

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
March 22, 2021

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

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported that the paper work for Waldo County Mutual Aid agreement in the town office awaiting Select Board signature.

Public Works: Travis Price scheduled two appointments with contractors in regards to paving Goosepecker Ridge Road. Travis said Maine Drilling and Blasting will come Wednesday to look at site at Skidgell Lot. Travis is also exploring renting a piece of equipment from Eagle Rental to do this work.

Citizen's Issues: Elaine Higgins asked if Cindy Abbott would post the National Weather Service's Weather Spotter Training on facebook to inform Freedom residents about this opportunity.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported that the first Payroll Warrant is in the amount of \$2,459.40 and the second Payroll Warrant is in the amount of \$3,398.07. The A/P Warrant in the amount of \$64,457.73, which includes a school payment. The ending checkbook balance is \$201,967.00. Elaine made a motion to accept the first Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$2,459.40 and the second Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,398.07 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$64,457.73, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Ron welcomed Dyann to the Town as Treasurer.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector: Cindy Abbott reported she has been working on pre 30 day notices. Ron suggested having a meeting with Jackie Robbins, the Board, Trevor and Cindy for the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>. Account 34 is now town property, the Board needs to discuss what they want to do with that property. There are \$2,304.07 in back taxes due. Ron said there needs to be research done about this lot.

Steve made a motion to accept minutes from March 8, 2021 and place them on file, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous.

Steve made a motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2021 as amended, Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

School Board Representative: Cindy reported that she received papers from Ellie Hess.

Solid Waste: Ron reported that meeting with Mike Caroll did not happen last week.

Budget Committee: Steve will call a meeting of the Budget Committee for the middle of April.

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Historical Society: The Board talked about creating a Select Board policy about Town artifacts. Elaine said there are other policies to look at and edit as well. Select Board workshop set for April 7 at 9am.

Recreation Committee: Cindy reported the committee met by Zoom and decided to do a drive thru Easter egg hunt. Girl, boy and baby basket drawings will be advertised on Facebook and a bicycle drawing. March 31<sup>st</sup> 4-5pm for drive thru hunt, and the Easter bunny will be there.

Cemetery Committee: Work to replace a few stones at the Spinney Cemetery is still pending.

Old Business: Amanda Jamison reported that she is meeting with Tammy MacTaggart tomorrow evening to learn about the work Tammy has done on creating a new website for the town.

Steve Bennett reported the Planning Board has proposals for two amendments to ordinances. In addition, there is a proposal for a Town Charter and another proposal to do a survey of the Skidgell Property.

New Business: Conference call this Wednesday or Thursday with R.H.R. Smith regarding fixed assets, roads. Ron said the short audit has been done. Ron asked if the questions regarding the audit have been answered. Ron will check on this.

Steve said the Board needs to work with Jacki Robbins about how to tax nonprofits.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison