Cindy said we should check with Jackie Robbins about what set back is needed from the water.

Motion by Ron: To get one handicapped porta potty for the park. Table the one for the boat landing until we find out set back requirements. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition: Elaine Higgins reported the committee is very close to coming up with the interlocal agreement. The goal is to have that done so that it can be on Town's ballots for June election.

Old Business: Cindy suggested that Select Board reach out to Mike Thibodeau prior to Saturday's Town Meeting to confirm he is coming as Moderator and to send him the Town Warrant. Elaine discussed ARPA funds and how they can be used and confirmed that so far, the Town of Freedom has sent \$9,000 to Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition.

New Business:

Motion by Ron: To renew Zoom for another year. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Motion by Steve: To sign new wage schedule. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Steve said the only property line in question from Skidgell Lot survey is the one between town land and Freedom General. The surveyor suggested that a boundary agreement be made between town and owners of Freedom General. Steve would like to get Bill Kelly's opinion on whether town should have boundary agreement.

Ron said he received information from KVCOG that MOFGA and Maine Farmland Trust have created a fund to help farmers with testing costs for PFAS. Ron will post this flyer on bulletin board.

Motion by Steve: To go into Executive Session at 7:35pm for Legal Consultation, 1 MRSA 405(6)E. At 7:42pm Select Board resumed meeting with no decision made during Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison