

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
May 9, 2022**

Present: Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Travis Price, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Joe Freeman, Dorrit Emerson, Eleonor MacMakin, Tim Biggs, Ben Feeney and Amanda Jamison.
Present on Zoom: Anne-Marie Adamson

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

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported fire department was called out to an accidental outdoor fire in Knox.

Public Works: Travis Price presented Select Board with three quotes for tree work on Deer Hill Road.

Motion by Steve: To authorize Travis to hire the arborist he wants. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.
Ron will find out cost of hiring sheriff while tree work is happening.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Price read the Treasurer's report. The Payroll Warrant is in the amount of \$5,550.48 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$17,414.54. The ending checkbook balance is \$295,621.95.

Ron reported that Dyann reached out to Camden National Bank about the Tax Anticipatory Note (TAN). Ron said the draft audit should be ready this week.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$5,550.48 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$17,414.54. Unanimous.

Motion by Ron: To have Steve take care of TAN note and get the information to Camden National Bank as soon as possible. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues:

1. Eleonor MacMakin thanked Select Board for getting the trailer moved on High Street. Eleonor made a verbal complaint about condition of a home on High Street. Select Board said they would have CEO and Health Officer take a look.
2. Ben Feeney requested a copy of the minutes from June 18, 2022 meeting. He was given a copy of the minutes.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott gave reports to Select Board. She said 30 day notices for 2021 will be sent out in next couple of weeks. Cindy had tire stickers printed: \$2.50, orange stickers for car tire; \$3.00 yellow stickers for truck tires; \$10.00 blue stickers for very large tires. Cindy said on May 25, 2022 there will be a School Board meeting for operations center and for school budget. Discussion about leasing photo copier for Town Office and printer, scanner, fax for Public Works Garage.

Motion by Elaine: To pursue the copier leasing for Town Office and Town Garage. Unanimous.
Discussion about computer purchase for Town Garage.

Motion by Steve: To purchase Lenova computer from Belfast Computer for \$1098 (\$799/computer & \$299/software). Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Ron will call Belfast Computers to order it.

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Correspondence:

1. Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) report on Hustus Brook Bridge on Mitchell Road.
2. Harris – information about upgrading Trio program

Town Official Reports:

Solid Waste: Joe Freeman will have Jeff start work this Thursday.

Recreation Committee: Ron said they are collaborating with the fire department to fundraise for flag holders and flags for deceased fire fighters buried in town cemeteries.

Appeals Board: Will meet on Sunday, May 15 at 5pm. This was an organizational meeting. Ron will talk with Mike Smith, Chair of Appeals Board about Ben Feeney and Eleonor MacMakin joining the Appeals Board to fill two vacant positions.

Town Boards and Committees:

Town Charter Committee: Tim Biggs reported the committee is reading other Town Charters and expressed that the committee will need Select Board input. Discussion of Town Charter, structure and what to include in it.

Old Business:

1. Steve recommended having an Executive Session workshop per the advice of Town Attorney.
Motion by Ron: To have Executive Session workshop for Legal Consultation, 1 MRSA 405(6)E on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9am. Unanimous.

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison