

Meeting Agenda
Freedom Board of Selectmen
Date: 12/12/2022
Minutes approved 12/19/2022

In attendance: Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Elaine Higgins, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Tyler Hadyniak (via zoom), Beth Owen-Mishou

1. Call Meeting to Order / Finalize Agenda: 6:04 pm Ron called the meeting to order.
2. Review and Approve Minutes: Secretary's Report: Steve made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Elaine seconded. All approved.
3. Fire Chief & EMA Director Reports: Jim Waterman
 - o 16 Christmas boxes to be delivered on the 17th. Jim will pick up at the Wentworth Store.
 - o Jim received a check for \$2945.90 should have been \$3120.18. Ron will bring the contract with him when he goes to speak with them.
 - o Called on the propane generator they have \$2570, $\frac{1}{3}$ deposit, it may not be installed until the end of February. This came out of the reserve account. The company requested a W-9 for tax purposes and the town wanted a copy of the company's insurance policy. This has all been received.
 - o Jim is considering installing a diesel fuel tank at the fire station since the General Store is closing. He will be researching cost and installation. For the time being he will be using the WEX cards at Hilltop for diesel and gas.
 - o DEP was at the General store investigating a gasoline leak into an adjacent property's basement.
4. Public Works Director Report: Travis Price
 - o Invoice came through that Travis had requested not to be paid that now needs to be paid. Approximately \$300+
 - o Questioned the money in Line 50, summer roads account. He asked for clarification due to the upcoming budget meeting.
 - o Viking Cives invoice needs to be paid
 - o Travis expressed concern about the solid waste costs due to the spring clean up 195 gallons for spring clean up \$877 more would need to be added.
 - o Truck people, Mike Robinson, caterpillar mechanic, new wiring harness on the head, casting that handles oil pressure, codes say that there are leaking oil pressure in the housings. They are putting in 2 more new housings and it should be done before the end of the week. \$1400 per housing. The company that the truck was purchased from should cover the costs.
 - o Dave Bennett asked that Travis take a look at the fire truck.
 - o Number 4 is ready with the sander and plow.
 - o Number 8 is ready as well.

- Uniforms will cost \$1714.96 per year if the prices remain static. Plus the \$200 shoe stipend per year per person.
 - Ron asked about fire sensors at the maintenance department. Seacoast asked about these.
5. Treasurer's Report:
- Payroll Warrant: \$5005.59 / A/P Warrant \$7680.52
 - Waiting on Trio to fix some accounts
 - All will be signed up for the Marijuana class
 - Elaine made a motion that Cindy go to logitech and purchase a camera and microphone combination and use the credit card for the purchase up to \$90. Steve seconded it and all approved.
 - Steve asked about the bill he received from workers comp. Steve will call them to determine if this is accurate.
 - Property and Casualty bill for \$10,000 due at the end of January.
 - Steve asked about what has been paid for each of these to date as the numbers are not adding up. Steve has asked Karen to look into these.
 - Karen will bring the corrected 941's and these will need to be paid. Elaine asked if the IRS has this money already. Cindy stated that the money was always in the checking account and was not sent to the IRS. It will be on next week's warrant.
 - Elaine made a motion that the payroll warrant be paid \$5005.59 and the accounts payable warrants be paid \$7680.52 Ron seconded and all approved.
 - Ron called and executive session for 1 M.R.S.A. @ 405(6A) 1 M.R.S.A (6e) For a personnel / legal matter
 - Came out of executive session at 8:10 pm
 - Ron made a motion that they hire Cindy to be the treasurer until they hire someone after the town meeting and the compensation will be determined by the select board. Elaine seconded this and all agreed.
 - The wage scale for the public works employee was increased. Steve made a motion to sign the 20-22 wage scale so the public works employees wages could be raised. Ron seconded it and all agreed.
6. Town Clerk & Tax Collector Report:
7. Citizen's Issues and Questions:
- Beth Owen-Mishou asked about the overpayment of taxes and Cindy will be looking into this tomorrow.
8. Review Correspondence:
- No vote was submitted to the MRRC board.
9. Town Officials Reports
- Code Enforcement Officer:
 - Code enforcement is working on a few properties in town.
 - Health Official
 - School Board Director

- General Assistance Officer
 - Plumbing Inspector
 - Solid Waste Director
 - Animal Control Officer
10. Town Boards & Committee Reports:
- Planning Board
 - Recreational Committee:
 - Are doing drawing on kids stockings and will be on the Facebook page.
 - Appeals Board
 - Charter Committee:
 - Report from Tim Biggs: that they would not be making it before the town meetings.
 - Historical Society:
 - Website: files for town have been closed
 - Cemetery Committee
 - Budget Committee
 - CDAC Committee: Wednesday night there is a meeting. Alexis Bennett and Luna Chickadee will be joining the committee. Wilson continues to work on a grant.
11. Old Business:
- Steve called Kelly Mitchel Stacey, Mitchell Roofing, but noticed someone working on the roof at the post office.
 - Toni Grassi responded to the letter sent to him and will contact others to let them know about the town's request regarding winter road regulations.
 - Job Descriptions were given to Cindy after having been voted on. The following are now in the job description book. These should be dated. The old ones were removed. There are a number of other job descriptions that need to be updated. The following have been completed:
 - Public Works Director
 - Public Works Assistance
 - General Maintenance Person
 - Solid Waste Personnel
 - Select Board Secretary
 - Spirit of America Tribute: Cindy reminded the board that they should start thinking about what the town wants.
12. New Business
- Need to schedule a workshop to work on the tax map. To be discussed next week.
13. Date of Next Meeting: 12/19/2022 6pm
14. Adjourn: At 8:35pm Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting and all agreed.