

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes July 19, 2021

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

Ron called the meeting to order at 5:58pm.

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported that Thorndike did not sign Knox Fire Protection agreement. Jim said it is conceivable that Freedom could share the fire protection equally with Brooks. Ron said he will talk with Galen Larrabee tomorrow about this.

Public Works: Travis Price said the department filled in wash outs today, unplugged culvert that runs from Post Office to other side of Bryant Road, Truck #6 should be all together tomorrow, cold patching scheduled for Wednesday. Travis is ready to purchase the insulation for Town Garage addition. Travis stated on Deer Hill Road, the water is draining across the road and is starting to undercut road. Travis will send Steve Bennett more information about this and Steve will contact MMA to get their opinion on cutting trees adjacent to the road. Travis will get an estimate from a tree company about cutting down the trees.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,782.35 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$18,724.01. The ending checkbook balance is \$136,750.82. Select Board agreed that the June 2021 school payment should be on next week's warrant. Ron said Dyann should send Montville bill for garbage pickup and recycling trailer rental.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,782.35 and pay the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$18,724.01. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Budget Committee: Steve Bennett outlined agenda for tomorrow night's Budget Committee meeting.

Town Clerk: Cindy Abbott prepared reports for Select Board. Cindy stated the Town Office will be closed Thursday, July 29th. Those landowners that owe 2020 real estate taxes need to pay by Wednesday, July 28th in order for a lien to not be put against the property. The Town Office will also be closed Saturday, August 7th. Cindy put a notice on Town Office door.

Motion by Ron: To approve all supplements and abatements presented by Town Clerk tonight. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Historical Society: Select Board maintained that Historical Society's money will be kept in town checkbook. Historical Society should continue to ask for money as they need it with proper documentation and the money will be disbursed to them.

Steve has received requests forwarded by Historical Society to the Select Board in regards to using the Community Center building. MMA does have guidelines on how towns rent out or let others use town owned property. Select Board wondered if there are town artifacts out in the

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community center? Steve suggested he talk with Tyler Hadyniak to find out more. Ron said to table this discussion until Steve reports back on conversation with Tyler.

Old Business: Steve showed letter he wrote to Bill Kelly, Town Attorney in regards to the Rollins Road. Select Board reviewed letter. Select Board will have Bill Kelly write letter to abutters of the Rollins Road and send regular mail.

Ron said that Carrie who owns Freedom General Store approached Ron about an outstanding bill for \$601.00.

Ron brought up the Bagley lot. He went to Knox Town Office to find out how much land he owns there and found there is no land in Knox that he owns adjacent to Skidgell Lot.

New Business:

Motion by Ron: To change name on commitment book of trustee from Ruth E. Tyler-Cross to Myrick T. Cross.

Ron said part of the Post Office's septic field does not get mowed regularly. There are now shrubs and larger woody material growing on the septic field. He said that needs to be cut down in order for the roots to not grow into the septic field. Ron will talk with Travis about this.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Jamison