

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 18, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Ken Overlock and Steve Bennett. Also in attendance was Erna Keller, Cindy Abbott, Bob Gerrish, Ron Littlefield, Jon Willette, Sallyann Hadyniak, Drew Fales, Jennifer Carriere and Jim Waterman. Gerald Spaulding came in at 7:40 pm for meeting with selectmen.

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from

- 4/27/2015 BRW were reviewed (recessed until 6pm.
- 4/27/15 AP/Payroll Meeting (Steve didn't vote-he wasn't there)
- 5/4/2015 Regular Meeting
- 5/11/2015 AP/Payroll Meeting
- Ken/Ron made motion, to accept all as written and place on file; motions passed. All in favor

CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

- Ron Littlefield asked when will grader be in town?
- Ron Price replied, Davis and Rollins are already done. He will be working on rest in next few days.
- Bob Gerrish- Sullivan's has no consistency in their times to pick up. Sometimes it is early, sometimes really late or not at all.
- Ken Overlock stated he also has has several complaints. One was from Ron Porter.
- Ron Price said we definately need more consistency in the times. I will contact Sullivan's.
- Cindy also said please asked them to call if they are going to be late, so when I get calls I know what to tell them.
- Ron said Jerry Sullivan also mentioned that he would like to meet with the selectmen about an issue so he will set this up too.
- Bob Gerrish also mentioned that the turbines was loud 7 out of last 10 days.
- Jon Willette came to make a complaint against ACO and neighbor for a dog at large.
- On Dec. 1st he came to selectmen's meeting to make a complaint.
- On April 3rd his daughter was chased down the road. Scott was called and neighbor was given a warning.
- Perly Sanborn went thru with his horse and was attacked by one dog, then was apologized to.
- Jon stated that he is concerned about the safety of family because the dogs growl and chase them.
- May 15th Jon caught one of the dogs, called Scott and he came, returned the dog and charged them.
- May 18th his wife was working in the garden when once again the dog was there growling at her. So he called Cindy at the office. Cindy contacted Scott, he went and returned the dog with a warning.
- Jon said All I want is for someone to explain to them that they need to buy a pen or fence them in their own yard. How can this problem be fixed ?
- Steve Bennett stated " Jon so what you are saying is that, the dogs are dangerous and are not under the owner's control."

- Jon- Correct
- Steve asked Jon have you been attacked?
- Jon- not bitten just growled at.
- Jon- How many more warnings will you give before things are in control?
- Jon stated that Scott said to him that accidents happen.
- Jon- I agree that if dogs was in a pen or on a chain and escaped that would be an accident. It is the owners fault if they are not in control of their animals and they are not being contained.
- Ron stated- Duly noted . The owner of the dogs are here and would like to reply.
- Jen stated that she got her first warning by Scott in April . Yes, it is my responsibility.
- Jen-The dogs did go about 15 feet off my property, but jon's daughter continued on her walk.
- Jen-The issue with my dog and Perly, there was none. Scott even went and talked to Perly and Joyce after that complaint. I guess that Perly would be here making a complaint if there was a problem.
- Jen said Yes, I have been sited and have already talked with someone about replacing the fence.
- Jen-My dogs have never been chained and are very friendly. You can go to the car and see that or I can bring them in.
- Jen stated that she has to go to court for the charges from Scott and she will have to pay a fine. My dogs was off my property and I accept that.
- Jen-I would like to know how Jon got the collar off my dog if it is so ugly . If I had a growling dog coming after me I wouldn't grab it by the collar.
- Ken Overlock- The bottom line is the dogs are your reponsibility and they don't belong on his lawn.
- Jen- I am looking into new fencing to have installed. I am trying everything possible so they don't need to be chained.
- Jen- If there was a problem then Joyce and Perly would be here making a complaint.
- Ron Price stated- It is obvious that there will be no reconcillation here between neighbors. Jen you have 2 choices. First one is to keep the dogs on your own property, Scott had every right to take them to the pound. Scott did his job by taking them back to the owner instead. Second choice is I strongley suggest putting up that fence.
- Jen- I would like to state to Jon our property line is not the fence. I just want to let you know here that you are on our property.
- Steve said my dog is a big 100 lb. baby, who growls & barks while wagging his tail. This is a small town that needs to get along with their neighbors.

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant.....	\$2028.15
A/P Warrant.....	\$10,053.86
A/P Warrant 41 for Aflac.....	\$601.92

- Payroll Warrant this week is \$2,028.15 (clerk, secretary, treasurer, cleaning lady & road crew)
- Steve/Ken motion to accept , all in favor
- A/P this week is \$10053.86
- Steve/Ken motion to accept , all in favor
- A/P Warrant 41 For AFLAC was \$601.92
- Steve/Ken motion to accept , all in favor

- We received a check from MRC for \$1,282.94 (quarterly), 2014 BETE for \$8.00
- I have advertised Tingley property on facebook, and sent to Frances for Town website. Cindy did mailing-
- Hunter's Paradise Ad written by Steve Bennett needs to be added to facebook and sent to Frances Walker for town website

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

- Dorothy Jensen said the sign for Witt's End is down
- Safety Grant- They will be mailing out the answer by June 1st
- Steve asked me to contact MMA about Keene building issue (misspelling of one name)
- Ron stated that a Quit Claim deed is all the town has ever done and that is how it is written in town report and voted on yearly, so it is time to treat this as we would any other foreclosure.
- Cindy said MMA said Town can't do anything about this misspelling. That this is on the shoulders of the buyer to fix after they purchase the property not on the town. That is why towns give out Quit Claim Deeds on foreclosed properties.
- Steve stated well Cindy and Erna signed the lien
- Cindy and Erna explained that this is done by the assessors. When there is a correction because of selling or adding info then the assessor takes care of this. So this was done either by the selectmen or the assessor, not the clerk nor the treasurer.
- Cindy also stated that we aren't allowed to go in and change any information. Our lien forms comes directly from Trio which is entered by the assessors.
- The town can't go any further with this issue
- Steve stated that the law states a town can only give a Quit Claim Deed.
- Drew Fales will report back to Historical about this information then report back to the selectmen.

FIRE DEPT:

- Jim Waterman said PDQ installed the doors today.
- Jim was asked where they left the old doors, Jim said he would check
- Has there been any discussion on the Fleet Card/ State Card?
- no not yet
- Ron called and has left messages with Jim Bennett about truck damage but hasn't heard back from him yet
- Jim- I noticed that the assessing form wasn't in the town report this year. Was there a reason for this?
- Cindy replied No it wasn't put in this year.
- Ron said last year he sat here on April 1st from 8-3 and not one person came in.
- Flags on the poles for Memorial Day ? Ken will contact Mr Bowen
- Memorial Day is next Monday , just a reminder that there is no burning before 5 pm on the weekend it depends on the weather conditions. Right now the fire danger is still high.
- Jim returned with info on PDQ
- They will be returning at 7:30 in the morning. Call 872-7711 talk to Jean to get the doors back. They took them with them. The bottom of one will need to be repaired.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

- Cindy reported that there was two cases. One was acted on and one denied. That letter will go out tomorrow.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

- As stated earlier the grader has been on Rollins Rd and Davis road and will be back in the middle of the week to work on rest.
- Ken- will we be putting down surface
- Ron- Not at this time
- Ron went around town with one contractor John Works about future projects for pricing.
- He has asked for pricing by the hour & working with our town road crew personel.
- Ken- Ditching by the foot
- Ron- Yes, and flail mounted escavator for Rollins Road because of the boulders.
- Ron also mentioned Deer Hill (trees & brush)
- Ron will also contact other contractors about future projects
- There are 2 discontinued roads to Hutchins & Spinney Cemetery that is in need of repair for people to have access.
- Ken asked Does town have any old culverts that can be used at Smithton Cemetery (interior of cemetery-very wet) and at Spud's property.
- Steve said he has 4 ft cocrete ones that he would donate. Should have some fabric underneath.
- Sallyann also said she has one that is 12 to 15 feet long that she would be willing to donate.
- Sallyann asked since the town is using the discontinued part of Beaver Hill Road as a turn around, are they going to grade those parts? Also she would like name of grader company so they can hire his privately. Erna got this info for Sallyann
- Ron stated that he thinks they need alot of surface added
- Name is Toby Farrington
- Sallyann asked if town would atleast send someone up to look at it because they made alot of deep ruts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Gerald Spaulding came in to discuss property he has that town is using. Three options continuing using as town is, leasing property or town purchasing from him.
- Ron- Do you want to discuss this in regular meeting or executive session?
- Gerald- I would rather in executive session
- Ron/Steve made motion @ 7:42 pm to go into executive session Property or Economic Development 1 MRSA 405 (6) C
- returned at 8:29 pm... No decisions was made

ASSESSOR'S:

CEO/LPI:

ACO:

- Erna reported that Scott could not be here tonight he had a previous engagement, but will be available tomorrow to talk with the selectmen if they need him.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

- Reminder that budget meeting is Wed @ 7 in the Jr High

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

- Steve asked Has anyone talked about the new Historical taking the Old Town House now that they are a seperate identity.
- Drew- No we have been doing the work as the Historical and it is Town property.

PLANNING BOARD/CEO:

- Ken stated that this would be nice to tighty up items
- Drew- Under Jay he always requested that he meet and give updates on permits
- Under Dave he did not continue with this procedure
- Ken & Drew thinks that this should be done so everyone is on the same page
- Drew stated that the planning board has talked with Jackie and requested to keep them informed.
- Jackie told them she also thought that was a good idea.
- Steve asked Drew about the list that he had given Bill and what the boards thoughts was on it.
- Drew said they thought wind should be relooked at.
- Steve said " That wasn't on the list."
- Ken asked how about the discontinued roads on Steve's list
- Drew- no this we wasn't interested in
- Ron said the comp plan has these roads listed
- Drew- It is a whole new discussion because you also have to look at abandoned roads such as in 1956 to discontinue maintenance but open to public way forever. Davis Road from Torones to end of Sanford Hill Road. Surveyor Reynolds found no place in town records to indicate this. So it was declared not discontinued it was abandoned.
- If town hasn't maintained in last 30 years it goes back to landowners
- Steve said before 1965
- Ken stated- So if a wood cutter came to you and asked to have access, could he have been given access?
- Drew- Yes, we wasn't denying access other owner was Mike Buckley
- Steve so in a court of law it was abandoned?
- Drew- They had the right to go thru and access it just not the right to take wood off the property that they was crossing.
- Drew when looking at the surveyors map- the three lines shows the center of the road

Cemetery Committee:

- Will be getting ready for Memorial Day. Glenn will be working on Bradstreet Cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ron asked Cindy if she still gets updates when flags are suppose to be at half mast?
- Cindy said Yes
- Ron asked if he could get added to that list and if Cindy would contact him when she recieves them
- BRW LETTER

- When in executive session Erna noticed selectmen hadn't looked at their mail, there was an envelope from Beaver Ridge in their box and she put envelope on the table for them, in front of Steve.
- Steve opened letter
- BRW is rejecting selectmens offer and stated they would go to State Board of Appeals, they think that town should consider the following
- 2014 want 5 % depreciation abatement
- 2015-2018 follow assessment protocol with rate of depreciation of 7 1/2% per year while generating
- Depreciated by 35% down to 65% of project
- Discussion
- Selectmen talked about 5% off the 2015 assessment then each year a 2% off the total every year following to 60 % floor. No lower
- Will discuss more at next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Steve contacted Chris who is in charge of the post offices in this region about new contract
- Lease is up next year, probably not going anywhere. Post Office is barely making ends meet, not sure if they will even continue in Freedom
- Michelle contacted Erna by email saying the flush is leaking around the bottom.
- Selectmen will send someone to look at
- Ken asked if town had a plumber
- Erna mentioned Memorial Day is Monday, will there be a meeting? Payroll only?
- Steve mentioned having a regular meeting
- Erna stated she wouldn't be available for a meeting, so there would be no secretery or treasurer. She would do payroll, but AP would have to wait til Tuesday night.
- Ron/Ken motion to meet Tuesday May 26th @ 6 for signing of warrants. All in favor

Ken/Steve motion to adjourn meeting 9:15 pm

Next AP/Warrant signing meeting will be Tuesday May 26th 2015 @ 6:00 pm
 Next Regular meeting will be June 1st 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernestine Keller
 Secretary