

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
February 22, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Cindy Abbott, Meredith Coffin, Phil Bloomstein, Jim Waterman, April Turner, Nathan McCann, Dylan Turner and Amanda Jamison

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Jackie Robbins reported that she thinks she cleared up property details with Freedom landowner. Ron said the tax map needs to be redrawn to reflect this.

Steve asked Jackie about her thoughts on assessing nonprofits. She said she will get them a folder from Steuben. Steve wants to be fair and consistent in assessing nonprofits.

Jim Waterman asked about a property on Smithtown Road, wondering about property lines. Jacki is going to look into this and get back to Jim.

Freedom Volunteer Fire Department: Jim Waterman reported the fire department is out for a car accident at the moment. February 19th, Jim delivered 45 food boxes. March 5<sup>th</sup> is the next food distribution date, and Jim will deliver boxes that day. On March 19<sup>th</sup> is another food distribution, Jim is unable to deliver boxes that day and is waiting to hear back from someone if he can do the deliveries on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Unity Area Regional Recycling Center: Meredith Coffin reported recycling center ready to take glass on March 2nd. Meredith mentioned the EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) Bill that was introduced to the Maine State legislature. This bill would extend responsibility to the producer/manufacturer of packaging and how much it contributes to the waste stream.

Ron and Steve let Meredith know they would like to meet with Mike Carroll from MRC.

Public Works: Travis is out plowing.

Ron made a motion to accept minutes as corrected and place them on file. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Treasurer's Report: Payroll Warrant \$7,101.90, A/P Warrant \$2,790.76, the ending checkbook balance is \$258,257.66.

Steve made a motion to approve Treasurer's report for Payroll in amount of \$7,101.90, A/P Warrant in the amount of \$2,790.76, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous.

Town Clerk: Cindy reported that Ellie Hess and Laura Greeley took out papers for School Board Representative. Papers must be turned in by March 12th.

Cindy is going to set up a Zoom meeting for election clerks that would be about an hour long. Cindy needs permission to have Amanda set it up for March 5<sup>th</sup>. Cindy said that it has been asked if people will be wearing masks to vote. It is posted outside and in the building that masks are required. Steve asked Cindy to clarify if it is State Law to wear a mask while in the building to vote.

Steve and Ron said they need to create a policy in regards to Freedom's Town Clerk registering vehicles for other towns. Cindy will reach out to other towns that do this and send out to the Select Board what she finds out.

Steve asked if anything has come in about the towing claim? Cindy said no. Ron asked Cindy to check on this.

Planning Board: Steve reported that the Planning Board would like to make a change to the Commercial Review Ordinance. Therefore the town would need to have two meetings but could be on the same day, town meeting and a hearing and vote on the ordinance change. Town Meeting will be at a later date in the Spring. The meeting will not be at Mt. View.

Historical Society: They've made a request to have their funds in their special account transferred over to them. After talking with the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer, the Select Board believes the Historical Society should be treated just like the fire department. Both are nonprofits that work for the town and the town appropriates money to these every year. Ron suggests to leave it as it is. Steve will relay this to the Historical society.

Recreation Committee: no report

Old Business: Ron discovered that the furnaces in fire department, town office and town garage have not been serviced since 2019. Ron called Haskells to have them serviced. All three furnaces are scheduled to be serviced on Monday.

Cindy showed discoloration in the water at the Town Office. Jim reports the same thing in the fire department. Ron called Andy Shute who will check on this tomorrow morning.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison