

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
August 23, 2021**

**Present:** Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Cindy Abbott, Ellie Hess, Anne-Marie Adamson and Amanda Jamison

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**FVFD:** Jim Waterman offered to pick up the town's order of dehydrated food on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He reported that all the chicken was sold at the BBQ on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ron confirmed there is a copy of the Emergency Operating Plan printed and up to date in the office. This Thursday at 9am Select Board will meet with Jim about the fire department's Capital Reserve account.

**Public Works:** Travis Price reported his progress on Town Garage addition. He installed foam board and now is ready to have the plumber come. He gave two options for the eye wash station that will be installed, one in bathroom utilizing sink faucet or out in the garage. Select Board agreed to install it outside of bathroom to be easily accessible in case of an emergency. The overhead doors will be installed on Wednesday.

**Motion** by Elaine: To have Travis get tool cabinets from junk yard and pay up to \$100. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Elaine: To go into Executive Session about a personnel matter, 1 MRSA 405(6)A at 6:44pm. Came out of Executive Session at 7:05pm.

**Citizen's Issues:** none reported

**Treasurer's Report:** Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,967.43 and the corrected A/P Warrant in the amount of \$58,663.82. The ending checkbook balance in the amount of \$357,936.68. Dyann noted a school payment was made this week. Amy Dunn trained Dyann on Sunday to get the checkbook register to match up with Trio. CNC Technologies invoice is \$113.95 for domain name. Dyann thanked Cindy and Alyssa for all their work making Saturday's parade and field day such a success. Steve asked for the balance in the Post Office fund. Dyann will look into that.

**Motion** by Steve: To approve and pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,967.43 and pay the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$58,663.82. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy Abbott presented abatement prepared by Jacki Robbins.

**Motion** by Ron: In favor of approving abatement for John Shaw who was charged for a base lot on a back lot. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Steve: To sign supplemental for Renee Ouellette. Unanimous.

**Correspondence:** Steve reported on letter received from Lorraine Overlock in regards to cemetery accounts. Select Board will meet with Lorraine tomorrow to clear all of this up.

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**Town Official Reports:**

**School Board Representative:** Ellie Hess reported there is a Back to School committee with teachers and administrators on it planning the return to school. The school opted not to participate in the pooled testing program due to shortage of personnel to administer the program. The school will be open five days a week, no remote option and universal masking indoors. Liberty School was put on the list of “high needs” schools a number of years ago, in terms of the condition of the physical structure. The School Board is discussing the possible need to replace or do something about the school in the next two years. The bus garage at the Mt. View Complex is tilting due to the foundation rotting. Elaine suggested that she would like to see all students at some point during 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade learn the curriculum that immigrants need to learn to become a U.S. citizen.

**Recreation Committee:** Cindy Abbott reported that Saturday’s parade and field day went well. The committee collected \$90 from vendors, \$110 from concessions and \$26.75 from the yard sale. The committee gave away a few backpacks to school aged children. The committee is looking into purchasing a sign to be placed in front of the Town Office and talking about a drive thru Trunk or Treat.

**Old Business:**

Special Town Meeting date was changed to Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10am to be held in the Public Works Salt Sand Shed building. The Select Board worked on letter to inform town’s people of special town meeting and worked on the wording of the Warrant. Steve will send entire warrant to Bill Kelly for review.

**Motion** by Ron: For Amanda to institute new website. Unanimous.  
Select Board requested that Amanda preserve a copy of the old website for Historical Society. Frances Walker offered to be a consultant on how to preserve a copy of the old website.

Steve showed draft letter to Deer Hill residents. Select Board decided to take this up at the next meeting.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Jamison