

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes December 27, 2021

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

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

Motion by Elaine: To accept minutes from December 20th Select Board meeting and place on file. Elaine 2nd. 2 in favor, 1 abstention.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said the tentative date for delivery of new truck is mid-February. The cost of the truck is \$44,000. Jim spoke with Central Maine Cost Recovery about pace of reimbursements. Central Maine Cost Recovery is lagging while they train new adjustors. Jim would like to revise the fee schedule.

Motion by Steve: To accept this change to the fees in the Freedom Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.
Select Board consensus to have Jim call to have fire extinguishers in Town Office inspected.

Public Works: Travis Price had salt delivered today and ordered more. Worked on Truck #5 and started plumbing in bathroom today of Public Works garage addition.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Travis straight time for the vacation time he has left as of 12/30/21. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6,491.32 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$1,932.12. The ending checkbook balance is \$481,863.79. Select Board agreed to pay December school payment on next A/P Warrant. Joe Freeman suggested rather than the Solid Waste department working holidays, skip that week for trash pickup. Select Board agreed with this and suggested to put this information in a mailing that trash will not be picked up on any scheduled holidays. It will be picked up the following week.
Motion by Steve: To approve Treasurer's report and pay the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6,491.32 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$1,932.12. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott gave feedback about Town Warrant and suggested Article 3 should be to elect the Town Charter members.

Citizen's Issues: Tyler Hadyniak said the Freedom Community Historical Society received a \$20,000 donation from the production company that does Erin French's show. Steve said the Budget Committee agreed to write Freedom Community Historical Society a check for the amount of money in their account and move the group to the Charitable Organizations line.

Town Official Reports:

General Assistance: Cindy showed letter that GA information needs to be on the Town's website and if office is closed, provide contact information of Elaine Higgins.

Recreation Committee: Cindy said the raffle drawing is now scheduled for next week due to weather.

Budget Committee: Next meeting is December 28th at 6pm at the Town Office.

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Old Business: Ron said there is no update on the trailer on High Street, but that he is following up about it. Steve brought up about the current situation with Covid-19. The meetings are open to the public with the option to Zoom.

Motion by Steve: To go into Executive Session at 7:20pm for Legal Matters 1 MRSA 405(6)E to address advice from Town Attorney.

8:05pm Select Board came out of Executive Session with no decisions made.

New Business: Select Board will sign end of year warrants on Thursday, December 30, 2021.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison