

**APPROVED MINUTES/FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
April 6th 2015 REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Ken Overlock. Also in attendance was Erna, Cindy Abbott, Dave Bridges, Bob Gerrish, Ron & Barbara Littlefield, Joe Freeman, Sallyann Hadyniak, Marilyn Perry, Jim Waterman & Rebecca Howard from Beaver Ridge.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

Discussion on how minutes are written.  
Steve had a few concerns about the detail & length.  
Minutes will continue as usual but will try not to make as lengthy.  
Meetings are running about an hour or longer than last years.

Minutes from March 23rd 2015 were reviewed. Steve has talked to Myrick about a new lawyer. Ken/Steve, made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

Minutes from March 30th 2015 were reviewed.  
Ken/Steve, made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed.

**CITIZEN'S ISSUES:**

Bob Gerrish had question about what money was spent in Town's Capital Account.  
Erna explained which page to find this info on in town report.  
Discussion on capital improvements account money that had been spent on election hall and EMA office.  
Steve will check with Auditor & MMA on Capital Accounts and if need to go back to town meeting to spend any.  
Ken stated that if a town meeting is needed then this would be for all Capital Accounts.  
Ron stated that in years past fire dept. has come to selectmen with a request for radios, pagers, turnout gear, etc... The select board has approved these purchases in their regular meetings.  
Bob also mentioned that Windmills was very loud. Louder than his TV  
Rebecca replied "Tom & I was on way here to meet with you but he got an urgent call-family emergency. He would like Bob to contact him- sorry he couldn't be here."

**TREASURER:**

Erna reported:  
Payroll Warrant..... \$ 4,303.65  
A/P Warrant..... \$ 12,107.63

Payroll Warrant this week is \$4,303.65 (clerk, selectmen, treasurer, ceo & lpi, road crew)  
A/P this week is \$12,107.63

We received a check from IRS for 941 on 6/2014 refund 2028.13... I have called them and still have no idea why they are returning this. Hope to hear this week

I have done a report for Gerry Spaulding about the Post Office. I have given each of you a copy. Last Thursday I worked on this from 2-5pm

Bob Gerrish- Bob has mentioned to the selectmen about bank account info being different and that URIP was mostly spent as salary. I have printed out info for Bob about each... with a copy for all of the selectmen too. Bank Account info I have listed is Revenue (pg. 44)-Expenses (pg. 41 & 42) = Total in bank as of 12/31/2014 (pg. 26). Also if you look under my report pg. 36 #24-URIP the salary total is \$2,778.43 plus Contracted Services \$25,197.57 for a total of \$27,976.00

Ken-there is a GA Report for March in your pile

Did Dave return items that we paid for? 10 print sleeves & brass fasteners- Copies of building permits

Sign Out Sheet for Town Credit Card? Who takes it out, date & time and where it will be used...

With a sign back in Who returned with Time, date Discussion

Steve/Ken made motion to continue use of card as discussed in treasurer's report. All in favor

Copy of 2014 Workers Comp Audit needs to be filed. In Ron's pile

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

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

Ron/Ken motion to accept treasurer's report as amended.

#### TOWN CLERK:

Cindy gave selectmen a list of personal property still outstanding discussion

Ken/Ron motion to no longer assess Personal property from here forward (2015) and folks in rear for outstanding personal property will still receive a bill for any outstanding personal property until paid off. All in favor

Spring Clean Up Ron/Ken motion to approve June 6th 2015 as date... All in favor

Cindy showed a list of amounts that credit cards have been used

Outstanding Taxes 2014 There are still 105 accts not paid

Wednesday April 15th 2015 from 8:30-2:30 Mt View Student volunteers will be here to work.

Some items to be worked on are cleaning snack shack, washing windows- inside & out, and the trail that we are trying to meet The Sheepscot Trail.

MMA Grants & Scholarship: items to address is eye wash station, safety vests, road hazard cones, helmets & face shields for chain saw, hearing protection

MSDA/OSHA Training Book- went over Emergency Action Plan & Had selectmen, treasurer, clerk & secretary to sign

Appointments

Jackie for plumbing- approved by selectmen

Planning Board – one open spot to still be filled (POST-Cindy will do this)

Appeal Board- need to contact each member to see if they still want the position. If not need to post opening

Comp Plan- Dave Bridges still wants to be member

Librarian- Glen Bridges is still interested

Flags- Have ordered 16 dozen for cemetery

#### FIRE DEPT:

Jim reported that Truck #2 Freightliner rear door has been fixed and the bill was \$1500. Jim gave to Steve to ask MMA about when talking to risk management

Jim would like any amount over what MMA insurance to pay to come out of maintenance fund

Kenny asked what Thorndike Fire Dept. would be responsible for?

Jim stated that fire dept. needs 2 new pagers and would like to get them from Yankee

Communications cost is \$415 each and have them paid out of FVFD Capital Improvement Account

Ron/Ken motion to approve the purchase

Ron asked Jim If Town is responsible to have signs at the end of a lane?

Jim replied "Yes, we are required to have the signs even at the end of a lane."

Jim also stated "There will be new changes to the 911 addressing, they are going all electronic.

They have started classes but they are during the day. He has requested a night class."

#### GENERAL ASSISTANCE:

Ken has paperwork up to date

#### ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

Toby Farrington will be here to grade roads sometime in the first 2 weeks of May and would be available to work on ditching around 1st or 2nd week of June

Loader- Is now legal to drive on road. Bucket still hasn't been completed due to weatherman calling for snow.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

#### ASSESSOR'S:

Next Monday at AP/Payroll meeting will talk list Cindy has been working on. Also Jackie will be here to help with any questions.

#### CEO/LPI:

#### SCHOOL BOARD:

Steve reported that spending is going up 7 tenths of a %, 1/2 million, 4.45% State Contributions less to school is the reason for increase

#### HISTORICAL:

#### RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE:

#### ACO:

Raccoon hanging around in the village

#### EMA:

Ron mentioned there is an EMA Hazard Migration meeting coming up April 9th 2015 and was wondering if anyone knows if Christine Spaulding will be attending.

This meeting is also open to selectmen to go- Steve will call Christine and might be able to go

#### DAM COMMITTEE:

Dave Bridges reported that he met with an engineer from AE Hodgdon

There is an alternative plan that is better and less expensive than previous. Need to cut a few trees off the rock damn (still frozen at this point), bring fill in & compact, cap stone dam with concrete with a depression on the spillway.

Drawing up another set of sketches for \$500

Engineer asked if town could get a general contractor to get an actual estimate maybe from Clayton Larrabee.

Dave has called Clayton and he is willing to meet

Ken suggests putting it out for bid-so more contractors can weigh in and we can get a better deal

Cindy mentioned Town needs to post in paper and 3 areas in town

Steve stated we will need the specs for contractors to bid

Ken asked "If new sketches was stamped for construction?"

Dave also mentioned that MMA is having a GRANT WRITING seminar on April 9th from 8-4 and would like permission to attend if selectmen are interested.

Ken/Steve motion for Dave Bridges to attend Grant Writing Class & to ask for funding by writing grants for Dam and maybe other identities. All in favor.

Ken mentioned that if town employees could get to where the trees need to be cut then he has an ice auger to check the deepness of the ice and a 4 wheeler that they can use

Ron asked Joe if he would be willing to help Glenn Sporie to see if it would be possible

Ron will oversee the trees & Joe will report back to him

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Ramp needs to have pavement in front of election hall fixed

Ron will call Dave Schofield about items that still need to be brought back

Tingley Property:

3 options- hold sealed bid, public auction or raffle

Cindy will contact state about requirements

Talk about findings at public works meeting

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Steve has a list that he had Cindy call other offices about getting base lots & wood lots discussion followed

Bring up to Mike Rogers at the Beaver Ridge Abatement meeting for his input

Ron/Ken motion to adjourn meeting 9:05 pm

Next AP/Warrant signing meeting will be April 13th @ 6:00 pm

Next Regular meeting will be April 20th @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary  
Ernestine Keller