

Freedom Select Board

3/30/2020

Present: Elaine Higgins, Steve Bennett, Alyssa Brugger, Jim Watermen, Cindy Abbott, Meredith Coffin, Nathan McCann, and Brian Jones.

Board Secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

Fire Chief Jim Watermen presents FVFD report, not much to report, meeting tonight to check trucks. They have hazmat suits just in case. Using a skeleton crew as much as possible. Had one call where a vehicle in Knox left the road, fell asleep behind the wheel. Jim has a safety concern for a building in downtown Freedom, "Irish Moose", he would like Jackie to do an inspection.

Meredith Coffin reports on Unity Area Recycle, the center is moving ahead with two grants from the DEP. One would be for a machine that crushes glass into sand, which would have multiple uses. The second is for scrap metal, which would require excavating and a wall built to house material.

Steve reports that the Skidgell property is still moving forward, lots of things in the works, Blake and Hazard lot in town, old location of Davis School, a neighbor has shown interest, there is a possible septic/well on lot. Needs to be put up for auction. Steve has started the TAN process, if everything goes accordingly should be done by the end of April. Treasurer is collecting the appropriate records to send out. Steve would like to hold a meeting soon about town employees signing up for a Simple IRA. This would have to be in person because of the paperwork required. Meeting in the Election hall tentatively scheduled for April 1st at 2pm.

Nathan McCann presents the Planning Board report, the board has approved the subdivision. They have cleaned up the subdivision ordinance, not sure when the board will meet again.

Cindy had a citizen question: "Are there any plans for any additional wind turbines in Freedom?" There are no plans for adding wind turbines at this time. Elaine and Cindy attended a GA meeting today via Zoom. Both feel the meeting was worthwhile and learned today to separate applications that pertain to covid-19 for future audits.

Cindy turned away an out of town boat registration. The state is giving everyone until April 30th to get their boat registered because of covid-19 and some towns closing down.

Treasurers report presented by Alyssa, Payroll Warrant this week is \$8,264.18, A/P is \$2,044.16, and ending checkbook balance is \$133,094.38. Received a check from

MMA for \$380.00, and form the Post Office for this month's rent and the missing October 2019 rent for \$1,323.00.

Purchasing Acrobat PDF for electronic signatures, billed annually for \$155.88. This will allow Select Board to sign warrants during Zoom conferences, which would not delay the disbursement of checks.

Elaine makes a motion to approve the Payroll warrant, and the A/P warrant, Stece seconds motion. Unanimous.

Executive session 7:20-7:40pm no decisions were made.

Elaine makes motion to accept meeting minutes with corrections, Steve seconds motion. Unanimous.

Alyssa Brugger