

Town of Freedom Select Board Minutes  
May 24, 2021

Present: Steve Bennett, Ron Price, Elaine Higgins, Cindy Abbott, Jim Waterman, Travis Price, Dyann Anderson and Amanda Jamison

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

FVFD: Jim Waterman reported that he will get a quote to pave area of fire department parking lot where gravel was brought in. Ron Price will contact Galen about Knox agreement with fire department.

Public Works: Travis Price gave update on town garage addition work completed. Travis brought up sandwich board sign placed at end of Mill Street. Discussion continued about Mill Street. Ron said the consensus is to leave situation as is in summer and get a letter to Mill property owner, Tony Grassi, the Lost Kitchen and all the abutters before October 1, 2021 to address: no parking on road during the winter months and no parking in front of the fire hydrant 24/7, year round. Select Board said letter should come from Bill Kelly, Town Attorney. Steve made a motion to ask Kelly to write the letter and show Select Board before it is sent. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Ron made a motion to accept May 17, 2021 Select Board minutes as presented and place them on file. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Dyann Anderson reported Payroll Warrant is \$9,911.89 and the A/P Warrant is \$9,275.06, and the ending checkbook balance is \$175,124.33. Elaine made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$9,911.89 and the A/P Warrant in the amount of \$9,275.06. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Elaine made a motion to use credit card to buy map rack from Amazon taking funds from registry of deeds line. Unanimous.

Citizen's Issues: none

Solid Waste: Ron suggested the Select Board have a meeting with Municipal Review Committee's Mike Carrol. Ron will contact Phil Bloomstein to set that up.

Assessor: Steve made a motion that Select Board sign supplemental tax for Avian Haven 2020 taxes in the amount of \$834.35. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Cemetery Committee: Ron said last Veteran's Day, Select Board decided to buy two marker stones for Spinney Cemetery and Steve Holmes, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee would install them. Ron made a motion to buy two marker stones for Spinney Cemetery that will lay flat on graves where the stones are not salvageable. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Old Business: Ron made a motion to sign a letter and send it to Brad and Helen Tyrone concerning their mailbox placement. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

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Steve said he would like to send the State's Dangerous Building Statute to Prentice Grassi, as Chair of the Planning Board to review. Ron made a motion to give the Dangerous Building Statute along with Town Attorney, Bill Kelly's assessment of it to the Planning Board to come up with a plan. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

Steve made a motion that the Select Board sign a letter, to the eight abutters regarding the attempted discontinuance of a portion of the Rollins Road at Town Meeting, by certified mail and post it in the usual places around town. Elaine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. Ron suggested setting up a meeting with landowners before the letter is sent to let them know discontinuing this road was not done right, so it is not legally discontinued.

Ron reported that he will contact Marie Lougee to send information already completed about the Skidgell Lot to another surveyor.

New Business: Steve reported about meeting with Community Development Advisory Committee. The committee is looking for direction from the Select Board. Select Board said group needs a name, suggested Freedom Development Group, have seven members on the committee including a Chair. Action items: survey current members about who wants to still be a member of this committee, get survey done of Skidgell Lot to help inform committee about the land.

Steve suggested the Select Board meet with Bill Kelly to develop process to discontinue roads or abandon roads and about dangerous buildings.

Elaine made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Jamison