

**Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
August 9, 2021**

**Present:** Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson, Cindy Abbott, Tyler Hadyniak and Amanda Jamison

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

**Motion** by Steve: To approve August 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as presented and place them on file. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Public Works:** Travis Price said he will be done insulating Town Garage addition tomorrow. The ceiling will be ready to have the sheetrock hung. The internet and phone lines have been installed.

**Motion** by Elaine: To authorize Travis to buy sheetrock and to pay \$750 for hanging, taping and mudding the sheetrock and to put the installers on as employees of the Town. Unanimous. Travis will finish Beaver Ridge cold patch tomorrow, rent an asphalt cutter on Wednesday and replace a culvert on Thursday. Travis updated his work schedule. He will work August 23 & 24 and take vacation on August 25 & 26. Discussion about Deer Hill Road. Select Board agreed to send Steve Bennett's letter, that he drafted to send to residents on Deer Hill Road, to Bill Kelly first, along with information on ditching and cutting trees provided in MMA email to Steve. Steve said the additional insurance on Public Works garage covers the building up to \$287,043 now, and he added \$20,000 to contents coverage. MMA will not charge this year for this additional coverage. In 2022 the Town will be charged an extra \$138 "contribution" for additional insurance coverage of Public Works Town Garage.

**Citizen's Issues:** Steve discussed the Black Hills stock dividends. These dividends are paid quarterly and going into special revenue account for twenty years. It does appear the money is going into Smithton Cemetery Account which had \$3,392.24 as reported on the 2020 Annual Town Report. Steve would like to set up meeting with Lorraine Overlock and the association to clarify all of this. Select Board agreed to Steve setting up a meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dyann Anderson reported the first Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,507.04 and a second Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$691.74. Total Payroll combined this week is \$4,198.78. The A/P Warrant is in the amount of \$12,622.84. The ending checkbook balance is \$295,215.36.

**Motion** by Elaine: To approve and pay first Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,507.04 and the second Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$691.74 and pay the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$12,622.84. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Cindy Abbott presented correspondence to Select Board.

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**Correspondence:** Ron reported the following correspondence:

- County Budget, District 3, Official Ballot for Budget Committee nominates Elaine Higgins to serve a three-year term.
  - **Motion** by Ron: To have Elaine Higgins serve on Budget Committee for District 3, Elaine abstained, Ron and Steve voted affirmative.
- Letter from Waldo County letting municipalities know that they will receive a \$20,000 check mailed on 8/31 from County share of the American Recovery Act.
- Letter from Department of Transportation regarding an increase in federal funding for infrastructure depending on progress of infrastructure bill in the U.S. Congress.
- Letter from Dale Rowley – September is Preparedness Month. Order form to purchase dehydrated foods. Ron will speak with Jim Waterman about this next week.
- Letter from Kennebec Valley Chamber of Government (KVCOG) requesting up to two nominations from the town to attend meetings. The Select Board will submit Elaine Higgins name.
- Letter from Dale Rowley that on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:20pm FEMA will conduct a test wireless alert.
- Letter from MMA in regard to conducting a fiscal data collection survey. Ron will try to complete it online.

### Town Official Reports:

**Solid Waste:** Ron reported he read an article that the sale of Fiberright to Delta Thermo is stalled because Delta Thermo has not been able to secure financing for the purchase.

**Planning Board:** not meeting this month

**Recreation Committee:** Cindy Abbott reported update on planning for August 21<sup>st</sup> Parade and Field Day.

**Motion** by Elaine: To allow Recreation Committee to use the debit card to get supplies for Field Day. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Budget Committee:** Next meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Old Business:** Steve will draft language for warrant for Special Town Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will send it to the Select Board for to edit.

Steve said gate is down on Rollins Road and the large pile of dirt has been moved. The signs placed on either side of the road may lead someone to think that the road is private. Steve said the road was discontinued to maintenance but not to public access.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Jamison