

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 13th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance were Erna, Cindy Abbott, Dave Bridges, Bob Gerrish, Ron & Barbara Littlefield, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Hilary Fleming, Meredith Coffin, Clayton Larrabee, Larry Hotham Tim Biggs and Elery King-MRC.

REVIEW MINUTES:

None

MRC- <http://mrcmaine.org/>

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&M MRC is looking for municipalities to get involved with this program by 2018 before the PERC contract runs out

&M PERC has made efforts with the state trying to continue their contract. State has shut them down

&M Based on estimated cost of electricity of electricity 30 years ago was how they came up with what towns would pay. A long term contract

&M 187 municipalities are using this facility

&M MRC was involved after the original tipping fee was set up of \$12 ton. After 2 years cost went up to \$25 ton.

&M Municipalities have tried working with PERC to drop their cost which is around \$78 ton

&M MRC is concerned what will happen, PERC wants to continue to run after 2018 but price will be somewhere around \$90 ton

&M MRC specialist says that PERC won't be able to run for \$90 ton so MRC is looking into alternative solutions

&M Fiberight Company is looking to make a contract with Hampden and would run for \$70 ton.

This is an out of state company. <http://fiberight.com/>

&M They are expecting to know by the end of the year how many towns are interested. Then they will make up contracts for the towns to take to town meeting.

&M July 29th 2015 Rockland City Hall @ 10:00 am will be a question & answer meeting

&M Ron mentioned- Craig Louder talked about products such as industrial sugars and bio fuel

&M Meredith stated that they have data from the Maryland Plant to go by and there is also a company from the Midwest with info that will be at the meeting.

&M Elery- My advice is this spring the town should be prepared to consider any options available

&M Steve asked where it would be located

&M Elery- North of the PERC landfill

&M Steve- Will they be hauling in garbage from out of state

&M Elery- No, They don't need all 180 towns to make this plant work. They will base the size of the plant on the amount of towns that sign up.

&M Steve- Can it be enlarged?

&M Elery- Yes, They will leave room for growth.

&M Meredith asked "Will they be making contracts with individual haulers?"

&M Elery- I am not sure, I would assume if contractors was interested in a long term contract

&M Meredith- Will this product be desirable

&M Yes & profitable

&M Steve-Will PERC go out of business

&M Elery- As of right now to make ends meet they are importing from out of state, and they would have to increase their price to even make ends meet.

&M Steve- How much mega watt

&M Around 75-80

&M MRC has funds for this project. Revenue that usually comes back to towns to use to reduce the cost.

&M Meredith- Our cost thru Perc is \$79.50 ton minus our rebate is \$55 ton

&M Trash should be disposed of environmentally

&M Landfills produce gases, PERC burns theirs

&M We will sort; use what is available biofuel, recycling a small % of items that would have to put in a landfill. This will all be in writing in January

&M Hilary- We don't even know yet if PERC could be competitive

&M Elery- Greg Louder # is 1-866-254-3507 for any questions that you have

&M Email glounder@mrcmaine.org

&M Meredith- PERC is looking for long term; we did 30 years last time. What is fiberight looking for towns to commit to?

&M Elery- YES, long term, but not sure how many years

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant.....	\$ 1,950.86
A/P Warrant.....	\$ 5,183.81
Checkbook Balance.....	\$315,643.11

&M Payroll Warrant this week is \$1950.86 (clerk, treasurer, deputy clerk, cleaning lady & road crew)

&M A/P this week is \$5,183.81

&M Pink sign-up sheet for elected official's class is there if interested. Waldoboro 4 pm July

&M School payments have dropped to \$48,437 per month

&M Steve/Ken moved to accept and sign the payroll in the amount stated by Ron; motion passed. All in favor.

&M Steve/Ken moved to accept and sign the AP Warrant in the amount stated by Ron; motion passed. All in favor.

&M Ron/Ken motion to accept treasurer's report

FIRE CHIEF:

&M Still haven't rec'd contract from Knox or their check

&M Asked if Rec was still having field day August 22nd and if they still want fire dept. to do chicken bbq? He will contact Cindy...

DAM COMMITTEE:

&M Dave Bridges, Tim Biggs, Clayton Larrabee & Larry Hotham was here to discuss

&M Engineering Plan- This is the 3rd and final plan. We met with FEMA and AE Hodgdon. We have been working on this for a year and half now and are in the last stages.

&M Emergency Spillway

&M Design- Put a cap over rock section, level (smooth), concrete cap about 60 feet with a wall in front. 8 inches reinforced concrete. 8 feet on one end and 6 ft. on the other

&M Fill in between the big rocks, some rocks might need to be moved around.

&M In front of damn 8ft

&M Could be done this summer but the pond will have to be lowered 2 feet for a month

&M There are trees that need to be removed (stumps)

&M Refill area

&M Clayton- In 1963 we rebuilt the damn with a gate, which is no longer there

&M Dave- estimated cost is \$25,000 but looking at additional 3000-4000 contingency

&M Prentis has given permission for the access to be from his property

&M Larry- Estimate of concrete is around 16 yards

&M Clayton- draining the pond will make a difference and will help while working on it

&M Dave- Our recommendation is to go to the town and raise the money to get it done. In our comp plan we had 4 focus groups and the most important element was the POND. Gave the town the most value

&M Dave- if you want to look for grant money I recommend using a professional.

&M Ken- because this is already July 13th would this be done next year? Or the fall?

&M Steve- I wonder if Montville would be interested in helping out.

&M Ken- Maybe Tony Grassi?

Ron & Ken- Thank You for all your hard work gentlemen

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

&M Ron- The guys have been out doing a lot of cold patching

&M I have asked 2 more contractors for the summer work estimates. The lowest amount is \$26,000. It would be the first of August before any work would be started.

&M The engineering firm will come and see what the town has for salt and sand shed and if we can use what we have.

&M My suggestion would be use the area we have. It would be costly to move. Make a counter offer on the land. Steve, you met with Mildred so what has she come up with.

&M Steve- There is an attorney looking into the Blaisdell property. The pins are in the wrong location. As it looks right now with the way pins are set the old well house is not on her property and should be according to Mildred Skidgell.

&M Buildings are a mess and a ton of bamboo. Back in the 70's it was a much larger facility that stretched a _ mile some over the river.

&M There are at least 5 to 6 acres of buildable land, could be up to as much as 12 acres. Clear up to Freedom General and there is a snowmobile bridge. (should be fixed)

&M Planning Board is looking into grants on economic development. They meet tomorrow

night. Various uses have been discussed.

&M She is interested in selling for the assessed value \$67,000. The way the property sits I can't believe it is worth that much. Town should think about all options and she is willing to sell

&M If town could get for a reasonable cost, then getting it clean up might be worth investing in

&M Ron/Ken agree that this is worth looking in to

&M Steve- build the salt and sand where it is. Is there enough room to add a bay to garage

&M Yes

Steve's report budget vs. actual for last 2 _ yrs. 26 miles of road

1. 2013

&M With salt & sand cost is \$4981.13 per mile

&M without salt & sand cost is \$3990.37 per mile

2. 2014

&M With salt & sand cost is \$4635.67 per mile

&M without salt & sand cost is \$3306.93 per mile

3. 2015- As of first 2 quarters cost per mile \$2211.28

4. Contact other towns contracts for last year and this year's info

5. Need to come up with a presentation to show to town and a budget for 2016

&M Ron Littlefield- If you put sand out to bid you could save around \$2000 a year

SOLID WASTE:

&M Local recycling center said town has increased from 35 people 2 yrs. ago to 44 people this year

&M Put a letter together for survey on composting

&M Recycling Ctr. Be interested in seeing how PERC & new company Fiberight will work with them

&M Ken asked Meredith to look into who funds MRC

OLD BUSINESS:

&M Steve- No quote from Albion on storage building, will check with Amish

&M Drug Testing-Postponed

&M Poverty Abatement- Need to get answer to them

BRW ABATEMENT:

&M 2015-2018 4 years @ 7.5% depreciation

&M 2019-2029 depreciation @ 3 _%

&M 2029 Final Town valuation will reach 35% of beginning value of project

&M 2029 – life of turbines, valuation will be \$3,455,201

&M Ron has a lease with BRW that his land will be put back to the original way it was

&M BRW said "If town was in agreement he would have their attorney write it up

&M Steve/Ken motion part #1 is to accept compromise at end value 35% (\$3,455,201) of value now is \$9,872,011

&M Part #2 is to ask Todd to have their attorney draw up something for letter of attempt and is nonbinding

&M Part #3 A separate agreement for decommissioning

&M All in favor (Ron abstained)

NEW BUSINESS:

&M Ron/Ken motion to meet every week for regular meeting from 6pm to 8pm(8:30 if needed))

All in favor

&M Sand bid \$5 per yard screened, getting other bids

&M Steve/Ken motion to authorize Ron to go forward with the summer work and salt & sand procurement. All in favor

&M Tom Clay's request for gravel on his road ... Ken/Steve motion to deny... All in favor

Ron/Ken motion to adjourn meeting 8:45 pm

Items in Red are corrections to minutes

Next AP/Warrant signing meeting will be July 20th @ 6:00 pm

Next Regular meeting will be July 27th @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Ernestine Keller