

Freedom Selectmen
12/30/19

Present: Cindy Abbott, Alyssa Brugger, Erna Kellar, Jim Watermen, Elaine Higgins, Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Ron Price, Travis Price, Meredith Coffin, David Bridges, Joe Freeman, Nathan Mccann.

Selectmen secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.
Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Fire Chief Jim Watermen, residence has been taken care of and now has successful sanitation. Andy Shute (plumber) not charging for his services. CMCR \$13,017, recovered \$4,673, unless something happens tonight. Last meeting for fire department, up for elections and annual fit testing. Possible outside agency for hose testing and ladder inspection. Fail Safe out of New Jersey presently test surrounding towns, less than \$2,500 for town.

Public Works Travis presented new body ready to go. New employee doing well. Reviewing amended budget for public works, big change was removing any big road projects out- no paving this year. Total tax budget \$246,200, last year \$249,080, take the paving bond out of taxes this year. Total budget for 2020 with bond included would be \$332,145. Need to increase our fund balance. What's the plan going forward after bond is completed? We will be behind with road maintenance. \$45,000 to service Smithton Rd. \$30 per foot quote for material from Pike to work on Mitchell/Smithton Rd. Further discussion at budget meeting tomorrow morning. Money to replace roof of town garage, we are at point we are maintaining versus repairing.

Erna presents the Treasures Report, see attached sheet. Closing at noon, end of the year paperwork finalization. Executive discussion 1 MRSA 405 (6) F from 6:48pm to 7:20pm. No decisions were made. Amended \$5470.47 omitting \$253 payment to Dytek Financial, new balance \$5, 217.47. Brian makes motion Ron seconds, unanimous.

Cindy requests executive session 1 MRSA 405 (6) F from 7:45pm to 7:52pm, Ron makes motion, Steve seconds it, unanimous. Minimum wage increasing to \$12 an hour after 1/1/20.

MMA insurance audit scheduled for 1/20. Erna calling and rescheduling for a later date.

Town Official Reports, Meredith speaking on Tammy's behalf: Will there be a letter regarding withdraw from Unity recycling? Brian wrote letter to start withdrawal process. Will it be on warrant? Yes, it will be. Meredith reporting back from Unity Recycling, possible options in the future will be different plastics, and glass. Steve makes motion and Brian seconds to send letter, unanimous.

Town Clerk Cindy presenting tax information: Receipt Summary report, see attached sheet. Excise tax report 2018 and 2019, see attached sheet. 2019 taxes sheet, see attached. 2017 tax

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lien accounts, need to be paid by February or properties become towns.

Planning Board, new member needs to come in and be sworn in.

Historical Society nothing to present.

Freedom Parks and Rec. partnering up with Historical Society for Winter Fest February 1st

Appeals Board nothing to present.

Cemetery Committee nothing to present.

Old Business: Steve presenting Post Office lease information, supposed increase \$2,000, with a 4% commission over 5 years, letter from "JLL" in Washington D.C. did not respond to phone calls. Multiple scam letters requesting new leases. Lease does not expire until 2021.

Reminder about solar workshop 1/14/20.

Other news: Brian has a letter from Subsurface waste water, possibly for Jackie? Budget Committee ordinance, looks good. Beaver Ridge, waiting on lawyer's response. Quote from CIA, digitizing tax maps in the future. LD1 figure figured out, further discussion.

Vehicle weight signs posted soon. Pedestrian safety program through state, expertise in the DOT. Evaluate possible safety options near grange.

Montville plowing, have not addressed the bill yet, almost \$6,000 dollars for 2018/2019 plowing for 2/110 of a mile and 400' feet.

Ron makes motion and Brian seconds, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

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12/23/19

Present: Steve Bennett, Joe Freeman, Dave Bridges, Cindy Abbott, Erna Kellar, Alyssa Brugger, Ron Price, Travis Price, Nathan Mccann.

Selectmen secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.
Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

Fire Chief Jim Watermen presented letter from CMCR (Central Maine Cost Recovery). Submitted over \$13,000, just under \$5,000 back. Like to continue with this service. Christmas baskets all delivered before 10am. GA residence, Andy Shute (plumber) repaired plumbing. Chimney fire on the North Palermo Road in Palermo, just passed Level Hill Road, Freedom and Liberty attended, disassembled pipe. No show from Palermo. Chimney fire on Ayer Ridge Road, Unity and Freedom attended.

Travis presented public works updated, truck 6 mud flaps, risers left to go, should be operational by next week. Reviewed public works budget, further discussion at budget meeting 12/31 at 8am.

Erna presented Treasures Report, see attached report, Steve motions and Ron seconds. Unanimous.

Town Credit Card to be used for craft fair signs with reimbursement through Freedom Parks and Rec. budget, Ron motions and Steve seconds on signs for \$170. Unanimous.

Cindy Presents new business, Marliyn has been moved to Oak Grove in Waterville, room 24. Prepared abatement for Jon Shaw and Allen Gibb's. Shaw's camp caved in and Gibb's homestead exhibition omitted. Steve motions and Ron seconds both Shaw and Gibb's, unanimous.

Cindy will be finding town notes after the September ones for webmaster. Cindy's computer was down Saturday, called Joe, corrupt Window files. Took time to fix, then issues today from 9-12pm, issues with Motor Vehicle forms and use of printers.

Special town meeting March 3rd, increase line for election clerks.

Feb. 17 town meeting need warrants completed by then to have ready for March 2nd.

Annual town meeting March 13th, nominations due 1/14, mailing advertisement for special election.

Town will be closing at noon tomorrow (Christmas Eve), closed Wednesday and Thursday. Ron motions and Steve seconds, unanimous.

Debris issue: cardboard picked up, construction debris still there, needs to be moved back 15 feet back from road.

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Resident called in saying their mailbox was plowed over, it was not correctly installed, too close to road and not correct height.

Steve emailed Marie L. about surveyor.

Billy Kelly sent 2nd email, no response.

Received letter about post office building renewal- investigate further.

Legal consult MRSA 405 6E GA and Property abatement, 7:17-7:50pm. Steve makes motion, Ron seconds, unanimous.

Ron presents plowing issues with Montville, they plow on Goose Pecker Ridge (400ft) and Cellar Kitchen (2/10 mile). 1400' total, bill for almost \$6,000 from Town of Montville. Ron wants to discuss later after meeting with Montville.

Nathan Mccann will write town news for the Republican Journal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Freedom Selectmen
12/16/2019

Present: Elaine Higgins, Steve Bennet, Brian Jones, Ron Price, Alyssa Brugger, Bob Kanzler, Dave Bridges, Joe Freeman, Jim Watermen, Cindy Abbott, and Erna Kellar.

Selectmen secretary Alyssa Brugger taking notes.

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

Jim Watermen reported there were two car accidents. First one was at 3am Monday, car left roadway, second was a deer hit 6 am Monday morning. Christmas baskets will be delivered this Saturday, about 16 total. SCBA's grant from MMA, \$2,000 and \$10,200. Culverts have been cleared out.

Public works directly not attending, Erna found brand new road signs in shed.

Brian reported a residence plowing snow into culverts, sent a letter January 2018 to two residence' regarding this issue. Let it sit for now.

Bob reported a trash issue, cardboard and construction debris at residence on Greeley Rd.

Brian moved and Ron seconded a motion to write a letter. Unanimous.

Letter will be from town sent to residence stating construction debris needs to be moved away from road and disposed of properly within 30 days, or municipality will take action.

Discussion of cardboard removal and how that should be handled going forward.

Discussion of glass and where it can be recycled.

Brian summarized we can use Unity and be reasonable about cardboard, Ron agreed about cardboard collection.

Ron moved and Brian seconds motion to pick up cardboard, but omit store. Unanimous.

Erna presented Treasure's report, payroll \$2,640.99, AP \$23,496.58, ending check book \$98,409.89. Steve moved and Brian seconds motion to pay payroll and AP. Unanimous.

Cindy presents Town Clerk/Tax Collector report, need new tags for AED.

Ron moves and Brian seconds motion for Cindy to find most inexpensive tags. Unanimous.

Christmas Craft fair decent turn out for weather, about \$1,300 in profit.

Ron reviewed previous Town Minutes, Jackie had yet to investigate smell from ditch near a residence.

Shawn Murphy invited to write town article, waiting on response.

Steve moved and Ron seconds motion to approve minutes for December 12 meeting. Unanimous.

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12/16/2019

Steve Bennett attending workshop for solar panels.

Lynn Hadyniak dropped off notes from Sallyanne's house, 1 1/4 meeting notes to be written up by Brian.

Palmer Pierson interested in planning board, previous experience.
Brian moves and Steve seconds motion for Palmer to fill Sallyanne's position. Unanimous.

Post Office window replaced last Saturday.

Myrick Cross from Freedom Community Historical Society looking for support for grant for Keene Hall, Brian, Ron, and Steve agree.
Cindy has a letter/donation for Keene Hall that was sent to town.
Ron moves and Brian seconds motion that check/letter goes to Freedom Community Historical Society.

Old Business: 1 MRSA 405 (6) F to discuss confidential issues in executive session.
Let the record show Brian, Ron, and Steve met in executive session for a GA and nothing was decided.

Steve moves and Ron seconds motion for Alyssa Brugger to become Board Secretary.
Unanimous.

Ron reports town website, no minutes since September 23rd. All agree website needs an overhaul, would like to meet with current web master and see if Kyle Hadyniak is still interested in taking over site.

Cindy presented the bicentennial flag, prefer the darker flag, will discuss further at the budget committee.

Bob presented ADA checklist for voting/town meeting locations.

Contact DOT for survey of possible crosswalks, nothing decided.

Ron moves and Brian seconds motion to adjourn. Unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

approved 12.16.2019

Freedom Selectmen
12.09.2019

Present: Elaine Higgins, Ron Price, Cindy Abbott, Steve Bennett, Erna Keller, Brian Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Ron presented the public works report. Snow has been plowed into the culvert by Gwen Littlefield's residence on Greeley Road and Clint Spaulding's residence on the Rollins Road. A letter requesting this cease will be sent.

The public works crew noticed an odor of sewerage and effluent in the ditch by the Clint Spaulding residency. Ron will call Jackie Robbins to investigate.

The bed of truck #6 is ready for paint.

Brian moved and Ron seconded a motion to appoint Elaine Higgins to the budget committee. Unanimous.

Steve moved and Brian seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12 meeting. Unanimous.

Steve moved and Brian seconded a motion to contact Shawn Murphy to invite him to write the weekly Freedom community column for the Republican Journal and to act as Board secretary. Unanimous.

Jim Waterman reported that that the next warrant will include a bill for the Town's share of the SCBA purchase; the bulk of the cost is paid by the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. He also reported that preparations for Christmas baskets are underway.

There were no citizens' issues.

Steve moved and Ron seconded a motion to fund upgrades to the Town's computers and replace the microline printer in the amount of \$1134.09. Unanimous.

Ron moved and Brian seconded a motion to authorize the use by the recreation committee of the Town credit card for purchases for the Christmas fair. Unanimous.

Brian moved and Ron seconded a motion to pay the payroll warrant of \$3226.94 and the accounts payable warrant of \$59,381.99. Unanimous.

Aaron Weston of CAI Technologies presented information about electronic tax maps and integrating them with TRIO. He will send us a quote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Approved 12.02.2019
By

Freedom Selectmen
 11.25.2019

Attending: Meredith Collin, Hilary Fleming, Nathan McCain, Travis Price, Elaine Higgins, Marilyn Perry, Dave Bridges, Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Brian Jones

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

The Selectmen entered into discussion regarding the maintenance of dirt roads and damage to the Waning Road by Unity's contract plow driver. The selectmen will attempt to meet with Unity's Select Board to resolve the issue.

Jim Waterman reported that 16 Thanksgiving boxes were delivered this year.

At 6:10pm, Ron moved and Steve seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) A to discuss a personnel matter. Unanimous. Ron recused himself from the executive session. Executive session ended at 6:35pm with no decisions having been made.

Steve moved and Brian seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6946.10 and the Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of \$3070.72. Unanimous.

Ron moved and Brian seconded a motion that the Selectmen's minutes of November 18 be approved as amended and placed on file. Unanimous.

Meredith reported that Freedom's share of the cost of UARRC for 2020 will be \$7410.04. There is the possibility of a \$360 rebate. Meredith's report is attached.

The Budget Committee will meet on December 10 at 5:00pm.

Steve reported that the sash to repair the broken window at the Post Office is on order.

Steve also reported that the Town's insurance policy covers damages occurring due to an active shooter at no cost to the Town.

Marie Lougee will work with a local surveyor, George Robeson, to survey the property lines between the town garage property and the abutter, G. Spaulding, so a boundary agreement can be drafted. He will also do additional title work on the Unity and Knox abutters.

Steve communicated his discussions with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding stormwater permits, wetland delineation, and asbestos removal at the Skidgel lot.

Brian moved and Steve seconded a motion to authorize Ron to attend a Workplace Active Threat Defense workshop at the Town's expense.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

**APPROVED MINUTES
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 18th 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 5:45 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett, Brian Jones. Also Erna Koller (Treasurer), Nathan McCann, Cindy Abbott (Clerk), Joseph Freeman, Tim Biggs & Jim Waterman (Fire chief).

REVIEW MINUTES: Minutes from 11-12-19 were reviewed. **Steve/Ron** made motions, to accept as written and place on file; motions passed. Also Steve asked Lynn & Chuck about getting old minutes. Kyle will send to Steve

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant 10/6/14.....	\$6149.34
A/P Warrant 10/6/14.....	\$5,129.31
Ending checkbook balance.....	\$126,597.20

Brian/Ron moved to accept and sign the payroll; motion passed.

Brian/Ron moved to sign the A/P warrant; motion passed.

1. Discussion on pre 45 day foreclosure notices mailed Nov. 15th 2019... 28 accts that had notices sent and automatic foreclosure will be Feb. 22nd 2020
2. **Brian/Steve** made motion to have Treasurer do an AP warrant for the mailing for special town meeting- cost \$49.50 (All in favor)

TOWN CLERK:

Cindy reported:

1. GA related (Haskell Fuel doesn't want to come to Freedom on a regular scheduled day without charging \$100.00 (Ron will contact Haskell's to negotiate)
2. Steve asked Cindy to contact few more towns for Winter Roads Comparison
3. Cindy will not be here November 25th... Kristy will be covering office

FIRE DEPT:

Jim Reported:

1. Central Maine Recovery for October \$2448.00 brings total for year to \$4634.00 (45% of what has been submitted) now portal to website for Jim to be able to check status
2. Disaster Contingency Plan
3. Wex cards was handed out by Ron, Erna gave passwords

CITIZENS ISSUES:

1. Nathan discussed the Cell Transmitters 5G. He is working on an ordinance to bring to town meeting
2. Steve discussed Rights Based Ordinance- some towns use this to regulate
3. Talk about a moratorium

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Brian moved, seconded by Ron**, to go into executive session @ 6:42 pm under the authority of 1MRSA 405 (6) A to discuss personnel matter. The Board returned at 6:55 pm, no decisions having been made.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Planning Board:

Cindy mentioned new resident might be interested in position

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BUDGET COMMITTEE: Will meet Nov. 20th @ 6:00pm.

Policies:

1. Ron/Brian made motion to accept and sign the following policies, put in 3 ring binder and keep here in office, plus an electronic version sent to Francis from Cindy to be added to Town Website
 - A) Key & Security Policy
 - B) Oldest Tax First
 - C) Winter Safety
 - D) Retirement Plan
 - E) Salt & Sand Policy
 - F) Emergency Expenditure
 - G) Town Office Hours
 - H) Driveway Entrance & Culvert
 - I) Acceptable Internet Policy
 - J) Disbursement Authority
 - K) Policy Review Policy
 - L) Returned Check Policy
 - M) Misc Policy

New Business:

1. Special Town Meeting Warrant was signed for Dec 4th (Selectmen will send ordinances to Cindy so Jim can post with warrant)
2. Ordinances can be viewed at Town Office or online Town Website (**Brian/Ron** made this motion. All in favor)
3. Discussion of Drug Testing Belfast vs Waterville... Selectmen will stay with Waterville where they have always sent employees
4. **Brian/Steve** motion to have Mr. Kelley write letter dealing with Greeley Road (all in favor)
5. **Brian/ Steve** made motion to have Mr. Kelley respond to Beaver Ridge Letter (all in favor)
6. Eastern Maine Development Co. (Brian suggests looking into-funded by the county. He will report back after researching)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance- discussion and decided to leave plan the way it is for another year
2. Street Lights- Ron will sign & mail the agreement which was approved at previous meeting
3. Wex Cards- These was handed out to fire dept and will remain the same, public works cards has been changed to 4 employees (Ron, Travis, Damien & Joe)
4. Marie Lougie- 2 things to do- lines on NE side of Knox-town property & boundary agreement with Mr Spaulding
5. County Budget looks to be an increase of 5.8% (working on trying to get to 3-4%)
6. Discussion of Barnes Gravel Pit
7. Steve reported talking with Jacob Guber about clean up- Steve is working on a draft , will discuss with selectmen before handing out to companies to bid on. Need a time frame- maybe 1st of year (Partial match grant)

The next regular meeting is November 25th at 6 PM.
Motion to adjourn passed at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernestine Keller,
Deputy Secretary

**APPROVED MINUTES
FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 12th 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 5:55 pm

PRESENT: Selectmen Ron Price (Chair), Steve Bennett also Erna Keller (Treasurer), Jim Waterman (Fire chief) and Nathan McCann.

REVIEW MINUTES: None

TREASURER:

Erna reported:

Payroll Warrant 11/12/19.....	\$2497.38
A/P Warrant 11/12/19.....	\$54,561.14 Includes school payment
Ending checkbook balance.....	\$127,108.92

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

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

TOWN CLERK:

No report

FIRE DEPT:

Jim Waterman asked about the outstanding policies he emailed. Ron has few small items but will discuss next meeting. Emergency Management Ordinance looked fine
The Hunter's Breakfast: Had a good turnout (around 57 adults 4 children)

ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CEO/LPI:

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Erna asked if both buildings could be used for craft fair.

Approved by **Ron/Steve**

Planning Board:

Solid Waste:

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Will meet Nov. 20th @ 6:00pm.

New Business:

Discussion to have a Plaque made for Sallyann's involvement in town. (since 1997) Steve will donate the plaque and ask for a picture from Chuck & Lynn. Erna will take to Yankee Trophy in Benton.

Steve/Ron moved to get everything needed for Erna to take to Yankee Trophy for price

OLD BUSINESS:

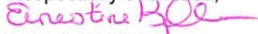
Steve handed out Special Town Meeting Agenda for selectmen to look over for next meeting.

Erna mentioned warrant for meeting would have to be signed by November 25th

The next regular meeting is November 18th at 6 PM.

Motion to adjourn passed at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Ernestine Keller,
Filling in for Secretary

**Selectmen Town of Freedom
Minutes November 4, 2019**

Attending: Nathan McCann, Jim Waterman, Dave Bridges, Joe Freeman, Meredith Coffin, Mike Carroll, Travis Price, Cindy Abbott, Erna Keller, Brian Jones, Steve Bennett, Ron Price

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Jim reported a chimney fire in Unity. He submitted a grant for \$1746.

Travis reported that the Public Works crew cut back brush, cleaned culverts and picked up the truck body.

The Board will review an ordinance from Nathan McCann.

Dave Bridges gave a climate change article to the Board.

Cindy presented the contract for the Waterville animal shelter for January 2020-December 2020.

Ron moved and Steve seconded a motion to sign a property tax abatement. Unanimous.

Brian read correspondence regarding LED lights.

Steve spoke about Basil Barnes's gravel pit.

Next meeting November 15.

Adjourned.

October 21, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Minutes *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Public Works Director Travis Price, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Fire Chief Jim Waterman. Dave Bridges. Joe Freeman. Tim Biggs, Marilyn Perry, Elaine Higgins, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak

Call To Order: 6:01 p.m.

Brian: We just had the EOC Audit and the two broad areas where we need improvements are, training and a table top exercise and a course everyone involved in EOC should take. It should include the Fire Chief, the Selectmen, Treasurer and Town Clerk and Travis

Public Works: Paving done on Saturday Happy w/paving on Burnham Hill. All cleaning is done. There was a discussion regarding the heavy trucks on Burnham Hill being used as a shortcut. The two plow trucks are ready to go and a 3rd one is getting finished.

Fire Chief: Jim will get a burn permit for Travis to burn the pile on Stevens Road. There was a rollover on Stevens Road also, Trash in the furnace room needs to be taken out. The fire dept. is back to cleaning chimneys.

***Ron called for Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for Personnel 1MRSA 405 (6) A and requested Travis to attend. Brian seconded the motion, and all are in favor.

They came out at 6:50 p.m. and no decision was made.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,396.83 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$225,598.56. Steve seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$276,074.89.

*****Town Clerk:** Brian made a motion to supplement the Humphry property that burned down in the amount of \$1,610.27, seconded by Steve. All were in favor. Cindy is going live with SQL tomorrow afternoon.

*****Mailing to include Rabies info, Hunter Breakfast, Plowing, Halloween, etc.**

*****Minutes:** Brian Made a motion to accept the minutes of Oct. 14th as corrected and to be placed on file. Seconded by Steve and all were in favor.

***Ron made a motion to contact copy people to wipe the machines clean. Brian seconded the motion and all were in favor. The copy machines will be tested and if they work, we will try to sell them.

GA: Brian has two applications that are incomplete. November 12 GA audit at 9:15 in the a.m.

The Sheriff dropped off the County Budget information at Brian's house today, so if anyone wants to look at it see Brian.

Brian gave a report regarding recycling for he attended the meeting.

Old Business: Brian has a lot of policies that need to be renewed and brought up to date and will e mail them out to the other Selectmen.

New Business: Steve spoke about Skidgels. A guy came out from DEP and Steve gave a report. There is a portion that can be buried. A onetime burial.

Ron: Tom Lafrenier visited him and told him of a new program regarding LED lights. Ron will contact a person for more information.

Ron will contact Basil to look at the gravel pit on Friday

Steve made a motion for Cindy to buy a new trash can, seconded by Brian and all were in favor.

***Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. seconded by Steve and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak

Secretary

October 14, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry.

Call to Order: 6:16 p.m.

Fire Chief: The Board was presented with a policy (pertaining to expenditures) and a recommendation for an ordinance (to change the town EMA Director to an Office of Emergency Management OEM) from Dale Rowley to be looked over. They don't have to be accepted.

- There will be a Hunter's Breakfast on November 9th from 5-10 at the firehouse.
- There will be a meeting with Dan Rowley next Monday at 4:30 p... at the firehouse.
- Over \$9,000.00 has been submitted to Maine Cost Recovery and we have received \$2,100.00 to date and more to come.

***Steve announced that Jacob Guber will be here next week to put in a bid for clean-up regarding Skidgel's property. Steve also made a motion to pay off the tax anticipation note on Monday October 21, 2019. It was seconded by Brian

*****Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Steve to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,847.68 and the second Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$258.36 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$2,517.10, it was seconded by Brian. All in favor,

The ending checkbook balance is \$488,536.80.

Old Business: A/C needs to be taken out of the windows and will be done after Halloween. Will take old 2 a/c to the recycling center and prepare to sell the old copy machine.

- Brian has the grant for the bridge to work on. Travis is waiting for some info,
- Steve will call the Dept. of Economics

*****Executive Session** was called by Brian at 6:55 p.m. to discuss Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 495 (6) E and came out at 7:05. No decision was made.

*****Minutes:** Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of October 7th with the spelling correction and to be placed on file and the minutes of September 30th to be placed on file. It was seconded by Ron, all were in favor.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Ron, all in favor

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

October 7, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Public works Director Travis Price, Solid Waste Dir. Joe Freeman, Hilary Fleming, Meredith Coffin, Marilyn Perry Jay Guber and Dave Bridges.

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Fire Chief: Jim gave assessment forms to the Board.

- All materials are gone from Ayer Ridge.
- There is an abandoned building on Belfast Road that needs to be burned down after the asphalt shingles are removed and the barn is to be left standing.
- The EOC disbursement policy will be ready next week.
- Generator needs to be tested to see if it is generating electricity.
- Jim received a text from David Hewings and he reported that Central Maine Discovery system is working. September is the largest month for the fire department receive payment.
- Cindy will call Ryan to eliminate unwanted e mails from the Selectmen's computer.

Public Works: Salt and sand is in the building.

- \$16,000.00 set for three years but John was not excited about putting it in writing.
- #4 had some brake issues and they are working on it now,
- The Selectmen have the right to develop an ordinance regarding posting speed signs on our town roads.

Citizen Issues and Concerns: a nonresident wanted to know what exactly the town is going to do with the recently purchased Skidgel property. A discussion followed.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the payroll warrant in the amount of \$7,353.43 and the A/P warrant in the amount of \$20,723.83 and was seconded by Steve. All were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$471,718.20.

Town Clerk: There was a discussion regarding building and driveway permits. She has to give Jackie business to follow up on. From now on the Board want Cindy to staple a driveway application to a building application each time an application is being given out.

*****Steve brought up the subject about a culvert and ditching at the end of Rollins road.** A discussion followed and Brian made a motion that Public Works is not to do anything

about it and they will tend to it next spring. Ron seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Back to Town Clerk: Cindy requested if the Neighbor to Neighbor information could be piggy backed in The Selectmen's mailing. There are going to be a lot of changes regarding the ACO. There are new state ID's. Maine Bi-Centennial Committee is being formed and will look for volunteers.

Recyclables: Meredith Coffin gave a report and a discussion followed.

Ron contacted DEP to see if the guy on the wetlands was in any violation or not and they have not returned his call.

The office will be closed on Monday, October 14th but there will still be a Selectmen's Meeting.

***Steve reported that Eric Prosser requested an abatement, therefore Brian made a motion to approve abatement for Eric. Prosser for the excess taxes that he had paid 9 acres for 3 years (which covers (2017-18-19) due to faulty estimated overcharge of his acreage. The motion was seconded by Steve, all were in favor.

Sallyann: Correspondence was given to Steve regarding the charge from Cost Recovery to check it out with MMA regarding the accident.

Brian spoke about a program where the Tax map looks like google earth.

There was a discussion regarding the drug testing.

Steve read responses from a forester regarding a complaint from a resident.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2019.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak

Secretary

September 30, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Meredith Coffin, Marilyn Perry, Elaine Higgins, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Public Works Director Travis Price, Joe Freeman, Hilary Fleming, Dave Bridges, Treasurer Erna Keller, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak

Call to Order: 6:04

Fire Chief: Jim reported that Dale Rowley is going around all the towns doing assessments EOC (Emergency Operation Center), and he will be in Freedom on October 21st at 4:30 p.m. and meet with the Selectmen at the fire house. EMO (Emergency Management Ordinance) for the town will also be discussed.

*****Treasure's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$8,409.03 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$111,175.24. The motion was seconded by Steve and all were in favor.

The ending check book valance is \$406,600.46

Public Works: Travis reported that the ditching was done, culverts unplugged, 460 yards of sand was hauled. He is going on vacation and requested he get paid for a total of 70 hours out of 100 built up vacation hours.

*****Brian** made a motion to pay Travis for 70 hours vacation time (at \$24.00 an hour equaling \$1,680.00) and have it on next week's payroll warrant, it was seconded by Steve Bennett. Ron recused himself and both Steve and Brian were in favor.

Brian will make up a list for mailing next week showing what can or cannot be picked up and there should be one sticker for a 30 lb. bag.

*****Town Clerk:** Ron is going to call Jackie to set up a date regarding state valuation appeal. The Rec. Comm. wants to piggy back with the town mailing. Steve made a motion to piggy back and Brian seconded the motion. It will come out of the solid waste and rec. comm. account. Cindy will be out Thursday and Friday due to eye surgery and the office will be closed on Saturday.

Old Business: Steve spoke to Brook at the Workmen's Comp. office at the MMA office and suggested a 1% Increase of the workmen's comp budget for next year.

Ron stated that there are some policies that need to be worked on set up a time for interviews. Brian suggested a special town meeting sometime in December.

*****Brian** made a motion to go into executive session at 7:20 for Confidential Records 1 MRSA 405 (6) F. Seconded by Ron, all were in favor. They came out at 7:45 and no decision was made.

Steve: October 25th at 9:00 a.m. to work on policies at the town office. October 14th 9:00 a.m. set up for interviews for Public Works Employee. October 14th the office is closed but there will be a selectmen's meeting.

*****Minutes:** Steve made a motion of accept the amended minutes as written and to be placed on file. Brian seconded the motion and all were in favor. Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday October 7th,

Respectfully submitted, Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

September 23, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Public Works Director Travis Price, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Solid Waste Director Joe Freeman, Dave Bridges and Marilyn Perry.

Call to Order: 6:06 p.m.

Fire Chief: It was reported that Jim received a check in the amount of \$1,064.00 from Central Maine Recovery which covered two incidences. This brings their total of the year to over \$2,100.00.

Public Works: Did cold patch on the Stevens Road and downtown, will do ditching by Redwine's, unplug the culvert on Greeley Road by Richardson's and the culvert on Mitchell Road. On Monday will be doing winter sand. The average cost is \$8.00 a yard with both his (John Cranouski) and our hauling. This is a fixed price for a three year contract that he agreed to. Basil Barnes is willing to talk about his gravel pit. Paving will be done on the 5th and hopefully finished before Travis leaves for vacation on the 8th and will return to work the following Monday. Sand is being put up on the 30th. Rich Redwine wants the stumps from Davis Road and Steve will contact the Tirone's to let them know what is being done at the end of the road.

*****Citizen Issues and Concerns:** Steve made a motion to have Cindy print up ten notices to be attached to the garbage bags, "no sticker, no pick-up" and to be given to Joe, Brian seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Glass will no longer be recycled. A discussion followed.

Steve spoke about the application that he submitted to Community Development Lot Grant. Steve requested \$350,000.00. We have been waiting too long to get the Skidgel mess cleaned up.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$2,834.92 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$2,628.49 seconded by Ron, all were in favor. This includes \$100,000.00 that we will add to the warrant next week, to be paid on the 10th.(October)

The ending checkbook balance is \$386,069.39

Steve will call MMA tomorrow regarding a double deductible of Sallyanne's insurance.

*****Dave Bridges:** There was a discussion regarding wet lands. Steve made a motion for Ron to call DEP and inquire if anything should be done regarding the clear cutting area along RT137 in the wet land area. Brian seconded the motion and all were in favor. pg. 2 of 2

Town Clerk: A Greeley Road resident requested an abatement and Steve made a motion not to give the abatement because it was not requested prior to April 1st as per state law. Seconded by ***Ron made a motion not to approve the abatement

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***Ron made a motion to go into executive session for legal consultation 1 MRSA 405(6) E. (Cindy requested an executive session) they came out at 7:50 and no

Minutes: The corrected minutes of September 16th were approved and to be placed on file by Ron and seconded by Brian. All were in favor.

***Steve called for executive session for legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E @8:10 and came out at 8:17. No decision was made.

***Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and seconded by Brian. All were in favor.

Budget Committee meeting will be held on October 16th at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak

September 16, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Public Works Director Travis Price, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Solid Waste Director Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Hilary Fleming, Elaine Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Tirone, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak.

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Fire Chief: Two cost recovery checks will be coming in, one this month and one next month, there is only one Cost Recovery in Waldo County and that is us. (Given by Ron)

Public Works: Travis received a call from Harold Larrabee and he wants \$4.00 a yard for stumpage. Travis suggested to get the sand from Dowdy's because it is the cheapest, closest and will lock into a contract for three years and will let the board know by next Monday about the above. Wellmen will start paving Stevens Road on October 5th. Smithton road looks great!

Steve: Tim Biggs volunteered to paint and install the shutters on the Town Office Bldg. a month ago and we thanked him. Budget Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Citizen's Issues and Concerns: A resident brought up the subject of the tree trimming, a lengthy discussion followed,

*****Minutes:** Ron made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of September 9th and to be placed on file, Brian seconded the motion. All were in favor,

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,787.54 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$211,427.88. The motion was seconded by Brian and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$245,469.25

Steve: Read a letter/application to be sent to the Main Office of the Community Block Grant

*****Brian** made a motion to sign and send a Community Block Grant application together with a letter. The motion was seconded by Ron. All were in favor. Steve filled out a workmen's comp questioner.

Correspondence: Brian read the correspondence.

Ron: attended the Emergency Management meeting and it was quite informative, only the Governor can declare an emergency, Get the work done within 72 hours or you don't get paid. Most stores and gas stations have generators, just to name a few facts. Page 2 of 2

There was a lengthy discussion regarding recyclables. Ron will call Meredith, Cindy will print out "No stickers, No trash pick-up" for Joe to take with him.

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***Ron made a motion to sign an abatement for Brian, Steve seconded the motion all were in favor.

The Board gave permission to the Rec. Comm. to hold their Halloween Party in the Election Hall,

Old Business:

***Brian made a motion to sign a location permit for CMP for a new pole to be put up and for it to be sent back to them. Steve seconded the motion and all were in favor,

New Business:

Erna needs MMA Convention applications from Ron and Brian.

***Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

September 9, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Ron Price Chair, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Public Works Director Travis Price, Joe Freeman, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Elaine Higgins, Hilary Fleming, Meredith Coffin, Carrie Bennett, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Dave Bridges,

Call to Order: 6:15

*****Citizen's Issues and Concerns:** Steve notified Clifford Gardner that the deed to the property he purchased on North Palermo Road is ready to be picked up. Ron ***made a motion that the Board sign the quit claim deed to Clifford Gardner regarding the property on No. Palermo Road. Brian second the motion and all were in favor. Cindy Abbott notarized the signatures on the quit claim deed.

Hilary questioned who to call to cut a limb off her tree that is on the electric line leading from the pole to her house.

Carrie brought up the subject of the Public Works Account at the Freedom General Store. A discussion followed. Accounts 15-14 and WEX was discussed.

***Ron made a motion that the 15-14 account be relabeled the Public Works Account and the new account be created for the Town of Freedom which will include the Cemetery, Rec. Comm. and Town Office. Seconded by Brian and all were in favor.

Public Works: Tree work is done on the Rollins Road, the Post Office and the Smithton Road. A proposal came in from John Thornhill. The charge per hour is \$55.00 for the bucket truck.

***Brian made a motion to authorize Travis to hire John Thornhill get the work done and take care of the tree on the Bryant Road. All were in favor.

The Stevens Road will be closed tomorrow from 9 until noon. It looks like the sand won't be delivered until October. Wellman's 30 days is up by the 12th regarding the paving. Travis will contact him at that time.

***Steve made a motion that Travis work a deal with John Dowdy to get the sand there this year and try to negotiate and bring back to the Board a preliminary contract with him for as many years as he can get. Brian second the motion, all were in favor.
Bill returned back to work today wearing a high boot.

***Ron made a motion to go into executive session at 7:05 for a Personnel Matter 1 MRSA 405 (6) A. They came out at 7:32,

***Brian made a motion to give the Solid Waste Director an increase of \$2.00 per hour. Ron second the motion and all were in favor.

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*****Treasurer's Report:** The payroll warrant is \$2,878.13 this week and the A/P Warrant is \$57,070.84. A motion was made by Brian to accept the warrant and seconded by Steve. All were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$248,081.09

Town Clerk: Shared with the Board and asked that Ron sign 2 supplemental and one abatement reports.

*****Ron made a motion to sign the two supplements and Brian seconded the motion. All were in favor**

*****Ron made a motion to sign the abatement request and Brian seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Correspondence: Brian read correspondence.

Minutes: Brian made a motion to accept the amended minutes of Sept. 3, 2019 and to be placed on file.

Jackie will be here on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

September 3, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Erna KELLER TREASURER, JOE FREEMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TRAVIS PRICE, SECRETARY SALLYANNHADYNIK, MARILYN PERRY, JULIE KARET

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08

FIRE CHIEF: JIM REPORTED AN ACCIDENT IN THE A.M. AT FREEDOM GENERAL.

- ☐ THERE WAS A BARN FIRE ON 220 IN MONTVILLE.
- ☐ A VEHICLE DOING DOUGHNUTS CAUGHT FIRE AND TWO PEOPLE WERE IN THERE, ONE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL, NO REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO COST RECOVERY.
- ☐ ACCORDING TO THE ISO REPORT, FREEDOM IS STILL CLASSIFIED A 9.
- ☐ ON SEPT, 7 THE FVFD WILL BE SERVING HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, CHIPS, ETC. AT THE CONVENTION AT THE BELFAST
- ☐ A TREE WAS UPROOTED ON GREELEY ROAD, IT WAS CUT UP AND IS OFF TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.
- ☐ JIM REPORTED SEVERAL ISSUES OF BUILDINGS THAT ARE UNOCCUPIED NEED TO BE BURNED OR DEMOLISHED.

PUBLIC WORKS: TRAVIS REPORTED THAT HE IS WORKING ALONE BECAUSE BILL BLEW OUT HIS ANKLE AND IS UNABLE TO WORK.

- ☐ TRAVIS READ A CLASSIFIED AD THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR JON WATERMAN.
- ☐ TRAVIS WILL GO TO: ELAINE'S HOUSE ON FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. TO CHECK OUT THE STEEL SHE HAS FOR SALE AND HE DID NOT PURCHASE ANY OF IT FOR HE HAD NO USE FOR IT.

*****TREASURER'S REPORT:** RON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,157.43 AND A SECOND P/W IN THE AMOUNT OF \$538.25 AND THE A/P WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,468.81 BRIAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
THE ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE IS #261,696.83

BRIAN WILL WRITE UP AN ARTICLE FOR THE CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER. REGARDING THE PUBLIC WORKS POSITION

BRIAN COMPOSED THE CLASSIFIED ARTICLE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. IT READS AS FOLLOWS:

THE TOWN OF FREEDOM IS SEEKING A PART-TIME LABORER FOR ITS SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. COMPLETIVE WAGE. TO APPLY, PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION

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***RON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AD THAT BRIAN COMPOSED FOR THE CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER AND TO BE PLACED ON THE WEBSITE. IT WAS SECONDED BY BRIAN AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

TRAVIS ALSO RESPONDED AND STATED IF ONE IS INTERESTED COME TO THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING TO DISCUSS IT AND NOT TO THE TOWN GARAGE, OR THE STORE ETC.

CITIZEN ISSUES AND CONCERNS: THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION REGARDING FREEDOM POND.

, STEVE CALLED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 1 MRSA 405 (6) PERSONNEL CONSULTATION AT 7:40, THEY CAME OUT AT 8:05 AND NO DECISION WAS MADE.

****STEVE MADE A MOTION THAT RON SIGN AS THE LANDLORD FORM REGARDING THE POST OFFICE RULES AS PER UPS REQUEST AND IT WAS SECONDED BY BRIAN.

CORRESPONDENCE: BRIAN READ CORRESPONDENCE,

MINUTES: RON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2019 AND TO BE PLACED ON FILE, SECONDED BY BRIAN AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR,

RON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR,

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SALLYANN HADYNIK
SECRETARY

August 26, 2019 Unapproved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Marilyn Perry, Elaine Higgins, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Nathan McCann, Dave Bridges, Public Works Travis Price Rick and Jose Heppard, Sallyann Hadyniak Secretary, Joe Freeman.

OPEN BIDS for tax sales; Two bids came in for the property that was up for sale and they were opened by Steve Bennett: Ron was running late for the meeting. One bid was for \$4,000.00 from from Mendin, Ohio (Rick and Jose Heppard) and the second bid was for \$5,160.00 from Clifford Gardiner from Brooks, Maine. The Selectmen decided to wait until Ron came in and they showed Ron the bids and The Board of Selectmen chose the bid of \$5,150.00 from Clifford Gardiner from Brooks. ***Steve made a motion to accept the bid from Clifford Gardiner from Brooks, Maine, Brian second the motion and all were in favor.

Call to Order: 6:18

*****Fire Chief:** Received two imaging cameras and the truck chargers. Brian made a motion to direct Erne, the treasurer to cut a check in the amount of \$3,340.00 and take it out of the Firemen's Capitol Improvement account where the \$15,000.00 was deposited from the Stephen King Grant. Seconded by Steve, all were in favor. Jim called David Hewins and another check will be coming in. He will deliver it to Jim. His wife will be taking over the administration of the Agency Maine Recovering Agency but he will also be taking care of the progressive insurance company. Jim submitted 12 claims in total and approximately \$748.00 has been resolved. There was a barn fire in Unity this afternoon and it was a total loss. A Led light needs to be replaced on Truck #3 on the front of the truck. Steve called MMA and upgraded to the agreed value of the truck to \$150,000.00 and the air compressor to \$45,000.00. Lot 3-18-8 788 No Palermo Road is leased property and Neil Greenleaf is living in a tent although there is an old building on the property., He has building permit, Neil Greenleaf is the one living there, Jim stated that Jon will not be returning to the public works department., We need someone to replace Jon.

*****Public Works:** Travis power washed the post office and killed lots of spiders. All the land from 137 to Julie's lot is owned by the town. Any wood that is painted red is Julie's and the rest belongs to the town. Julie Boynton's wood is painted red all other wood is free for the taking. From 137 to Julie's on Stevens Road. Travis is waiting to her from John C as to when he will deliver the sand. Brian made a motion to direct Travis to dispose of a dump truck body at a reasonable return to the town. Seconded by Steve, all in favor. Elaine Higgins has some steel to sell also. And Steve suggested that Travis look at the steel and see what it is worth.

*****Town Clerk:** Cindy gave the Board a list of supplements and abatements. Brian made a motion to sign the abatements and supplements. Brian made a motion to supplement Justin Overlock \$419.00, we abate Bob Shepherd \$116.16 Steve seconded the motion and all in favor.

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***Brian made a motion to go into executive session at 7:10 for a personnel Matter 1 MRSA 405 (6) A They came out at 7:50 with Travis.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019,

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$17,063.96 and the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$6,312.98. Seconded by Steve. All in favor.
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The checkbook balance is \$243,507.35

***Ron made a motion that we rent a cherry picking truck for one week. Seconded by Brian, all in favor.

At the end of the report Erna stated that she will not be running again for the treasurer's position. She will be done as of the March Town Meeting.

GA none

Health Committee: Frances is having health issues and she would like some help with a committee,

Old Business: Tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. the Health Insurance person will be here to discuss insurance, Wednesday the 4th Ron and Brian will go to Bangor to the Stream Crossing Workshop. Called KVCog and they will install led streetlights when they get a total of 500 total in all. Meeting with Jackie at 5:00 a.m. on the 30th.

*****Minutes:** A motion was made by Ron to accept the minutes as written with a spelling correction and to be placed on file. Seconded by Brian all In favor,
***Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

New Business: Lots of scams in TRI Add newspaper.

Next meeting will be held on Monday Tuesday Sept. 3, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

August 12, 2019 Unapproved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Public Works Director Travis Price, Dave Bridges, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Laura Greeley, Marilyn Perry, Elaine Higgins, Meredith Coffin, Nathan McCann and Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak.

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Fire Chief: December 7th the fire department will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers at the Waldo County Y. This is in preparation for an emergency preparedness program. There was a problem with Truck #2 last week. Depending on his physical etc. and passes, and Jon gets the first shift, he will no longer be employed by the Town of Freedom as of September 3rd. Jim has a business meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. Jim wants to insure the air compressor for \$45,000.00 some insurance has to be covered with insurance according to Jim (Fire Chief)

Public Works: Weldon and Pike looked at our paving, but neither one has sent in a quote. Lane (Northeast Paving) never responded to any of Travis's calls. Will finish mulching on Burnham Hill tomorrow before noon and spend the rest of the day in the shop and will try to turn the loader in to a skidder. Travis will have the quotes and the prices of sand and salt at next Monday night's meeting. Prices for sand has doubled since last year. It may be cheaper if we do it ourselves. \$18,000 left for sand. Any new driveway or entrance on a town or privately owned road, requires an entrance permit. Deep ruts have been put on the Mitchell Road and making holes on it. Also Bill is looking for the cost of insurance and Brian will make a phone call. Best thing is that the representative come to the department and talk to Bill and Travis.

The ending checkbook balance is \$131,875.29

*****Citizen's Issues and Concerns:**

- ☐ Ron made a motion to have Meredith Coffin to be sworn in as alternate to Tami McTaggart on the Solid Waste Department. (2022 expiration) Brian second the motion, all were in favor.
- ☐ The outcome on Rollins Road was "To leave it alone".

*****Treasurer's Report:** Ron made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,092.20 and the A/P warrant in the amount of \$18,571.56 which includes the first year of the loan payment of the excavator (leased payment) the motion was seconded by Steve. All were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$131,875.29.

*****Brian made a motion that Steve sign all of the documents related to the Gorham Leasing (excavator) Ron seconded the motion, all were in favor.**

Town Clerk: Cindy gave the Board a list of Freedom's Town farm share recipients. Someone called and wanted information regarding the post office. After the brief discussion, it was decided to ignore what sounds like something shaky. Steve will call Bill Kelly to have a deed drawn up regarding the post office. All approved.

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GA: None

Appeals Board: Nothing to report.

Health Officer: 13 influenza cases type A were reported last month.

Rec, Comm: Cindy reported that we need 3 judges for the parade. Steve, Elaine and Brian will judge. Cindy will not be here so Paul Flynn will be in charge of the lineup. Ribbons will be given out.

Budget Committee They will meet on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Election Hall.

Road Committee: Held their last meeting this past Wednesday. There were three goals scheduled and they were completed. The committee met once a month for three years. Steve gave a report regarding each goal. If one wants an action on a particular road, write a letter and give it to the Selectmen and they will decide if it goes on the warrant or not. The people will have a chance to vote at the regular Town Meeting for whatever the warrant article calls for.

Old Business: Brian reported information regarding the Hutus Brook Crossing, Grants There will be a meeting on August 29th in Augusta and Sept, 4thDEP on the Hogan Road in Bangor. The workshops are from 9:30 a.m. until noon. October 2-3rd, MMA Annual Convention.

New Business: Ron will call Jackie to set up a meeting on Friday August 30th at 9:00 a.m., There was a brief discussion about the property that was foreclosed on and up for sale.

Minutes:

Ron made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of August 5th and to be placed on file. Seconded by Brian, all in favor,

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday August 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

August 5, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

PRESENT: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Public Works Director Travis Price, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Meredith Coffin, Hilary Fleming, Nathan McCann and Dylan Keller.

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Public Works: Work on Burnham Hill is going well and will get quotes for Burnham Hill and Stevens Road. Would like to do the paving in September.

Citizen Issues: A building permit is needed for anything over 100 square feet

*****Treasurer's Report:** Ron gave the treasurer's report due to Erna's absence. Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$5, 926.85 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$59,855.85. The motion was seconded by Ron and all were in favor. The ending checkbook balance is \$55,406.45

Solid Waste: Still going to the landfill. No word from Fiber Rite. There will be a meeting in August.

Minutes: A motion to approve the corrected minutes of July 29th and to be placed on file was made by Steve and seconded by Ron. All were in favor.

Road Comm: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Rec. Comm: the new teeter totter that the Rec. purchased, which is on the playground was anchored down according to Travis and Ron stated, "It looks good". Planning the parade for August 17.

Budget Comm: the committee will meet on Wednesday, August 21.

Cemetery comm: Will replace broken headstones and new Penney Cemetery sign is being ordered.

Correspondence: Brian reported all the correspondence. Ron made a motion to vote for Penny Picard to be Waldo County Budget Committee. Seconded by Brian, all in favor.

*****Old Business:** Discussed tax sale. 1.5 acres shaped like a triangle. The lot is a non-conforming lot, Sugarhouse on 22 N. Palermo Road. Ron made a motion to publish the notice of tax sale in the Republican Journal and send out a mailing. The sale price will include all back taxes, all cost for advertising and the cost of mailing. Seconded by Brian, all were in favor.

*****Ron made a motion that any information given by the office to people who come in, is exactly as described in the document. No more or no less information should be given out. The motion is seconded by Brian and all were in favor. Ron will make sure Cindy understands that.**

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Brian: The DEP is holding workshops for the Municipal Stream Crossing Grant, there will be one in Presque Isle on August 14th, one in Portland on August 27th, one in Augusta on August 29th and one in Bangor on September 4th.

***Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and seconded by Brian. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

July 29, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Elaine Higgins, Marilyn Perry, Travis Price Nathan McCann, Treasurer Erna Keller, Selectman Steve Bennett, Chair Ron Price, Dave Bridges, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak and Laura Greeley. Brian Jones was absent.

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Fire Chief: The fire truck #2 came back on Wednesday and the repairs cost \$2,217.12. Gas card will be effective August 1, 2019. Regarding the Cost Recovery, to date a total of \$8,047.00 has been submitted for just this year and we received a check on July 24th in the amount of \$748.00 (for three incidents) There will be a EMD workshop in Scarborough at the Cabella Training Facility, 100 Cabella Drive from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on 7/26 for Security on protection on dams and levees. On Friday August 9th there will be a free spaghetti supper given by Waldo County Emergency Agency at Mt. View High School from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Then there will be a Shelter Management Training which will take place on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. On September 7th at the Waldo County Y there is a conference and the fire department will be there doing hamburgers and hotdogs at the door. This is an emergency preparedness program.

Public Works: #6 is working well, clutch and transmission is working fine. Brief discussion regarding Burnham Hill. 300 bales of hay was stored in Skidgels bldg. Steve expressed his concern last week that the PW budget is getting a little thin namely the town garage, summer roads. Steve requested this and the following to be put into the minutes.

Steve: Also the Board sent a letter to Beaver Ridge Wind advising them that we are not going to give them a decrease in valuation. Steve and Brian voted and Ron abstained regarding the decrease in valuation. Beaver Ridge Wind talked to Ron and said they will not dispute it but nothing has been received in writing. This means the town gets to keep \$7,600.00 in tax money.

*****Minutes:** A motion was made by Steve to accept the corrected minutes of July 15 and to be placed on file. Motion seconded by Ron, all were in favor.

*****Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Ron to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7,020.61 and the A/P warrant in the amount of \$18,024.62 and Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$99,884.52.

*****Steve** made a motion authorizing Ron to sign Gorham Leasing Company of behalf of the town excavator and trailer. It was seconded by Ron and all were in favor.

ACO: Peter Nerber received a complaint from Carrie Bennett about Ted Reynolds barking dogs.

*****Solid Waste Dept.** Steve made a motion that Meredith coffin be the assistant to Tammy McTaggart. Ron seconded the motion and all were in favor.
Ron read a letter from MRC.

July 29, 2019

***Steve made a motion to supplement the July 29th warrant in the amount of \$21, 64 Ron seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Cemetery Comm. A price will be given for the two stones that need to be replaced in the cemetery and a new Penney sign will be ordered.

The Planning Board should be notified when you purchase property you also need to get a driveway permit.,

Old Business: Ron will talk to the guy on Burnham Hill to pave a turnaround on Burnham Hill.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Steve seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

July 1, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Minutes *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Public Works Director Travis Price, Marilyn Perry, Laura Greeley, Glen and Dave Bridges, Jerry Spaulding, Tim Biggs and Joe Freeman.,

Call to Order: 6:05

Fire Chief: Jim ordered 2 camera's from the money that we received from the Steven King Foundation. Received a letter from Albion for participation in the parade on July 27th. and a chicken BBQ at the Fire Station. Truck #2 will participate in the Brooks parade on July 4th.

Public Works: Waning Road will be done tomorrow. There was a lengthy conversation about Rollins Road. Brian is going to draft a letter to Robitaille and give it to Steve for Steve to forward it to the Sheriff's office for him to deliver it to Roitaille. The letter will include all work be stopped. The grader is around and touch up should be done on the Mitchell Road, Clark Road and Smithton Rd. Travis could rent a roller for a day. The board all agreed,

*****Minutes:** Steve made a motion to approve the amended minutes of June 24th as written and to be placed on file. Brian seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Citizens Issues: Steve read a letter from TRIAD.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$5,763.91 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$10,763.06. Seconded by Brian, all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$26,814.34

Budget Committee will meet on August 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Road Committee has been postponed and will meet on the first Wednesday in August,

Cemetery Comm: Steve talked to Steve Holmes about getting the members together to talk about the two gravestones that need to be fixed and the list of all the cemetery information that Steve Holmes has to be put on the web site including the info from the list that he feels is incomplete. (Grave Site.list)

Old Business: Hustus Bridge Grant, nothing will be done this year that had to be fixed. Ron will discuss the Montville Road with his bro.

New Business: Gerald Spaulding had questions regarding trash and dumpsters.

Town Clerk: Gave excise tax reports and will give taxes next week, We received a bill from Peabody the Bond Council in the amount of \$2,006.75, Steve will give it to Erna to be put on the warrant next week. Steve also went over the Tax Rate Calculation Form (2018v2019). A lengthy discussion followed,

July 1, 2019

***Steve made a motion that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to Beaver Ridge Wind advising them that the town will NOT depreciate the turbines 3 ½% for this year. Ron seconded the motion. A discussion followed. Brian amended Steve's motion and Brian made a motion that Steve write the letter, Ron seconded the amended motion. All were in favor of the first motion, and the main motion is for a letter to be written by Steve to The Beaver Ridge Wind stating that we are not going to depreciate the windmills as per schedule for the year 2019 and their tax bill will reflect no change in their valuation. All were in favor of the main motion.

***Steve made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Brian for Personnel Matter 1 MSRA 405 6 A at 8:49 and came out at 8:54. No decision was made.

***Brian made a motion that the Public Works Employees, get a paid holiday for the July 4th and Labor Day holiday and the two solid waste employees get paid time and a half for July 4th, Seconded by Steve, all in favor.

Ron made a motion to accept the amended minutes as written and to be placed on file. Steve seconded the motion. All in favor.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All in favor.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 8th at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

Town of Freedom
Selectmen
Mid-Year Report

In keeping with our efforts to inform Freedom's citizens about the workings of their Town government, we're once again providing this mid-year report. We're pleased to report that the Town is on a solid footing and we're honored to have your confidence.

Municipal Properties

The Town has foreclosed on one non-residential property this year, and we expect to put it up for public auction in June. We're required to post the sale, so everyone has a fair chance to bid, and we'll be sending out notices, so please pay attention to your mail.

In a review of Town properties, the Selectmen discovered that the deed to the property where the old Head Start building had been had never been transferred from RSU 3 (formerly MSAD 3) to the Town. This meant that the land on which the Town Office now sits was actually owned by the School District. We've received a transfer deed from RSU 3, and our title to the property is now clear.

The Post Office has provided steady revenue for the Town with no expenses to date this year. Apart from routine maintenance on the furnace and some small modifications to the current gutter, we don't expect any major expenditures. We're pleased with the Town's decision to keep the property rather than sell it at auction as it normally does with tax-acquired property. Rather than the historical tax revenues of about \$1000 per year for the property, the Town receives nearly \$8000 per year in rent, roughly equivalent to 3 or 4 average taxpayers. The Town pays no utilities, heating, or plowing bills.

Since the purchase of the Skidgel lot is rather complex, we'll discuss that in a separate part of this report.

Solid Waste

Our decision to purchase a compactor truck and take care of our municipal waste as a part of Town services, rather than contract the work, continues to create savings. As you know, we modified our spring cleanup program, stretching it over almost a month. Picking the discarded items up as they accumulated during our regular weekly pickup seemed to work well, both for the Town and for individuals. We haven't tallied the expenses and compared them to last year, but we're fairly certain that we saved money on labor and transportation costs. You can expect a full accounting at the end of the year in the Selectmen's annual report. We'd also like to hear from you to see if this pickup method was more convenient and if you'd like us to continue this way. The net cost to the Town of managing our own solid waste in 2018 was \$27,698, far less per resident than neighboring towns of similar size.

The transition from PERC to Fiberite is nearly complete. We had expected to dispose of all of our municipal solid waste at Fiberite beginning early May, but that has been delayed. By the time you receive this letter, unless there's another unanticipated delay, your weekly trash will be going to Fiberite. Unfortunately, we'll have to make arrangements with the Crossroads

landfill in Norridgewock to arrange for waste from next year's spring cleanup, since Fiberite won't take much of the waste we pick up then. We'll keep you informed.

We still are committed to recycling, and we pick up recyclables on the last Friday of the month. Unity Area Recycling Center still has limited the types of plastics that they can recycle, but some of these plastics that they won't accept can be included in your weekly household trash and recycled right at the Fiberite facility. UARRC has expanded to accept clothing and other similar waste, but you'll have to take it to their site yourself, like you already do with electronics and light bulbs. For more information, please check out <http://www.uarrc.org/> or contact our solid waste director, Tammy McTaggart at greenfreedomme@gmail.com.

Public Works

Our winter roads were well maintained this year, and thanks to careful planning and frugal and attentive use, we still have a portion of salt and sand left over that we can use next year. Thanks to the good work of our Public Works employees, we were able to keep the roads passable and safe.

That said, we've all been frustrated by the conditions of our unpaved roads this mud season. Rapidly rising temperatures over a short period of time, creating freeze-thaw cycles that were very different than usual, and heavy rains made travel on some roads very difficult. Unfortunately, we were forced to close the Mitchell Road for some weeks this spring in order to save the road and for traveler safety. We'd like to remind travelers that these unpaved roads are for traffic, and not to be used as recreational mud runs. That activity causes unnecessary damage and costly repairs. But, in spite of this road closure and some difficult conditions, we can safely say that every house on a public road was accessible by emergency vehicles at all times. By the time you receive this letter, the roads will have been graded and smoothed for the summer.

This summer, maintenance of our unpaved roads will include brush and tree cutting, culvert replacement, ditching, grading, and adding some surface where needed. We also have some shoulder work to complete on the Waning Road. Since one has to drive through either Albion or Unity to get the Waning Road or the Glidden Road, many residents haven't seen the extensive work we did there last year. We urge you to take a little drive and look it over if you haven't done so.

Additionally, we're planning to bring proposed solutions to the Mitchell Road to the Town for a vote at a special Town Meeting. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

Also, this summer, we'll be paving the Freedom section of the Stevens Road and the Burnham Hill Road as part of our long-range paving plan.

We're happy to report that the ton truck is inspected and in good working order and fully operational. This will save money in that we won't have to use our large dump trucks for jobs for which a smaller truck will do.

Given the Town's history of appropriating around \$10,000 per year for excavator rental, it was voted at the March Town Meeting to authorize the Selectmen to take out a loan for the purchase of one for our Public Works Department. We purchased a 2003 Model C-11 Cat excavator with 4400 hours. It's a wide track zero turn, equipped with 24" flotation pads, auxiliary hydraulics, and a hydraulic thumb. It has an 8' 8" back fill blade, a quick attach 36" digging bucket and a 60" hydraulic swivel quick attach cleanout bucket. Additionally, we purchased a Moog 40' 60,000 plus GVW dual wheel triaxle trailer. The trailer requires some shop repair, but by the time you receive this letter, the trailer will be fully functional and

inspected. As we proposed, we've entered a lease purchase agreement such that the annual cost of renting will be roughly equal to the lease payment. We're pleased to report that after 4 more years, the Town will own this excavator and won't incur any other annual costs except for routine maintenance and repair. In the long term, this will free up tax payers' money that can be used directly on road improvement rather than equipment rental. If you'd like more details about the actual equipment costs and how the financing was structured, feel free to contact one of us.

Skidgel Lot

Some of us may benefit from a very, very brief history of how and why the Town came to own the Skidgel lot.

The Town had approved the purchase of the so-called Allen Blueberry lot, adjacent to the Town Garage lot to provide adequate space to accommodate equipment, expand material storage, and provide space for snow removal. After title work, it was discovered that the lot was indeed owned by Mildred Skidgel. The Selectmen approached her with the same offer the Town had approved, but she declined; she would only part with her property in Freedom as a whole.

Additionally, the Selectmen received various complaints about the unsanitary and unsightly trash blanketing the Skidgel lot. And unfortunately, it had become home to a large number of rats that were disturbing local homes and businesses. It had been subject to a government-mandated cleanup some years earlier, where roughly 400 containers of paints, solvents, and other items that would typically be for sale in any hardware store were removed. After that cleanup, the EPA certified that there was no hazardous waste remaining.

In order to implement the Town's will to purchase the Allen Blueberry lot and address the need for expanded public work space and the necessity of correcting what was an essentially open dump in the center of town, the Selectmen considered four options: direct the owner to clean it up, take the property by eminent domain and have the Town clean it up, purchase the property, or do nothing.

Directing the owner to clean up the lot would have involved declaring it a nuisance, obtaining a court order to clean it up, and if the owner refused, to have the Town create a fund and contract the cleanup. That fund would have to have been created before any action was taken against the owner. The estimated cost of this cleanup would have been over \$160,000, and additional legal costs. The owner wouldn't have been able to pay, the Town would have added these costs to the owner's taxes, and after three years of nonpayment, the Town would have ended up foreclosing on the property. Since the Town would have had a lien on the property that included the cost of the cleanup, and the Town would own the property with a liability of over \$160,000 and additional legal costs. This wasn't perceived to be a viable option.

The Selectmen considered condemning the property and taking it by eminent domain, but this is an unsavory and unpopular practice. Equally undesirable was doing nothing. The problem would have persisted, and the Town would have been left with an open dump in the middle of our village. The Selectmen negotiated with the owner and settled on a price, contingent on the Town's approval. At a special Town Meeting, the purchase was approved.

Since that time, the Selectmen applied for and received an assessment grant to determine whether the property would qualify for a Brownfield grant to clean up the property. The positive outcome of this assessment was that it was determined that it is not a hazardous waste site.

There is no hazardous waste on the property. The negative outcome is that the Town did not qualify for federal grant money to clean it up.

Now that the Town owns the property, it's fair to ask what we should do with it. The Selectmen are considering many options to present to the voters for their approval. Initially, we thought of it as a small business park, and we're still exploring the feasibility of this option. We had considered installing solar panels on the Blueberry portion of the lot to offset the Town's municipal electricity use, but we determined that without the tax incentives that private entities receive, the Town could not make such a project profitable in the long term. We're exploring leasing part of the lot to an energy company that would set up a community solar farm. The advantage to the Town would be a long-term revenue stream for the use of the land which would be used to offset municipal electricity use and to reduce taxes, and the benefits to residents would be an opportunity to participate in the purchase of alternative energy with long term savings and reduced environmental impacts.

The Skidgel lot proper does need to be cleaned up. What can't be burned or recycled can be buried, and we have tentative approval from the Maine DEP to create a one-time burial site as long as it does not exceed one acre right on the property. An expert, who works in concert with the DEP regarding burning wood waste in similar situations, looked at the site last summer and stated that in his opinion, at least half of the material, once sorted, could be burned right on site. What can't be burned or recycled can be buried on site. There is a large concrete slab in good condition, and one possibility is to sell or lease the lot to a business, once again with a financial benefit to the Town, either by expanding our commercial tax base or by returns from a lease.

Last week, we spoke to the Director of the Maine Community Development Block Grant Office in Augusta. We were informed that Freedom may qualify for a grant to pay for the cleanup in a grant category called "Special Projects." Grants from the CDBG Office are not geared to hazardous waste as are EPA grants. Our job now is to write up a narrative about the history of the site, state the Town's goals in cleaning the site, and provide a detailed cost estimate and time frame. Our intent is to get this application completed and submitted as soon as possible.

The Selectmen are always looking for creative solutions and proposals, and we welcome any ideas that the residents may have.

Taxes

The Selectmen will be committing taxes soon after the School referendum. As soon as possible after the Selectmen commit taxes, bills will be mailed. If two of the Selectmen are recalled, this commitment, and consequently the mailing of tax bills, will be delayed. Please remember that at Town Meeting the citizens voted to set a date fixed, October 1, when interest will be charged on late taxes.

Recall

The Clerk has certified petitions calling for the recall of two Selectmen, Ron Price and Steve Bennett, in accordance with the Town's Ordinance for Recall of Selectmen. This matter will be voted on at a June 11 referendum vote at the same time as we consider the school budget.

If only one Selectman is recalled, Town business will continue as normal until a replacement is selected by the voters. If both are recalled, things become a little complex, and voters should know the consequences and the procedures that the Town will have to follow.

In anticipation of this recall the Selectmen have adopted a Disbursement Policy that allows one Selectman and the Treasurer to approve the following payments: payments to the State, payments to the School, and the payment of wages and salaries. Under State law, no other payments may be made by the Town. Since there is no legal allowance for any other payments, residents can expect no utilities to be paid, no fuel to be purchased, no material for road work, and no vendors that serve the town to be paid, for example. In other words, the Town would experience a partial shutdown. We can expect all road work and trash pickup, for example, to cease until the vacancies that arise from the recall are filled.

An election can be held 24 days from the date of the certification of the recall vote. Ten days are allotted for interested citizens to gather petition signatures to be on the ballot, and an additional 14 days before an election can be held. Depending on the practicalities of preparing ballots, advertising and posting, and other administrative details, this may take a few more days than that.

In a nutshell, if one of the Selectmen is recalled, the Town will continue until the vacancy is filled. If both are recalled, the Town will experience a near total shutdown for close to a month.

May 13, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectman Steve Bennett, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Public Works Director Travis Price, Trudy Price, Marilyn Perry, Ron Porter, Robert Kanzler, Tim Biggs, Treavor Ripley, Barbara and Ron Littlefield, Laura Greeley, Joe Freeman, Hilary Fleming, Meredith Coffin, Nathan McCann and Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary. Selectman Brian Jones was absent.

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Fire Chief: The Fire Department received a grant from the risk management in the amount of \$3,400.00 toward 4 SDA bottles. They are new and sell for \$850.00 each. Must be replaced after 15 years of use. One of the junior firefighters completed the basic fire school which was 10 weeks long this past Saturday. Jim also announced once again the information regarding the "Hike the Hill" event and the fire department will be cooking the CBQ.

Public Works: Travis gave a brief report regarding 232 tons of material that was placed on the trouble spots of the Rollins Road. He put a hitch on truck #4, cleaned up the garage. Grading will be done next week. Daily spring clean-up is done.

*****Minutes:** A motion was made by Steve to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019, April 29th, May 3rd, and May 6th as written and to be placed on file. Ron seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Citizen Issues and Concerns: There were discussions regarding petitions (recall), roads and the excavator.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$9,368.40 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$6,750.98. Ron seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$76,610.68

Town Clerk: Reported that the Town Office will be opened on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Also absentee ballots are available to be picked up at the Town Office.

Budget Committee: Tim Biggs had questions regarding the budget.

Road Committee: Steve gave a report regarding the work the committee has covered thus far.

Old Business: Steve read a note from Bill Kelly, the town attorney.

New Business: KVCog has grant applications available for Water Crossings.

*****Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Ron seconded. All in favor.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2019,

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak

May 6, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Wilson Hess, Nathan McCann, Frances, Marilyn Perry, Tim Biggs, Treavor Ripley, Ron Porter, Kirk Thomas, Public Works Director Travis Price, Barbara and Ron Littlefield, Laura Overlock, Edie Littlefield, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Russel Littlefield, Joe Freeman, Trudy Price, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

- ☐ **Fire Chief:** Jim reported that the business meeting that he invited the Board of Selectmen to attend on May 8 was cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at the Montville Fire Station.
- ☐ The FVFD received a safety grant from the Maine Municipal Workmen's Compensation Fund. I was approved for 4 SCDA Air Tanks and the individual air tanks cost \$850.00 each new and are good for 15 years and then they have to be taken out of service and then they will be reimbursed \$2,000.00.
- ☐ There will be a Hike the Hill Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 18.
- ☐ The furnace needs to be cleaned at the fire house, post office and town office and town garage.
- ☐ Mitchell Road is now opened.

Public Works: The trailer was inspected this morning and it is over at Ben Wards.

- ☐ Garbage truck will be filled on Wednesday.
- ☐ Grading will start next week or maybe sooner. He is grading in Monroe and that takes two weeks.
- ☐ **Health Nurse:** Frances spoke about Pleasant Street and speed signs.
- ☐ She also reported that the University of Maine can now detect if a tic carries the lime disease. The cost is \$15.00

Citizen Issues and Questions: It was reported that the #LB1517 must be allowed. Steve and Brian both responded to that.

Mr. McCann presented a resume to the Board requesting a seat on the Planning Board. He will be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Laura Overlock wanted to know the process of the school budget.

Town Clerk: Presented the Board with copies of the petition of Recall and Brian read it out loud. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the recall of C. Ronald Price and Steve Bennett. Cindy explained the process of what needed to be done. Page 2 of 2 May 6, 2019

***Brian made a motion that the recall petition against Steve Bennett be put on the School Board Budget Referendum Election Ballot of June 11. The motion seconded by Ron. Motion made and carried. Brian made a motion to put an article on the June 11th Referendum to recall Ron Price. Steve seconded the motion. Motion made and carried.

GA: None

May 6, 2019

***Brian made a motion to appoint Nathan McCann to the Planning Board, seconded by Steve, all were in favor.

*****Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Steve to accept The Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$2,752.06 and the A/P Warrant of \$8,717.95. It was seconded by Brian. All were in favor. The ending checkbook balance is \$82,702.96 ?

Solid Waste Director: Joe, Ron and Travis went up to Fiber Rite and reviewed the process that we are going to go through when our packer is full. They will go back after the 11th of May.

Road Comm. Steve gave a report regarding the information that the road comm. is working on.

Rec. Comm. Cindy reported that we have a meeting next week and will discuss the playground.

Old Business: None

*****New Business:** Ron made a motion that Brian send a letter to the woman who is creating a hazard on the road and to give her 2 days after the letter is received to clean it up. Steve second the motion, all were in favor.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

**Freedom Selectmen
April 29, 2019**

Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Brian Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Ron moved and Steve seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. All in favor. The Selectmen returned from executive session at 6:15. No decisions were made. Citizens' Issues.

Ron asked Kirk Thomas to leave the meeting to prevent a disturbance.

Steve announced he would not implement an employer IRA retirement plan for employees. Road maintenance was discussed.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to pay the Payroll Warrant of \$6964.71, an AP Warrant of \$1840.14, a second AP Warrant of \$3753.82, and a third AP Warrant of \$5529.28.

The Clerk presented a list of 30-day notices for 2018 property tax.

Ron moved and Steve seconded a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Unanimous. The Board went into executive session at 7:20 and returned at 7:45. No decisions were made.

A discussion was held regarding Selectmen's policies.

Brian moved and Steve seconded a motion to recess the meeting until Friday, May 3 at 9:00am. Unanimous.

Friday May 3, 2019.
9:00am

The meeting was resumed.

Steve reported that MMA has declined the Robitaille claim for vehicle damage.

Steve reported on a tax anticipation note. The interest rate will be between 2.8% and 3%. Interest charged only on unpaid balance and no prepayment penalty. Steve will gather further details.

The Board will begin work on its midyear report.

The following policies were reviewed and adopted.

Driveway Entrance Siting and Culvert Installation and Maintenance Policy
Salt and Sand Public Use Policy

Town Office Hours

Retirement Plan for Town Employees

Adjournment 11:35am.

April 22, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Marilyn Perry, Solid Waste Director, Tami McTaggart, Joseph Freeman, Laura Overlock, Tim Turner, Ron and Barbara Littlefield, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak.

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Fire Chief: Nothing needs to be submitted to the IRS. On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. a representative from ISO. Jim questioned when Mitchell Road will be opened.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,286.54 and the A/P in the amount of \$12, 964.97. The motion was seconded by Steve, and all were in favor.

The Ending Check Book balance is, \$76,940.18.

Solid Waste Director: Tami gave a report.

No GA:

Road Comm. Steve gave a report as to what the committee has accomplished and what is planned for the future.

New Business: Ron will work on filling out an application form from Stream Crossing for a Grant.

Old Business: Steve talked to Bill Kelly and Jackie regarding a foreclosure. The tax maps are not current for that property. There isn't any time limit. Steve will E mail Bill and ask for the proper way to post the article. Steve also announced that the Town Office is now owned by the town. He also talked about the excavator and the IRA Erna is designated as administrator effective today for the Town of Freedom Simple IRA Plan and Ron needs to sign it. Steve is the Financial advisor

*****Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. All were in favor.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak

April 15, 2019 Unapproved Selectmen's Minutes *Motions**

Present: Chair **Ron Price**, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Treasurer Erna Keller, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Haig Brochu, Tim Biggs and Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak. Selectman Brian Jones was absent.

Call to Order: 5.59 p.m.

Citizen's Issues: There was a lengthy discussion between the Board and Haig Brochu regarding his foreclosure.

*****Minutes:** Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019 as written and to be placed on file, **Ron** seconded the motion. All in favor.

*****Steve** made a motion to accept the minutes of April 8, 2019 as written and to be placed on file, **Ron** seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ron will call Jackie to set up a meeting in the evening to discuss a variety of subjects.

*****Ron** made a motion to authorize **Steve** to call Bill Kelly regarding the Brochu property. All were in favor.

Solid Waste: Ron read a letter that is going out for mailing notifying the residents about trash/garbage.

*****Steve** made a motion that the letter be sent out, seconded by Ron. All in favor.

Steve announced that there will be a budget meeting on Wednesday, April 17th and gave a Road Committee report.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to approve The Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,615.42 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$11,764.37, Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$86,607.64.

*****Steve** made a motion to recommend they sign the letter of agreement from the Towns Auditor. Seconded by Ron, all were in favor.

Correspondence: Ron read mostly outdated and new correspondences.

*****Ron** made a motion to buy a trailer for the speed sign at the cost of \$361.00 and the money to be taken out of the Public Woks account. Steve seconded the motion, all were in favor.

*****Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. all were in favor. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 22, 2019.**

**Freedom Selectmen
April 8, 2019**

Ron Price, Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Erna Keller, Joe Freeman

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Treasurer's Report

Steve moved and Brian seconded a motion to pay one payroll warrant of \$4899.42, a second payroll warrant for \$613.61, one AP warrant for \$3237.52, and a second AP warrant for \$1240.00. The motion passes unanimously.

Fire Chief/EMA Director

Ron moved and Steve seconded a motion to sign the 2019 Emergency Operations Plan for Freedom. Unanimous.

The Fire Chief presented a copy of the Freedom Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. updated bylaws.

Foreclosure

Ron moved and Brian seconded a motion to proceed with foreclosure action on the Haig Brochu property described in Waldo County Registry of Deeds Book 3636 Page 182. Unanimous.

Ron will sign the notice to vacate and notice to remove personal property, the notices to be sent certified mail and by regular mail.

Steve will speak with MMA regarding property and casualty insurance to cover the lot.

Ron will ask Travis to post no trespassing signs on the lot and take photos of the property and the contents of the building.

Public Works

Brian moved and Steve seconded a motion to keep the Mitchell Road closed to traffic until the road is graded. Unanimous.

Brian moved and Steve seconded a motion to direct Ron to finalize the purchase of a used trailer from Randy Chapman for \$3500.00, with Steve to add it to our insurance. Unanimous.

Post Office

Ron reported that the Post Office lighting has been repaired. The gutter needs cleaning. Additional drip edge is needed so all water from the roof flows into the gutter. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

April 1, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:03 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Barbara Littlefield, Tim Turner, Francesca Rocea, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, April Turner.

*****Fire Chief:** Jim presented the Board with forms that needed to be signed. Brian made a motion that Ron sign the form on one page and all three Selectmen sign the second page for AOT. Steve seconded the motion, all were in favor. Ron also signed a form from EMO and another policy form which is from CRP (Cost Recovery Policy) Ron made a motion that the Emergency Management Ordinance updated form be signed. All were in favor. Jim also sent Mr. Hewins a packet of all the claims for 2018 that were not paid. Brian made a motion to sign payment schedule for the cost recovery ordinance. Ron seconded it and all were in favor. Jim is writing a grant for the Stephen KING FOUNDATION. THE GRANT IS FOR OVER \$20,000.00. THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT THE MONTVILLE FIRE STATION ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. WITH THE EMS DIRECTOR.

*****PUBLIC WORKS:** THE SPEED SIGN WILL BE PUT UP IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE CAN PUT OUT SPRING CLEAN-UP ITEM WITH OUR TRASH ON THURSDAYS. A LITTLE EACH WEEK WILL LESSEN THE LOAD ON SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY. MAY 11TH WILL BE THE DROP DEAD DEADLINE TO PICK UP SPRING CLEAN-UP ARTICLES WITH GARBAGE. RON MADE A MOTION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY BRIAN. BRIAN WILL WRITE THE LETTER. CINDY WILL BE BACK APRIL 15TH. TRUCK #4, SANDER IS READY TO GO.

*****TREASURER'S REPORT:** BRIAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,520.56 AND THE A/P WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,910.28 SECONDED BY STEVE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE IS \$86,675.36.

*****RON MADE A MOTION TO ABATE MILDRED RICHARDSON FOR ALL THREE YEARS 2016, 2017 AND 2018 AND REMOVE HER FROM THE TAX ROLL.**

☐ Town Clerk: Selma Larson supplement on the property for Yohan Selma Larson approximately \$800.00. Brian made a motion to supplement #671 for 2017, \$150.53, 2016 \$213.77, and \$87.72 for 2018. and then remove it from the tax rolls. Ron made a motion to send check to Yohan Selma Larson Seconded by Brian, all were in favor.

☐ Brian will rewrite the garbage list.

☐ Cindy swore Marilyn in to be on the Planning Board. She was appointed by the Board last week.

☐ The baseball field is covered with liability, Lenny will work around the ball games. A guy wants to use the ballfield for a birthday party.

Steve: He sent the audit of 2016 and 2017 to Camden National and contacted KV Cog and they didn't have any loans available.

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☐ Ron stated that the switch was off and that is why the lights didn't work and 3 new lights are needed.

Steve: Bruce Stubbs is interested in buying the truck body and someone wants to buy the old water tower. He also spoke about the IRA and Workmen's Comp. with Erna.

*****Ron:** Andy the plumber was called in and said we need a new flush. \$639.99 for a power flush and for a coil in the furnace will cost several hundred. Steve made a motion to get a new flush and coil and to call Andy Schut to do the work. Ron seconded the motion all were in favor. *****Brian** made a motion to sign the papers regarding Marilyn Perry's admission to the planning board.

☐ We paid half tonight for a contract to the Waterville Humane Society and it was decided to stay with them.

☐ RSU Budget meeting in room 111 at Mount View on Wednesday.

Minutes: Brian made a motion to approve the amended minutes of March 25th as written and to be placed on file. Steve seconded the motion, all were in favor.

*****Brian** called for executive session to discuss Confidential Records 1 MRSA 405 (6) F at 8:00 p.m. and came out at 8:00 and no decision was made. It was just a GA.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15, seconded by Ron, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,--
Sallyann Hadyniak

March 25, 2019 approved Selectmen's Minutes *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:00- p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk, Public Works Travis Price, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Laura Greeley Marilyn Perry, Prentice Grassi, Will Rogers, Gwen Littlefield, Edie Littlefield, Ron and Barbara Littlefield, Joe Freeman, Bob Kanzler and several others.

*****Fire Chief:** Steve made a motion for Ron to sign the application from MMA for a SCBA bottles grant for 4 bottles costing e\$850.00 each. Steve made a motion authorizing Ron to sign the MMA application for Jim Waterman to purchase 4 bottles (MMA's approval with the grant money) Jim spoke to Hewins (Central Main Recovery)) and Jim is sending him all the claims (10) for the year 20181R

Public Works: Travis reported that Rollins and Smithton Road were made passable. Also the closed road sign were put back on the easterly end of Mitchell Road.

*****Citizen's Issues:** A discussion was held regarding the muddy roads by concerned citizens. Public works was thanked for making Smithton Road was passable. If the road is not passable or unsafe, the Board has the right to close the road till it becomes passable and safe. Brian made a motion to submit the invoice for towing to MMA that was submitted by a person who got stuck in the mud, for reimbursement. Seconded by Steve, all were in favor, Roland Robetell got a hole in his tire rim and had to get a new rim for \$450.00. Brian made a motion to also submit it to MMA and it was seconded by Ron. All were in favor. Tammy McTaggart reported that she has a visibility problem getting out of her driveway.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,622.69 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$7,410.91. It was seconded by Steve and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$89,922.42

Steve asked to recess for two minutes and the meeting continued.

The Board came out of recess.

Planning Board: Prentice reported that Drew Fales handed in his resignation effective immediately. Marilyn Perry has filled one vacancy on the Planning Board. Myrick Cross stated in an e mail from Florida that he is interested in joining the Planning Board. A man buying property on Greeley Road wants to grow medical marijuana. He is not presently a resident of Maine.

Rec. Comm: Erna asked if we could use the credit card to pay for the bunny outfit in the amount of \$100.00. Steve made a motion to allow the card to be used, Steve made the motion, Ron seconded, all in favor.

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***Brian made a motion to approve Mr. Drew and his animals too to use the Town Office. Mr. Drew has liability and the animals are kept in cages and to use the credit card for the candy in the office. The Rec. will pay those charges on the credit card. Ron seconded and all were in favor.

- ☐ There will be a budget meeting on Wednesday, April 17th starting at 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ There will be a Road Comm. on Wednesday April 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- ☐ There is one GA and one Poverty Abatement
- ☐ Ron spoke about the light that do not work at the post office, therefore Jason Marks should be notified. We are also losing our post mistress!

☐ **Solid Waste:** Ron reported that 119 tons was given in during the year of 2018 (Fiber Rite, Norridgewock)

*** Ron made a motion to go into executive session for Legal Consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E at 7:35 Steve seconded the motion, all were in favor. They came out at 7:45 and no decision was made.

***Ron made a motion to sign the letter to the residents regarding trash seconded by Steve, all were in favor.

***A motion was made for Ron to sign the MMA Risk Management renewal application. All were in favor.

There will be a workshop on Friday April 5th at 9:00 a.m. to review policies.

Minutes: Ron made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25th as written and to be placed on file. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.

***Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday April 1, 2019.

March 18, 2019 approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Treasurer Erna Keller, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Fire Chief, Jim Waterman, Public Works Director Travis Price, Mike Bailey, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Lisa Smith, Chris Spaulding, Barbara and Ron Littlefield, Tim Turner, Kirk Thomas, Will Rogers, Trevor Ripley, Laura Greeley, Alex Green, and several others un-named.

Citizen Issues: Road discussion, closed at 6:56 p.m.

Public Works: a brief discussion regarding a quick fix for some bad spots on some roads.

Fire Chief: Jim gave the Board copies of the E.A.P. which is due in April.

***** Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to sign the A/P Warrant in the amended amount of \$6,618.73 and the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,960.75 seconded by Steve. All were in favor,

The ending checkbook balance is \$93,392.40.

*****Steve** made a motion that Ron sign the cost recovery agreement on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Brian, all were in favor.

Correspondence: Brian read correspondences.

*****Ron** made a motion to send a letter to Walter Whitcomb and pay him \$175.00 for being moderator at our town meeting. Seconded by Brian, all were in favor.

Alex Green appointed to the Appeals Board.

The Leeman property has been settled and Trevor Ripley is now the owner.

Policies will be discussed at the next meeting.

*****Minutes:** Brian made a motion to accept the amended minutes of March 15th and to be placed on file. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor. Also the minutes of March 11th were approved by all and placed on file.

*****Ron** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

March 11, 2019 approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Fire Chief Jim Waterman, Public Works Director Travis Price, Joe Freeman, Marilyn Perry, Treasurer Erna Keller.

Fire Chief: Jim gave a report and stated that the Jaws of Life is working and up and running. He filled out a form after questioning the Board regarding Emergency Action. He and Cindy spoke about a squatter that was living in an empty house.

Selectman Steve Bennett requested from Jim:

1. A copy of the private fire department end of the year financial statement (money in and money out) from last year and also the auxiliary's.
2. Steve also asked if the 911 address was changed on Sanford Hill and the reply was no.
3. Steve also wants a copy of the amended by laws that were filed with the State of Maine. It hasn't been done yet due to Jim being busy.
4. Even though Jim said the auxiliary is not a part of the fire department, they are covered with liability.
5. Steve wants a copy of the liability policy.
6. Does the fire department file a tax return and the answer is no. Steve asked that Jim look into it.

Ron stated that there are several suggestions about putting signs regarding Sanford Hill Road and No. Palermo Rd.

Public Works: Travis reported that he will post the road signs and bump signs tomorrow March 12th) Brian will draft a letter to be sent to repeated offenders regarding garbage. Garbage is put out there without stickers. Joe will compile a list by address and report it to the Selectmen. Roads will be closed to the school bus. We are going to make it on sand.

Review of Minutes: . Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of February 25th and to be placed on file. Ron seconded the motion Ron made a motion to accept the minutes of March 5th as written and to be placed on file. The motion was seconded by Steve. All Selectmen were in favor for both week's minutes.

*****Treasurer's Report:**

A motion was made by Brian to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$4,212.93. Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor. A motion to accept the 3rd payroll warrant in the amount of \$33.91 and seconded by Ron. All were in favor. A motion was made to accept the A/P this week in the amount of \$54,807.99 by Brian and seconded by Ron, All were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$87,445.63.

***Ron made a motion to sign the contract for the Triple A toilet and it was seconded by Brian.

New Business: Forms were received from MMA Risk Management and Faithful Performance of Duty which is done each year. Steve suggested a work session on Friday March 15th at 9:00 a.m.

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Correspondence: was read by Brian.

***Motion was made by Ron for a new vacuum cleaner and it was o.k. to use the credit card. Seconded by Brian and all were in favor.

***Steve made a motion to nominate Ron as Chair seconded by Brian. All were in favor Steve suggested that we have an informational meeting to talk about the Grange, Skidgel's, and winter roads sometime in April or May. Open to the public.

Brian will write a letter for Marilyn who wants to be on the planning board.

***Ron made a motion to pay the moderator of our Town Meeting \$175.00. Steve seconded the motion. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

CINDY REPORTED THAT THE STRAPS ON THE CEILING IS COMING DOWN IN THE ELECTION HALL.

***BRIAN MADE A MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING AT 8:30 UNTIL FRIDAY MARCH 15TH AT 9:00 A.M. (WORKSHOP) ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SALLYANN HADYNIK, SECRETARY

approved Selectmen's Minutes March 5, 2019 *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:03

Present: Chair, Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Public Works Director Travis Price, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, School Board Rep. Ellie Hess. Marilyn Perry, Joe Freeman and Elizabeth Powell.

Fire Chief: Ron reported that the jaws of life are broken and only half working and parts were ordered and on their way.

Public Works: There was a discussion as to what can be done to make it safer to enter the Grange on Saturday, the day of the Town Meeting. Snow will be pushed way back, Sand will be spread all around, Handicap signs will be put up and much more.

One ton truck is ready for a sticker. The drill needs to be fixed and the grease gun needs repair and Ron suggested buying a new one. There was a discussion also regarding the mailbox of Elizabeth Powell. She claims it was leaning due to the plowing of snow. Brian suggested that Travis take a look at it and Ron volunteered to check it out himself.

*****Treasurer's Report:** The Payroll Warrant is \$5,661.13 and the A/P us \$9,356.60. Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant and the A/P Warrant and Brian seconded both motions. All were in favor. The ending checkbook balance is \$116,933.01
Steve took the minutes of February 11 and will give that report next week.

Citizen's Issues: There was a discussion regarding a disservice to the town, the Board and the employees that was published on face book that was not true. The chair expects a public apology. That particular person was not in attendance at this meeting.

School Board Rep: Ellie Hess gave a lengthy report and a discussion was held. She also mentioned that the superintendent is retiring July 1.

*****Ron called for an executive session for a legal matter 1 MRSA 405 (6) E at 7:35 p.m. and they came out at 8:05. No decision was made.**

After the Tow Meeting, the Board will work on policies.

*****Review of Minutes:** Ron made a motion to approve the amended minutes of February 25th and to be placed on file and it was seconded by Brian. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019

*****Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. all were in favor,**

Respectfully submitted, Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 18, 2019 *Motions****Call to Order: 6:02****Present:** Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna

Citizen Issues: Bill Pickford suggested that the Warrant be mailed out to the residents and that would possibly bring more people to the Town Meeting if they saw what was on the warrant. Steve and the Board said it would be too much of an expense and beside that the warrant is in the Town Report which can be picked up at the Town Office. New Trio program collects citizen's e mail addresses for notices, meetings, emergency notices.

*****Review of Minutes:** The minutes of February 11 was approved as written and to be placed on file. The motion was made by Brian and seconded by Ron. All in favor.

*****Treasurer's Report:** The Payroll Warrant this week is \$3,761.40 and the A/P is \$9,451.62. A motion was made by Brian to accept the Payroll Warrant and the A/P warrant was seconded by Ron. All were in favor,

A discussion regarding the warrant was held and after tossing around some names, it was decided to ask Walt Whitcomb to be moderator for our Town Meeting.

*****Brian made a motion to authorize the treasurer to send out 39 day foreclosure notices from 2016, Ron seconded the motion, all were in favor,**

Steve sent an e mail of the warrant to Erna and updates were given to the board.

Ron made a motion to recess this meeting at 8:25 until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19th. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 11, 2019 *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Cindy Abbott, Town Clerk, Erna Keller Treasurer, Sallyann Hadyniak Secretary, Marilyn Perry, Gail Doherty, Hague Brochu, Travis Price, Public Works. Jim Waterman, Fire Chief.

Fire Chief: Reported he won't be in attendance next week.

Citizens Issues: taxes were discussed.

Ron called for executive session for legal consultation 1 MRSA 405 (6) E at 6:26. They came out at 6:59. No decision was made.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to approve the payroll warrant this week in \$3,379.86 and the A/P this week in the A/P warrant in the amount of \$9,114.76. Seconded by Brian. All were in favor,
The ending checkbook balance is, \$104,324.67

Correspondence: Steve and Brian read several correspondences. Read a letter regarding Brownsfield. Bill Kelly's rates are going up. There is wood harvesting being done on the Rollins Road.

The Board went over the Town Report in full.

*****Review of Minutes:** Ron made a motion to accept the amended minutes of February 4th as written and to be placed on file. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ron, Steve and Tammy are going to Camden Brewer (MRC Headquarters to talk about Fiber Rite) Thursday, February 14th at 7:15.

The Form, not the policy was signed that was presented by Cindy regarding the handling of money.

The Board chose #2 picture for the Town Report.

*****The meeting was adjourned by Ron at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Brian, all were in favor.**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary

approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019 *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Public Works Director Travis Price, Marilyn Perry.

Public Works: Travis gave a report about plowing and the culvert and ditch being blocked. A brief discussion followed.

Fire Chief: Ron called DHS regarding a resident on Smithton Road that needed attention. Jim filled in the information regarding this person. The compressor has power and all electrical work is done. Jim will offer a window to Joe that was replaced at the fire house.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$5,561.68 and the A/P in the amount of \$4,429.72 Brian seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is.....\$90,431.86.

Citizen's Issue: Steve received an e mail from Aaron Moody regarding Spectrum (high speed internet). She wanted some information regarding that subject. They will be invited in about a month to get information.

He also received an e mail regarding open primary for election. A brief discussion followed.

*****Brian** composed a letter to be sent to Roland Robitaille on Rollins Road certified, return receipt requested and a copy should be filed with the property card. The letter is to be signed by the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Ron and all were in favor.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the amended minutes of January 28th and to be placed on file by Brian and seconded by Ron. All were in favor.

Town Clerk: Cindy talked about the Town Report. Next Monday, on February 11th only the warrant will be signed. It will be considered a workshop. White card paper was ordered for the cover of the Town Report. A picture has to be decided. A lengthy discussion followed. Cindy requested that the Selectmen come up with a policy for the Town Office regarding the end of day deposits.

*****Brian** made a motion

*****Steve** made a motion to ok a policy showing the house and holidays for the Town Office of Freedom. It was seconded by Ron, and all were in favor.

*****Brian** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. It was seconded by Ron and all were in favor, the next meeting is on Monday, February 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

approved Selectmen's Meeting Minutes January 28, 2019 *Motion**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Marilyn Perry, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Tammy McTaggart, Bob Kanzler, Mike Bailey.

*****Review of Minutes:** Steve made a motion to accept the amended minutes of January 14th and January 21st and to be placed on file. Seconded by Brian, all in favor.

Solid Waste: Tammy McTaggart gave a report and a discussion followed.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Brian made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$7,423.96 and the A/P in the amount of \$9,487.04, it was seconded by Steve, and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$89,379.84.

Steve In a meeting with the auditor, the Selectmen were instructed to sign off on the town's checking account balance at the end of each month. They will get one after the first week in February and each month thereafter.

Ron will call David Hewins regarding the cost recovery contract and would like him to come to a meeting and clarify some issues.

*****Steve made a motion to request the Freedom Fire Department and the Freedom Historical Society both being private non-profit organizations that are supported by the town put in their final report that goes into the Town Warrant the amount of money in their treasury account. Brian seconded the motion, and all were in favor.**

Town Clerk: Talked about the Town Report, Everything needs to be in by the second week in February. The dedication, Spirit of America Award, needs to be decided also what will be on the front cover of the report, the Selectmen's Report. ACO, Cemetery, Fire Chief, Health Officer, Historical Society, Rec. Comm. School Board Rep. Road Comm. Solid Waste, Jackie, EMA Director.

- ☐ Steve stated he would bring in a cards for the Selectmen to sign to send to Drew Fales.
- ☐ Cindy will have the monthly reports at the next meeting.
- ☐ Steve will Email Trevor and Bill Kelly with information about the discussion that the Board had with Mr. Kelly. Ron will call Trevor.
- ☐ Brian made up three letters to be sent to those that were blocking the culverts. It was decided to hold onto the letters.
- ☐ Brian wrote a letter regarding the poverty abatement to resident.

*****Ron made a motion that the letter be sent and be signed by all the Selectmen. All were in favor**

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Ron will put in a call to Jackie to go over the fixed assets.

Steve has not heard back from the engineer re: Brownsfield support.

***Ron made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve, all were in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak
Secretary

approved Minutes of January 14, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Called to Order: 6:01 p.m.

Present: Chair Eon Price, Selectmen Steve Bennett, Brian Jones, Treasurer Erna Keller, Town Clerk, Cindy Abbott, Marilyn Perry, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak.

Fire Chief: (given by Steve) Jim is working on a report for the dam. Jason Marks will do the electrical work on the fire house.

Public Works: More salt is coming in on Friday.

*****Treasurer's Report: Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$3,527.84 the second p/w in the amount of \$803.78 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$3,987.06. Ron seconded the motion and all were in favor. The ending checkbook balance is \$199,183.14.**

*****Minutes: Steve made a motion to accept the amended minutes as written and to be placed on file. Ron seconded the motion, all were in favor.**

Brian suggested that it be posted that two positions are open on the planning board and if anyone is they should notify the Selectmen by next Monday.

*****A motion was made for Ron to sign the letter of intent from RHR and seconded by Brian. All in favor.**

All the selectmen agreed that we meet next Monday, Jan 21, 2019.

Bill Kelly arrived at 6:30 and held a lengthy discussion with the Board.

*****Ron made a motion to direct Bill Kelly to create a release deed for property owned by the school (SAD3). It was seconded by Brian, all were in favor, Bill Kelly left at 8:50 p.m.**

Ron stated that we are getting the traffic light Jan. 30 and he will pick it up. It will work in March and we will have to call CMP for Permission to put it on a light *pole.**

Ron needs to fill out the registration for training, a motion was made by Steve and seconded by Brian. All in favor.

*****Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor. The next meeting will be January 21st.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Sallyann Hadyniak, Secretary**

January 7, 2019 Approved Minutes Selectmen's Meeting *Motions**

Call to Order: 6:02 p.m.

Present: Chair Ron Price, Selectman Steve Bennett, Town Clerk Cindy Abbott, Treasurer Erna Keller, Fire chief Jim Waterman, Secretary Sallyann Hadyniak, Public Works Director Travis Price, Mike Bailey, Marilyn Perry, Brian Jones was absent.

Fire Chief: Truck #2 going in for inspection this month and some repair work needs to be done. To update their records, The Dam State Inspector sent a letter because they need some contact information regarding Dam #29 which is located behind the firehouse in the boat landing complex.

Jim gave out information on the Friendly Caller Program. Applications are available at The Town Office or from Jim Waterman. Once the application is filled out, you can mail it to Owen Smith, Director of Communications. 2 Public Safety Way, Belfast, Maine 04915. This is FREE. One must call in every morning to say they are o.k. and if they don't call, they assign someone else's phone number to contact and if they don't hear from you or your contact, they will send someone else out to check on you. This is something the Waldo County is offering. A discussion was held regarding the Fire Department.

Public Works: Travis reported that #7 truck is ready for backup. Signs are ordered for the trucks. Vibrators are needed for the chutes. Two are needed. They are \$500.00 each. The Led lights are \$500.00 on #4 & #7, they are \$44.00 a pair and need about 5 pairs.

***Ron made a motion that Travis purchase the lights and vibrators for a cost of approximately \$1200-\$1500. Steve seconded the motion, all in favor.

Ron will talk to those that are plugging up the culverts with snow. He also spoke to the Unity Selectmen about the driver that is dropping the wing on the tar and is digging it up. They were receptive to what he had to say.

*****Review of Minutes:** Minutes of November 5th, which was approved by Ron and seconded by Steve, December 17th, December 24th and December 31 were approved by Steve as written and to be placed on file. They were seconded by Ron, all were in favor.

*****Treasurer's Report:** Steve made a motion to accept the Payroll Warrant in the amount \$5,878.51 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$25,102.28 it was seconded by Ron and all were in favor.

The ending checkbook balance is \$93,556.25.

State approved wage chart effective 1/7/2019 was signed by Steve and seconded by Ron.

Town Clerk: Excise reports from September to today 1/7/2019. There was a discussion and Ron stated that he will talk to Montville and Knox. Cindy reported the cash receipts for the whole year.

She also discussed the reimbursement's for GA. The first part of the year to 6/30 and the second part from July to December. There also was a report from the Historical Society and Planning

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Board.

***Ron called for Executive Session at 7:34 for a personnel matter 1 MRSA 405 (6) A
They came out at 7:45 and no decision was made.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. All were in favor,

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Sallyann Hadyniak