

**APPROVED MINUTES
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 28th 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ken Overlock and Steve Bennett. Also in attendance were Erna Keller, Sallyann Hadyniak, Clayton Larrabee & Derek Larrabee. (Ron Price wasn't here)

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from September 21st 2015 were reviewed. Steve/Ken made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

CITIZEN'S ISSUES:

- None

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant..... \$1536.12
A/P Warrant..... \$7697.04
Ending checkbook balance.....\$710,030.70

- Payroll Warrant this week is \$1536.12 (clerk, deputy, treasurer, cleaning lady, road crew)
- A/P this week is \$7697.04
- **Ending Checkbook balance.....\$710,030.70**
- We received a check from 2015 Withholding Tax refund of \$105.13-overpayment and USPS for September rent \$630.00
- Bob Herman came in about mileage check. He didn't pick up last week so it was mailed on Friday 9/25/2015 when I got here @ 2
- Camden National is taking over The Bank of Maine on October 15th 2015
- I met with them on Friday to go over changes and met with representative from Camden Nat'l.

Steve/Ken moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.

Steve/Ken moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

- Drug testing list given to selectmen. Selectmen said send in the way it is.
- Election Hall voting booths:
- Cindy has several different options for new 3 sided seperators, easy set up & easy tear down.
- The old ones someone has to be hired to remove them each time, they are very heavy and have to be disassembled.
- Ken: Might be old fashion but I like the curtains and privacy of the old ones. I am more relaxed.
- Ken will look at the ones we have to see if he can put hinges on them to make them easier to take down and put up.
- Cindy: I will get different models and other designs for Monday.

- Ryan Vines- looking into USB scanner to use for elections. Barcode Reader is set up for older keyboard and won't work. He is also looking into scanner to read the signature cards
- As of now I have to type in all the info from elections instead of being able to scan them in.
- I will let you know when I find out the price
- Scanner is used when a voter has been and voted either by absentee or in person. All this info needs to be added each election
- Neighbor for neighbor list and holiday gift baskets forms are in.. Selectmen looked at list took couple off and added a few.
- 34 High Street is being auctioned off
- We are also having problem with internet explorer not opening state reports. Ryan is working on fixing this problem.

FIRE DEPT:

- Fire Chief stated that the fire at Mr Smiths was either from the renters or the cleaning lady. Someone placed hot coals in the woods & it made a smudge.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

- Cindy gave the selectmen a list Contact info for 211- updates of the GA info for after office is closed
- Ken- All reports are now caught up

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

- Sibley Road-lookig at extention on culvert
- Post office- Access from Bryant road now for carriers
- Dam Contract- need to do for next Monday
- Execute the AE Hodsdon Plan
- Ken: People have commented on it not going out to bid
- Steve: Anything over \$5000 we should put out to bid and put under contract
- Cindy: Need to put in the paper and post in 3 places when you put out to bid
- Erna: Sallyann's coloumn will also work

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

ASSESSOR'S:

- Gerry Spaulding came in about the building that had been removed. It was abated last year and this year it slipped thru the cracks. Jackie will update and fix
- Poverty Abatement: Wait until next meeting when Ron is back

CEO/LPI:

- Jeff Richardson and his neighbor: Jeff is in compiance with the ordinances and has done nothing wrong.
- Jackie got call from Mildred. She has engaged a contractor to go there and start to tear down, bury & burn what she can.
- She mentioned she is doing this knowing the town has an interest. Wants to know if the town still wants?
- Steve: Never was it said that we would buy. She was told that we might be interested
- Ken: Steve would you call her
- Steve: Still keeping an eye on post office & land beside it, talking with Michelle Kelley.

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE:

- Halloween Party October 25th

- Christmas Craft Fair December

PLANNING BOARD:

- Wind Ordinance: They are working on hearing and vote
- Steve: This will have a little more notice than the Dam hearing

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

- Kim Holmes called Steve- out of the 3 foot stones only 1 was usable
- Erna- not sure why, Scott picked up all 3 here and they was all the same size
- Steve- I think the cemetery committee owes a report to people in town in town report with a status on what is left to do
- Kim also mentioned push mower was still in Bradstreet cemetery.
- Erna- No it was removed weeks ago and is behind the office
- Cindy- Contacted Laura Patterson about tje wood
- The Hannah stone needs to be replaced
- Erna- It would be nice to pay someone to mow & weedwack the old cemeteries. It has been done by a few volunteers. We pay 1200 a year for Pleasant Hill and I think it is time for the other cemeteries to have the same respect instead of expecting it always to be done for free. That's why they was in the condition they was in when Cindy and I started this project. I am very grateful for the volunteers (Steve & Kim Holmes, Scott Holmes, Lisa Smith, Tim Abbott, Kevin, Derek and Dylan Keller)

Budget Committee:

- Ken: These will start in November
- Steve: The budget committee doesn't have an ordinance and is not a legal. I would like to see an ordinance with 3 selectmen and 4 elected committee members
- Erna: So you want to go from 11-15 people
- Ken: So why would we do this
- Steve: I have had people say that they dont feel they are heard the way it is
- discussion on elections, referendums & budget committee
- Ken: Truer reflection of town to have referendum vote
- Steve: Most democratic- Life is harder for middle class

Ken/Steve motion to adjourn meeting 8:30 pm

Next Regular meeting will be October 5th 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Ernestine Keller