

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
May 2, 2022**

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

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

Motion by Elaine: To accept April 25, 2022 minutes as presented and place on file. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said he gave Bill of Sale for Kawasaki Mule to Treasurer and should be on the warrant this evening. Jim is looking for an enclosed trailer to transport Kawasaki Mule and for winter storage.

Public Works: Travis Price said grading of dirt roads should start on Wednesday, May 4th. Material will be put on Smithton Road on May 9th. Public Works is currently sweeping up sand on town roads. Discussion about tree work on Deer Hill Road. Travis hopes to have three quotes for that work by next Monday. Steve will contact Bill Kelly, Town Attorney, to write a letter that the Town has the right to cut trees. Ron will hire a sheriff for the duration of the tree work.

Motion by Elaine: To allow Travis and Ryan to work out Ryan's vacation time to use sometime between now and winter. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$12,541.61 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$11,737.87. The ending checkbook balance is \$288,246.69. Select Board would like KVCOG membership dues on next week's warrant. Dyann said auditor needs Black Hills CD Statement to finish up audit.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$12,541.61 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$11,737.87. Ron 2nd, Unanimous.

Motion by Steve: To authorize Dyann to call Camden National Bank to get the Tax Anticipatory Note (TAN) started for amount Town qualifies for. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott discussed process for when a new Chair is appointed to a Committee or Board. Ron will talk with Prentice Grassi about getting key and giving to the new Chair, Tyler Hadyniak, of the Planning Board. Discussion about a fundraiser for the Freedom Volunteer Fire Department to purchase flag holders and flags.

Motion by Elaine: To allow Cindy to pursue a fundraiser for the fire fighters' memorial flags for cemeteries. Ron 2nd. Unanimous.

Motion by Steve: To sign the municipal quitclaim deed, tax lien reconveyance, per request of town attorney so owner can get property released to him so owner can sell it. Unanimous.

Correspondence: none

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Town Official Reports:

Code Enforcement Officer: Discussion with Jacki Robbins, CEO, about issuing permits, driveway and building permits. Select Board agreed on this process. First Travis Price assesses property for driveway permit. Travis will let Jacki know. Travis needs to sign off on driveway permit after the driveway is installed, then Jacki could give the building permit.

Discussion about 64 Belfast Road. Jacki will talk to landowner and contractor to find out more and get back to Select Board.

Discussion about Mike A. Smith's property.

Motion by Steve: To have Jacki draft a letter to Mike Smith's descendants to put them on notice that the property has to be taken care of due to vote at Annual Town Meeting. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Jacki reported she has visited every property in Freedom for the Errors and Omissions Survey. Jacki is working on inputting the data in computer.

Town Boards and Committees:

Cemetery Committee: Steve Holmes brought up access to cemeteries. Discussion about Spinney Road and Hutchins Road. Travis can cut down trees to open up roads before Memorial Day. Travis added that roads may not be dry enough though for travel. Steve Holmes discussed access to Cummings Cemetery. The access is something to think about and address another year. Public Works has cemetery signs and will order a few more.

Appeals Board: Ron reported they will meet May 15, 2022 to hear the appeal. Ron said Mike Smith is the Chairman of the Appeals Board now.

Old Business:

1. Ron went to property owners that have well located on their land that is used by the Public Works Garage, but they were not home. He will try again.
2. Ron worked on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report. The website wasn't working properly. The deadline has been extended for filing report.
3. Elaine said Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition has received feasibility study back from Axiom and is reviewing for next steps.
4. Steve will update two Select Board policies and send them out to Ron and Elaine.
5. Discussion about job descriptions for non-elected personnel. Select Board will hold off on writing those at this time.
6. Steve is still trying to set up a meeting with Peace Ridge.
7. Steve will talk with Bill Kelly about the following: letter about cutting trees of Deer Hill; have Bill look at letters that Steve drafts for landowners on Timberwood Lane, Rollins Road and Davis Road; minutes from June 17, 2021 meeting.

New Business:

1. Discussion about Treasurer's position and next steps in order to fill the position.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison