

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes
February 8, 2021

Present: Cindy Abbott, Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Alyssa Brugger, April Turner, Nathan McCann, Dylan Turner, Travis Price, Anne-Marie Adamson and Amanda Jamison

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman thanked the Select Board for negotiating a three year contract with the Town of Knox. On February 6, 2021, Jim delivered 35 food boxes to residents. February 19th will be another food box distribution. Jim already has 40 boxes requested from residents.

Public Works: Travis Price finished Public Works annual town report.

Treasurer's Report: Alyssa Brugger reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,954.24 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$67,351.54. The A/P Warrant includes a school payment. Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,954.24 and the A/P Warrant \$67,351.54. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Town Clerk: Cindy received information from RSU#3 for anyone interested in running to be the town's representative to the school board. Papers for this position can be taken out from Feb. 11 – March 11, 2021. Ron will call Ellie Hess to find out if she will run again. The vote will take place in June 2021 for the school board representative.

Cindy mentioned a letter that the animal control officer received. This letter is for the CEO and Select Board. It has to do with 76 & 80 Smithton Road and about a gate put across road.

Cindy has received requests from townspeople interested in finding out more information about the candidates running for the elected town positions. People are wondering if the candidates will send a letter to townspeople. Ballots will be ready Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Town report: Cindy said letters committee reports are due this week. Elaine suggested the cover of the Town Report have a picture showing Town Office with drop box and the sign pointing to the window. Cindy said need to have this decided by the end of next week, 2/19. Cindy will send the SB a few sample front covers to decide.

Citizen's Issues: none

Old Business: The invoice for towing has been sent to MMA. Ron said that MMA sent out information about the Governor's proposed budget. State of Maine Treasurer has stated that for 2021, the maximum to charge on delinquent taxes is 6%.

Ron said the town received the 2021 State valuation for the town in the amount of \$65,800,000. A meeting will be held in the Spring with someone from the State to describe how the valuation was determined based on property sales.

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New Business: Ron said there will be an Executive Session, legal consultation, 1 MRSA 405(6)E, with Town's Assessor at 9am on Friday, February 12th at the Town Office. The three Select Board members and Jacki Robbins will be present. The Executive Session, pending court case, 1 MRSA 405(6)H with Code Enforcement Officer will take place.

Next Select Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 due to President's Day Holiday.

Steve made a motion to accept minutes from last meeting as amended. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

Elaine made a motion to recess until Friday, Feb 12th. Ron 2nd. Unanimous.