

**APPROVED MINUTES  
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:10 pm

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance were Erna, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Scott Holmes, Prentis Grassi, and Joe Thornhill

**REVIEW MINUTES:** Minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 were reviewed. Steve/Ken, made motions, to accept with few minor corrections (spelling & into Steve's basement-yard) and place on file; motions passed.

**CITIZEN'S ISSUES:**

- Joe Thornhill came to selectmen as member of Freedom North Star Riders Snowmobile Club about a municipal grant program.
- Has also been offered a lease on use of the groomer {used on Frye Mtn}
- Need a selectmen to sign to accept monies for club thru town
- Steve: Who is in club?
- Joe: There are 13 members: Paul Flynn treasurer, Joe Thornhill & John Thornhill
- Ken: There was alot of comments last year about how nice the trails have been.
- Ron: How many miles
- Joe: It covers 11 miles of trails
- Steve: How much money do you receive from Grant?
- Joe: Around \$450 per mile, plus our club has around \$5000 in the bank. State is going to lease us the groomer
- Joe: The cost of membership is \$10 per member to club and \$15 to MSA
- Ken: Snowmobilers bring money to the area
- **Steve/Ken** made motion to accept any money coming in for snowmobile club from Dept of Agriculture and disperse back to club to use for the maintenance of trails. (All in favor)

**TREASURER:**

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant..... \$1,753.84  
A/P Warrant..... \$14,212.83  
Ending checkbook balance.....\$ 683,320.82

- Payroll Warrant this week is \$1,753.94 (clerk, treasurer, cleaning lady, secretary & road crew)
- A/P this week is \$14,212.83
- **Ending Checkbook balance.....\$683,320.82**
- Vernice will be here December 7th @ noon and December 8th all day for the pre audit.
- Ken-Voting Booths? **Ken will look at to see about making user friendly. Might be another project for Tom Stout if he is interested.**
- Pepsi Cooler still needs to be removed-Maybe we can move to snack shack or town garage. **Ron will call salesman on this to get them to come get it.**

- MMA Convention speaker- John Baryllick (Killer Show: Lessons from the Station Nightclub Fire was amazing) The Fire Marshall's office did a demonstration on two rooms. One without a sprinkler, one with... WOW
- Efficiency of Maine (<http://www.efficiencymaine.com/>) had a booth at convention and we talked about how anyone that is interested in a heat pump or others heating items, could go to website and get a loan and rebates. This is great info to get out to the public.
- We learned alot of interesting stuff, plus some not so interesting. There was a ton of vendors that the town deals with and you can talk to face to face.
- I sent an email in response to Chris Seavey (Maritime Energy) to let him know selectmen went with Haskell's this year and thanked them for their years of service. He asked what the town locked in for price (10-20 cents below market value- didn't lock a price)

**Ken/Steve** moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed. (All in favor)

**Ken/Steve** moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed. (All in favor)

#### **TOWN CLERK:**

Cindy left for selectmen:

- State of Maine Surplus- preregistration
- Steve/Ken motion to add 3 selectmen, clerk & treasurer to list and have the chairman sign as town's representative. (All in Favor)
- Cindy also requested signing up for a shredding service
- Selectmen tabled until they could talk to Cindy more about this. How often we would use this and how much we have to shred.
- Erna stated "There are years and years of paperwork that needs to be shredded. Some dating back to 1996. There is a list of what can and can't be shredded that the town will need to follow.
- Steve: Financials
- Erna: No, and banking statements is kept in the vault and will not be shredded.
- Message Board pricing- discussion... Leave until Tom can look at to see if this is something he would also do. (Along with the post office door, floor and election booths)

#### **FIRE DEPT:**

- Ken asked Jim "Now that Skidgell's has leveled buildings and it is all located on foundation, Can it be burnt?"
- Jim: No, not without contacting DEP.
- Ken: Jackie will do the follow up
- Ron: Jackie was there Friday but we don't have any report from her yet.
- Jim: That is a big pile of debris, It would burn a long time
- Ron: When the EPA was there they stated that they had gotten out as much as they could for toxic items
- Mildred and her sister carried out stuff for days to them, because EPA couldn't go into the unsafe portion of buildings.
- 10,000 cu yd or ft of items still there that wasn't toxic according to EPA
- They have hauled 3 or 4 truckloads of just windows from there the past few days.
- Steve: We can call DEP and ask about Brownfield's.
- Ron: We don't own that property, that would be up to Mildred to do.

- Jim: Thursday night at firehouse is a WCFFA meeting at 7, DEP will be there then

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS:**

- Discussion on wages for winter plowing
- \$18 per hour

#### **ASSESSOR'S:**

- Ken will write letter about poverty abatement denial.

#### **ACO:**

- Scott Holmes explained that he received another complaint on Prentis Grassi' dog
- He had given Prentis a final warning last year after being there on several complaints
- So he served Prentis a summons and Prentis was upset so we are here to find out what the selectmen wants done.
- Prentis: Scott has been to my house with complaints last year. I guess I expected a warning this year before a summons. The dog is shared between two houses and I have had a hard time keeping him on property.
- Ken: We have been pretty clear with other dog owners that have been in question this year.
- Marilyn asked Scott about dog on Rollins Road
- Sallyann: What does a summons consist of?
- Scott: Court, then judge decides either yes or no on a fine
- Steve: Scott we appreciate you doing your job but I think if Prentis says he will do something then he will.
- Scott: So tear up the summons and give Prentis a written notice with a warning?
- Ken: For the record- Prentis your dog went for a walk with me when I was looking for the deer I hit in town. I never expected a deer to be there. Discussion of comments that had been made at Freedom General about dog.
- Ron: I would prefer to have Prentis use the money that he would pay for a fine to make a barricade, fence or area with a chain.
- **Ron/Steve** made motion for Scott to rip up summons, give Prentis written notice and for Prentis to do his due diligence. (All in favor)
- Ken: I would like to go on record as stating "If Prentis' dog has another complaint then Scott needs to give him a summons."

#### **PLANNING BOARD:**

- Contacted MMA & Kristin Collins about the hearing w/vote on the dam.
- MMA wouldn't comment
- Kristin Collins-Reluctant to make a decision on same day hearing & vote.
- Planning Board needs to ask selectmen before contacting town attorney

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Referendum voting- Steve asked Prentis his opinion
- Prentis: Vote by ballot for selectmen
- Steve: Knox is having a special town meeting to find out if town is interested in voting from the floor day of town meeting for selectmen.
- Steve: Talked with Mildred Skidgell. They are down tearing down building (left little standing) and pushed stuff into the foundation
- Ron: Mildred said the stuff that has been leveled will be contained.

- Steve: 50% is lumber, can it now be burnt?
- Ron: We will ask Jim.

Freedom Development Corp LLC???

- Still haven't come up with name
- Steve met with Paul
- The interest in LLC is to buy a building and improve buildings/location in the town
- Looking for new members
- Ron & Ken asked How much to get involved?
- Around \$50.00 a person
- Paul is talking to attorney this week to get info.

**Dam Project:**

- Ron will contact Clayton about any progress & report next meeting

**Ken/Ron motion to adjourn meeting 8:07 pm**

**Next Regular meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 @ 6:00 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Secretary**

Ernestine Keller