

## **Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes July 5, 2022**

**Present:** Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Travis Price, Cindy Abbott and Amanda Jamison.  
Present on Zoom: Anne-Marie Adamson

Ron Price called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**Motion** by Steve: To accept, June 27, 2022 minutes as amended place on file. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Unanimous.

**FVFD:** no report

**Public Works:** Travis Price reported he is working on Truck #4. He estimates price to fix it is around \$700 for drive shaft and parts. Since Truck #4 needs to be repaired, Travis is using his own truck. Town will need to pay Travis for mileage. Travis purchased hay for mulching at \$4.50/bale, needs around 300 bales. Travis will pick up storage trailer this Saturday from Owl's Head Transportation Museum. He purchased two tires to be able to move trailer to Freedom. Weed whip not working again, Travis recommended a 4-stroke weed whip.

**Citizen's Issues:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Abbott reported the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7,578.98 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$62,069.20. The ending checkbook balance is \$107,842.80.

Cindy reported she is still working on getting all needed information to Bangor Savings Bank Payroll to be able to switch to BSB Payroll. BSB needs Form 941 from first two quarters of 2022. Select Board advised that Ron Smith, auditor, look at 941 before sending to BSB Payroll. Cindy created spreadsheet of each employee's wages, deductions, department, etc... for BSB Payroll. Select Board said this spreadsheet will act as warrant. Cindy noted that deductions won't be added to spreadsheet until she gets report from BSB Payroll.

Cindy reported Town received second ARPA check in the amount of \$38,277.34. Select Board advised July school payment in the amount of \$56,629.86 be included in last week of July's warrant.

**Motion** by Elaine: To pay Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7,578.98 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$62,069.20. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous.

Ron had Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) form to fill out for paving done on Rollins Road, 1,100 feet and Beaver Ridge Road, 1,500 feet. Select Board signed form.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy Abbott prepared reports for Select Board. 2020 outstanding property taxes total \$29,407.82, 2021 outstanding property taxes total \$61,814.38.

Discussion about Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting. Select Board reviewed Southwestern Waldo County Broadband Coalition's Interlocal agreement. Steve feels certain language is not specific enough about payment and other funds. He wants specific language included to not hold Town's responsible in any way monetarily. Elaine said the SWWCBC is holding a Board of Directors meeting tomorrow night to hammer out an agreement for wording in the Interlocal Agreement as a few towns have expressed ideas for changes to agreement. Select Board agreed they need the finished agreement before a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting to vote on Interlocal Agreement can be scheduled.

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Discussion about Community Development Advisory Committee. Steve will seek clarification from committee at tomorrow night's meeting about Wilson Hess's request that an article be put on the warrant of the Special Town Meeting.

Steve showed Select Board draft announcement of Public Hearing on Interlocal Agreement for broadband. Steve also showed draft warrant for Special Town Meeting. Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be rescheduled once Town receives Interlocal Agreement from SWWCBC.

**Correspondence:** none

**Town Official Reports:**

**Code Enforcement Officer:** Ron will follow up with Jackie Robbins about Fisher property and Bryant Road Property. Ron will ask Jackie to write a letter to the homeowners of the Bryant Road property. Select Board will have a brief meeting with CEO, ACO and Health Officer once letter is written. Steve will follow up with Jackie about the Errors and Omissions survey she completed.

**Town Boards and Committees:**

**Cemetery Committee:** Cindy said committee will meet on July 14, 2022 at 3:30pm to visit cemeteries and see which stones need to be replaced.

**Recreation Committee:** Cindy said they are going to meet next week.

**Old Business:**

1. Steve showed draft Cemetery Policy to Select Board. Steve would like policy voted on and filed with State Statute about cemeteries and list of Freedom Cemeteries. Select Board will review and vote next week. Select Board approved letter Steve wrote to send to Mark Boudreau. Steve will bring letter next week for Select Board to sign.
2. Ron discussed need for employee policy about sick time, planned time off (PTO) and vacation time. Steve thought Ron Smith, auditor, might have a template to look at and start from. Cindy showed spreadsheet she made to keep track of sick time and vacation time.

**New Business:** none

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison