

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes November 1, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Dyann Anderson, Jim Waterman, Travis Price and Amanda Jamison.

Present via Zoom: Tyler Hadyniak and Anne-Marie Adamson.

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

Motion by Steve: To accept minutes from October 25 Select Board and place them on file. Unanimous.

FVFD: Jim Waterman said he noticed a new home in Freedom and wants to make sure all homes get a 911 address. Hunter's Breakfast is on Saturday, November 13th from 5am – 10am. Jim is currently collecting data from volunteer fire fighters for the Department of Labor about Covid-19 vaccinations. He needs to get dates of shots and vaccine maker. All unvaccinated volunteers can not do CPR. Jim said he and Hank Elkins are inspecting fire uniforms. These inspections happen once a year and are recorded in training gear.

Public Works: Travis Price asked about driveway permits. He noticed new driveways on Smithton Road and Greeley Road that do not have a driveway permit. Ron will contact Jackie to take action about these two driveways. Elaine wrote a draft of protocols for Building Permit Schedule to clarify this. Select Board will look this document over and finalize at next week's meeting. It was suggested this information, once finalized, should go on Town website and in the next town mailing. Travis contacted paving company about paving around town garage addition. Travis working in shop and will put snow tires on Truck #6.

Motion by Steve: To go into Executive Session for a Legal Matter, 1 MRSA 405(6)E about information received from Town Attorney and Ron brought up a Personnel Matter, 1 MRSA 405(6)A at 7pm. Elaine 2nd. Unanimous.

At 7:20pm Select Board resumed meeting, no decision was made in Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,621.91 and A/P Warrant in the amount of \$8,280.27. The ending checkbook balance is \$545,928.24. Dyann said she is working with Amy Dunn on the checkbook.

Motion by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,621.91 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$8,280.27. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Travis asked about direct deposit for paycheck. Dyann will look into this.

Citizen's Issues: Elaine said a townsperson contacted her about people on the boat landing after dark. Ron will call the Waldo County Sheriff's Department to have the boat landing on their evening patrol.

Town Clerk: Cindy Abbott stated that she is preparing for election on 11/2. Cindy has abatements and supplements prepared.

Motion by Elaine: To send Mike Smith a supplement. Steve 2nd. Unanimous.

Motion by Elaine: To sign abatement for Rene Ouelett for \$310.36 on original and \$1,609.27 on the second abatement. Ron 2nd. Unanimous.

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Discussion about Basil Barnes 9.59 acres in Freedom. Ron will ask Jackie Robbins, CEO about this and about Tom Soares property as well.

Correspondence:

Seacoast Security sent quote for installing security system at Town Garage.

Motion by Elaine: To engage Seacoast Security to install security system at Town Garage for \$1,727.00 plus \$30.00 for first quarter monitoring and take money, half from summer roads and half from winter roads.

Town Committees:

Budget Committee: Steve is working on next year's budget, and the next meeting is on Wednesday, November 17th at 6pm.

FVFD: Saturday, November 13th from 5am – 10am will host a Hunter's Breakfast.

Freedom Boosters & Recreation Committee: Cindy said the Trunk or Treat was a great event with a lot of turn out. Cindy is talking with Tyler Hadyniak to plan Veteran's Day event.

Town Charter Commission: Cindy is working on language on nomination form. Steve showed Select Board list of towns in Maine with a Town Charter. There are currently four towns in Waldo County with one: Belfast, Lincolnville, Swanville and Winterport.

New Business: Ron suggested to take money out of Post Office account to have gutter shields put on gutters at Post Office. Elaine will call and get a quote.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison