

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
April 4, 2022**

Present: Select Board Members: Ron Price, Chairman, Elaine Higgins, and Steve Bennett.
Attendees: Travis Price, Cindy Abbott, Dyann Anderson, Jim Waterman, Joe Freeman, Dave Bridges, Phil Bloomstein, Eleonor MacMakin and Amanda Jamison.
Present on Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak

Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Motion by Steve: To accept March 28, 2022 minutes as amended place on file. Elaine 2nd.
Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said the ice cleats have been ordered. Total amount is \$750 and the grant covers the first \$3,000. Jim is waiting for approval of grant from MMA Risk Management.

Public Works: Travis Price said he spoke on the phone with Dennis, who works for Peace Ridge. Discussion continued about abandoned roads in town and whether the Town has taken the correct action to legally abandon them.

Citizen's Issues: Phil Bloomstein let Select Board know that Eleonor MacMakin is interested in being Freedom's alternate representative on the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center (UARRC) Board and the Municipal Review Committee (MRC).

Motion by Elaine: To appoint Eleonor MacMakin as the alternate for UARRC and MRC. Steve 2nd.
Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the first Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$8,561.45 and the second Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$538.25 for a total of \$9,099.70 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$6,754.41. The ending checkbook balance is \$350,363.46. Select Board approved paying Unity Area Regional Recycling Center in next week's warrant.

Motion by Steve: To invite Dan Couverette back next Monday to work with Dyann and Trio to fix problems. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Motion by Elaine: To accept Treasurer's report and pay the first Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$8,561.45 and the second Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$538.25 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$6,754.41. Steve 2nd, Unanimous.

Dyann is working with auditor. Steve said the auditor needs to remove roads from list of assets. Roads were declared easement roads not assets last year.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott said unlicensed dog notices went out this week for dogs not relicensed in 2022. Cindy sent out tax notices today. Cindy said an appeal was filed with the Appeals Board today. The Appeals Board will meet April 11th. Person making appeal must pay \$25 per Board of Appeal Ordinance. That money will go into General Government, Advertising.

Correspondence:

1. Maine DOT: Inspection report on bridge.
2. Black Hills Corporation asking for a proxy vote. Select Board voted.

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Town Official Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer: Steve reported for Jackie Robbins. She began the Errors & Omissions Survey. Jackie will be taking pictures of town properties and taking measurements for this survey. Steve reported that Bill Kelly advised Select Board to send property owners of 67 Belfast Road letter from CEO certified mail. Steve asked Jackie to determine if Peace Ridge has started construction to determine whether the property is eligible for an abatement of taxes.

Solid Waste: Jeff Holmes will work on trash truck during Spring Clean Up. Phil Bloomstein gave update on March 10th, MRC Town Hall Meeting. Phil said all MRC meetings are recorded and online. Phil will get flyer from Unity Area Regional Recycling Center to give to Cindy to include in town mailing about Spring Clean Up.

Town Boards and Committees:

Appeals Board: Dave Bridges reported next meeting will be on Monday, April 11th to elect officers. Pam Gallick resigned from Board. Dave said he will resign at the next meeting. Need two people to fill those vacancies on the Board. The Appeals Board received an Appeal today.

Cemetery Committee: Jeff Holmes will mow cemeteries.

Budget Committee: Next meeting, Wednesday, April 20th at 6pm, Town Office.

Community Development Advisory Committee: Next meeting, Wednesday, April 6th at 6pm. Steve said they will discuss survey and one boundary line that is not able to be certified between Freedom General and the Skidgel Lot. Ron asked if there would be an environmental study done on the property?

Old Business:

1. Elaine said the Board needs to finalize Select Board Policies. Select Board will meet for a workshop on April 12th at 9am to finalize Select Board Policies.
2. Steve read the Discontinued and Abandoned Road Policy. Select Board discussed.
3. Ron will ask Travis to figure what to charge for tire stickers for the Spring Clean Up.
4. **Motion** by Elaine: To give Tyler Hadyniak a key to open Annex for Town Charter Committee Meetings. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

New Business:

1. Elaine went to the meeting held by lawyers in Fairfield about PFAS. The lawyers are looking to set up a Class Action lawsuit.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison