

**APPROVED MINUTES
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 18th 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 5:45 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Brian Jones. Also Erna Keller (Treasurer), Nathan McCann, Cindy Abbott (Clerk), Joseph Freeman, Tim Biggs & Jim Waterman (Fire chief).

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from 11-12-19 were reviewed. **Steve/Ron** made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed. Also Steve asked Lynn & Chuck about getting old minutes. Kyle will send to Steve

TREASURER:

Erna reported:
Payroll Warrant 10/6/14.....\$6149.34
A/P Warrant 10/6/14.....\$5,129.31
Ending checkbook balance.....\$126,597.20

Brian/Ron moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.

Brian/Ron moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.

1. Discussion on pre 45 day foreclosure notices mailed Nov. 15th 2019... 28 accts that had notices sent and automatic foreclosure will be Feb. 22nd 2020
2. **Brian/Steve** made motion to have Treasurer do an AP warrant for the mailing for special town meeting- cost \$49.50 (All in favor)

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

1. GA related (Haskell Fuel doesn't want to come to Freedom on a regular scheduled day without charging \$100.00 (Ron will contact Haskell's to negotiate)
2. Steve asked Cindy to contact few more towns for Winter Roads Comparison
3. Cindy will not be here November 25th... Kristy will be covering office

FIRE DEPT:

Jim Reported:

1. Central Maine Recovery for October \$2448.00 brings total for year to \$4634.00 (45% of what has been submitted) new portal to website for Jim to be able to check status
2. Disaster Contingency Plan
3. Wex cards was handed out by Ron, Erna gave passwords

CITIZENS ISSUES:

1. Nathan discussed the Cell Transmitters 5G. He is working on an ordinance to bring to town meeting
2. Steve discussed Rights Based Ordinance- some towns use this to regulate
3. Talk about a moritorium

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Brian moved, seconded by Ron**, to go into executive session @ 6:42 pm under the authority of 1MRSA 405 (6) A to discuss personnel matter. The Board returned at 6:55 pm, no decisions having been made.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Planning Board:

Cindy mentioned new resident might be interested in position

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Will meet Nov. 20th @ 6:00pm.

Policies:

1. Ron/Brian made motion to accept and sign the following policies, put in 3 ring binder and keep here in office, plus an electronic version sent to Francis from Cindy to be added to Town Website
 - A) Key & Security Policy
 - B) Oldest Tax First
 - C) Winter Safety
 - D) Retirement Plan
 - E) Salt & Sand Policy
 - F) Emergency Expenditure
 - G) Town Office Hours
 - H) Driveway Entrance & Culvert
 - I) Acceptable Internet Policy
 - J) Disbursement Authority
 - K) Policy Review Policy
 - L) Returned Check Policy
 - M) Misc Policy

New Business:

1. Special Town Meeting Warrant was signed for Dec 4th (Selectmen will send ordinances to Cindy so Jim can post with warrant)
2. Ordinances can be viewed at Town Office or online Town Website (**Brian/Ron** made this motion. All in favor)
3. Discussion of Drug Testing Belfast vs Waterville... Selectmen will stay with Waterville where they have always sent employees
4. **Brian/Steve** motion to have Mr. Kelley write letter dealing with Greeley Road (all in favor)
5. **Brian/ Steve** made motion to have Mr. Kelley respond to Beaver Ridge Letter (all in favor)
6. Eastern Maine Development Co. (Brian suggests looking into-funded by the county. He will report back after researching)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance- discussion and decided to leave plan the way it is for another year
2. Street Lights- Ron will sign & mail the agreement which was approved at previous meeting
3. Wex Cards- These was handed out to fire dept and will remain the same, public works cards has been changed to 4 employees (Ron, Travis, Damien & Joe)
4. Marie Lougie- 2 things to do- lines on NE side of Knox-town property & boundary agreement with Mr Spaulding
5. County Budget looks to be an increase of 5.8% (working on trying to get to 3-4%)
6. Discussion of Barnes Gravel Pit
7. Steve reported talking with Jacob Guber about clean up- Steve is working on a draft , will discuss with selectmen before handing out to companies to bid on. Need a time frame- maybe 1st of year (Partial match grant)

The next regular meeting is November 25th at 6 PM.

Motion to adjourn passed at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernestine Keller,
Deputy Secretary