

**Town of Freedom
Public Hearing / Regular Board Minutes
October 19, 2020**

Board Members Present: Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Other Officials: Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty, and Constable Rob Harrington

Others: 10

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Randy Lester

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Supervisor Randy Lester

II. Bids on the Loader: Highway Superintendent put the John Deere loader on Auction International, it sold for \$100,100.00. Jim said he can reject the bid if someone trade bid is higher. Jim asked the Board if they wanted to upgrade. Councilman Dustin Bliss, and Supervisor Randy Lester are for it. Councilman John Hill stated that he is for it, because it makes sense to not have to worry about the loader breaking down. Jim stated that they tried a few loaders out, he stated Mark Morgan and Ryan Phetteplace went and tried out loaders, they told Jim what they would prefer. Jim said that two companies had a buy back deal, Hyaundia, and Hitachi. The Town can trade it in next year, get a brand-new machine at \$12,000.00, then sign up again to do that the following year. If they waited two years it would be \$24,000.00 and three years \$36,000.00. With the Case loaders, they include the service. Dick Amidon from Baschmann services, with the Hitachi loaders. They are located in Elma; they offer a buy back. Dustin said there is no service plan with the machine. Dick said no, they can do a service contract, it's not included. It's a three year, 3,000 hours, there is a 500-hour service. Jim stated its our highest used machine, but they only keeps it for two years, and that's a good thing because they have the warranty, there is never major issues, everything is payed for. Dick stated that the machine is a Cummins and its diesel power, it just uses the SCR emissions treatment. The loader does not need the exhaust cleaned out, it's a very simple, low maintenance operation. Jim said that if the Town signed a paper to approve the trade every year, if they trade in a year and they don't resign the contact, they will lose the three year deal. Dustin asked for the weight, and lift capacity on the machine. Richard stated operating weight is 32,100 lbs, the straight tipping load of the machine is 26,680 lbs and the total turn, tipping load is 23,020lbs. John Scharlok from Monroe Tractor with Case. He stated service agreement comes standard with the extended warranty. They have a three-year, 3,000-hour, full coverage on the machine. Included in that is tro care for three years for 2,000 hours. That includes all the routine maintenance, all filters, oils, anything that is required for that machine. They also have a SCR system. It's a low maintenance machine. The do not offer a guarantee buy back, they do offer a very high residual on the machine, you can trade it in and the machine does not loss value. Case is

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an American company; all the loaders are manufactured in North Dakota. They have been around for 70 years and a family owned company. Dustin asked what the weight, and lifting capacity of the machine. John said 29,000 lbs, he did not have the lifting capacity in front of him but it is in the same class as the loader they have currently. The brake out force is 25,000 lbs, 162 horse engine. Dustin asked what kind of engine. John said it's a FUG Power train. They gave a trade value of \$98,000.000.

Brad Price from George and Swede has the HL940 with a cummings motor 6.7, 156 horsepower, the weight is 29,321 lbs, straight tipping load 23,060, full turn 19,842. They offer a full-service plan; it is not included in the price. It would be \$3,500. Councilman Geoff Milks asked would they offer the same as the other the first 500 hours. Brad said yes, they do offer the first 500 hours. They also warranty the mid shift bearings for life. The frame is warranty for 5 years. It comes with a 3-year 3,000 full warranty. Dustin asked if all the loaders come with a coupler on the front, not a fixed bucket. All the salesman said yes.

Jim wanted to say thank you to the Board, he said that the equipment plan is awesome, we don't work with junk. The Town trades them up and we get nice equipment to work with. Dustin stated he thinks it's essential to have quality employees at the Town, you're not going to have people that you want if your running junk. Jim went on to say that all three guys that spoke, he picked them three loaders. They have had Case and he like the Case, he like the Hyaundia, but they did not give a good trade, with the auction they would get \$10,000 more. He stated that Mark and Ryan fell in love with the Hitachi. Jim thinks it is a nice machine as well, he said it's a little bigger. John asked with what the Highway does with the loader have they ever wished for it to weigh a little bit more, or had a little bit more lift. Jim said with the John Deere, it was very tippy. Jim has had it on Two wheels several times, he has had to drop the bucket trying to keep it on its wheels. The reason the boys like the Hitachi was because of the visibility was unbelievable. Geoff asked with the current loader how much does the Town put in to service it, that is not covered by that type of contract. Jim said nothing is covered from John Deere the Town pays for everything. John from Case stated that the service is also traced by Case, throughout the warranty period, then when you go to resale the machine someone can look at that and know that it has been maintained by the dealership and they have gone through all the service maintenance. Geoff asked if anyone looked into, the Doosan. Jim said they looked into it and the lift and the height was a question. Ryan and Morgan went and looked at it, they said it's a nice machine, but they would have had to step up. Jim said that he has another bid from Doosan that he did not copy off, but it be more like \$55,000 for one with a extended lift, that would life to be high enough to compare to these machines. Dustin asked how many yards for the bucket on the Hitachi, it is 3.2. For the Case loader 3-yard bucket, and the Hyaundia 3 yard. John stated he's not qualified to choose what loader they get but he does like that Mark and Ryan like the visibility when they are operating the Hitachi, John feels

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for safety it's always a big factor, for the operator and the surrounding. John also like that is has a higher turn tip compacity.

Dustin Bliss made a motion that the Town Board purchase the Hitachi. Seconded by John Hill.

Roll Call: Ayes-3 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of minutes of the regular Board Meeting for September 21, 2020.

A motion was made by John Hill to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes-3 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Supervisor Randy Lester read a letter from Benjamin Wisniewski from the Zoghlin group. Stating that the Zoghlin Group terminated any further legal service with the Town of Freedom. Randy stated this is precipitated by some events that occurred, on 9/24/2020 the Zoghlin Group submitted the Freedom 2020 Windmill Law to the Sitting Board and requested it replace the Freedom 2019 Law. Ben admitted that he and Town Attorney Eric Firkel were aware of the 12/5/2019 cutoff date. Eric told Ben to file it anyway. To Randy knowledge Eric had no authority to do so. Randy stated why we picked an Attorney 30 miles away and why one who left a high paying job with the County, also one who has little experience with Town Law. Eric has also admitted that he is good friends with County Legislator Ginger Schroeder, who has three lawsuits against the Town of Freedom. Councilman Dustin Bliss asked why the Zoghlin Group took this direction, he stated that he thought the Board made it clear in a resolution passed by the Board back in February limiting the authority of our Attorneys in a way to control cost that the Town could occur. Dustin stated that Eric and the Zoghlin Group are aware that there are no more intervenor funds available and any of their work will be billed to the Town of Freedom. Dustin wanted to know who gave them direction to submit the 2020 Wind Law. Dustin also said there should be recourse for the action, who gave the direction. Councilman Geoff Milks asked if anyone has the most current revision of the resolution they submitted in February. Geoff stated he believes it was revised back in June to give back some of the permissions to the Attorneys. Dustin stated that both Attorneys are aware that what they did was not going to do anything, being that the comment closed nearly 10 months ago. Geoff stated that he is aware there is no charge for the services, regarding the submission of the 2020 Wind Law. Randy said they waved it because there were issues. Geoff asked why is this a concern to the Board at this point. Randy said he has not heard from Eric on this matter. Geoff stated he did respond in the

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email chain. Dustin asked Geoff why he's does not see a problem with the Attorneys possibly sending legal bills for work that does not need to be done. Geoff stated if they did send bills for legal work that did not need to be done, he would have a problem with it. Dustin stated that would have been done if Randy had not taken the action that he had. Dustin stated to Geoff if he is willing to hand over the control of the Towns matters to Attorney. Geoff stated he does trust the Attorney to do his job no different than the Highway Superintendent doing his job. Randy stated why would he submit this law knowing it was closed. Geoff asked why did you guys pass this Law that you submitted to the State so badly. Randy stated that the law only applies to any new project coming in should the Invenergy project not go through. Geoff stated that Randy does not get to pick what project the law applies too, in his position. Geoff said if the law is enacted, and if the Sitting Board hypothetically wants to apply this law, Randy's words would not mean anything. Dustin stated the reason why he passed the law was to kill the lawsuit from Freedom United knowing that the State Sitting Board did not really care what law was on the books. Randy stated that when it was voted on it was to kill the outstanding 2007 Wind Law. Councilman John Hill stated if you wanted to change it for all future laws it would require another public hearing. After the law was enacted you can't state that this law will be active for future, if that was the situation then the Board would have to have a public hearing stating this will be enacted after the public hearing. John stated that the law was passed, and if it was passed to cut out the law of 2007, it also cut the law of 2019. If the Sitting Board has already decided then it does not matter. The Wind Law for 2020 is the law standing. When the third board member comes on in January it will depend on how the majority votes there could be a 2021 law.

Randy made a motion that the Town terminate Attorney Eric Ferkle immediately as the Town Attorney. Dustin stated he could not second it at this point, he needs to speak to Eric first.

A motion was made by John Hill to close the Regular Board meeting at 7:40 PM.
Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

IV). PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by John Hill to open the Public Hearing on Local Law 3 of 2020 at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

**A Local Law for residency requirements for the
Deputy Town Clerk.**

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Public Comments

Councilman John Hill stated that the law is stating that you don't have to be a resident to be a Deputy Town Clerk. This is so the Town Clerk Mindy Holland can get help. She has had three people resign, with tax season approaching it be nice to have someone in place. John stated that yes, its Jessica Dart, and she been approached by the Town Clerk. John stated its similar to the Court Clerk being chosen by the Justice and she is not a Town resident. He just does not see much of a difference between a Deputy Town Clerk and a Court Clerk being a resident. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated he agrees with John that the best person be hired for the position, and as well whoever Mindy can work with. Supervisor Randy Lester stated he agrees with John and Dustin. Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty stated he agrees, but it should not be just to the Town Clerk. He will be hiring someone shortly and if he does not have someone that is not qualified, he should not have to hire with in the Town, but within reason. He feels this law should not be restricted to the Town Clerk. Dustin stated we would have to have another proposed law with what Jim is asking for. Jim stated what he was told that if he can't find anyone qualified in the Town he could go outside the Town. Councilman Geoff Milks stated in the future they could have a law to give a 5-mile radius.

A motion was made by Dustin Bliss at 7:46 pm to close the public hearing on Local Law 3 of 2020. Motion seconded by Geoff Milks.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

A motion was made by Dustin Bliss to open the Regular Board Meeting at 7:46 PM.
Seconded by Geoff Milks

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

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Local Law 3 of 2020
Deputy Town Clerk Residency

A local law to establish residency requirements for the appointed office of Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Freedom.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Freedom as follows:

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Section I. Title: A Local Law to establish the residency requirements for the appointed office of the Deputy Town Clerk.

Section II. Authority: The local law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, § 10 (1) (ii) (a) (1) that grants to local governments the authority to enact local law regarding the qualifications of local officers. Furthermore, this local law recognizes that the State Legislature in Public Officers Law, § 3 (20) added a new subdivision expanding the residency requirements for the Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Freedom thereby rendering Public Officers law a special law with respect to the office of Deputy Town Clerk

Section III. Supersession: This local law shall supersede Town law, §23 (1) in its application to the position of Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Freedom.

Section IV. Residency requirements for the position of the Deputy Clerk for the Town of Freedom. The person holding the office of Deputy Town Clerk in the Town of Freedom not be a resident of an elector of the Town of Freedom, provided, however, that such person shall reside in the county in which such town is located or an adjoining county within the State of New York.

Section V. Inconsistency: All other local laws and ordinances of the Town of Freedom that are inconsistent with the provisions of this local law are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this local law shall be addition to such other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this local law.

Section VI. Savings Clause: If any clause, sentence paragraph, word section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder, thereof, but shall be confined in its operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, worked section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement shall have been rendered.

Section VII. Effective Date: This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the municipal Home Rule Law.

Motion of Dustin Bliss, Seconded by Geoff Milks ,

IT IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town of Freedom shall adopt Local Law 3-2020.

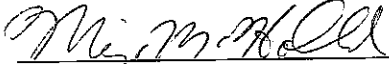
Dustin Bliss . voting (Aye)

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John Hill	voting	(Abstain)
Geoff Milks	voting	(Aye)
Randy Lester	voting	(Aye)

The Local Law 3 of 2020 was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 3-1 on the 19th day of October, 2020.

Randy C. Lester, Supervisor
Term of Office Expires: 12/31/21



Mindy Holland, Town Clerk
Term of Office Expires: 12/31/2023

SEAL

A motion was made by John Hill to close the Regular Board meeting at 7:47 PM.
Seconded by Geoff Milks

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

V.) PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by John Hill to open the Public Hearing on Local Law 4 of 2020 at 7:47 pm. Seconded by Dustin Bliss

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

A Local Law Repealing Local Law 1-1998 Regulating Snow Removal.

Public Comments

Councilman John Hill stated that they are eliminating Local Law of 1 of 1998 regulating snow removal, that stated you could not leave snow in the road. The other part of the law is that the Highway Superintendent could issue a ticket if he saw someone not follow the law. New York State has a law similar to this. John feels no State trooper in the State would give a ticket if someone pushes it from one side of the road to the other and clears the road off and the snow is not causing a drift. When the law was made it was because people would push snow across the road and cause drifting. Councilman Geoff Milks

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asked if it made sense to the Highway guys to take the authority away. Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty stated that the Town is less responsible because there is a New York State Law.

A motion was made by John Hill at 7:51 pm to close the public hearing on Local Law 4 of 2020. Motion seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

A motion was made by John Hill to open the Regular Board Meeting at 7:52 PM. Seconded by Geoff Milks.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks, & Supervisor Randy Lester

**Resolution of the Town of Freedom
Randy Lester, Supervisor
Members of the Town Council: Geoffrey Milks | John Hill | Dustin Bliss
Clerk: Mindy Holland**

DATE: 10-19-2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 30 YEAR: 2020

MOVED BY: John Hill SECOND BY: Dustin Bliss

TITLE: **Resolution Adopting Local Law 4 -2020 “A Local Law Repealing Local Law 1 – 1998 Regulating Snow Removal”;**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to section 10 of the municipal home rule law, the Town of Freedom may from time to time enact such local laws as it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, Local Law 4 – 2020 was introduced at the regularly scheduled Town of Freedom meeting of the Town Board on September 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on proposed Local Law 4 – 2020 “A Local Law Repealing Local Law 1 -1998 Regulating Snow Removal” was held on October 19, 2020 after having been properly noticed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law 4 – 2020 entitled “A Local Law Repealing Local Law 1 - 1998 Regulating Snow Removal”, is hereby adopted and that it take effect upon the filing thereof with the New York State Secretary of State.

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The resolution as stated above is hereby adopted by a majority vote of the Town of Freedom Town Board at an official meeting held on the **19th day of October in the year 2020**, the ayes and nays take and recorded below:

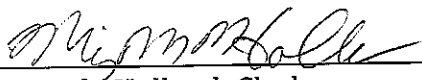
Aye Randy Lester, Supervisor

Nay Geoffrey Milks, Councilmember

Aye John Hill, Councilmember

Aye Dustin Bliss, Councilmember

_____ VACANT, Councilmember

CERTIFIED: 
Mindy Holland, Clerk
Town of Freedom

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) **Reminder:** Work Session on 2021 Town Budget, Monday, November 2th, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Reminder: November Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearings on 2021 Fire contracts and 2021 Town Budget will be Monday, November 16th, 2020 @7:00 pm

B) Halloween Trick or Treat Times will be 5:00pm to 7:30pm on October 31st 2020

C) **Historical Preservation:** Supervisor Randy Lester said that the list the Board was given for the preservation project is for churches, cemeteries, and the depo in Freedom. Councilman John Hill stated that he took a look at the depo and the Town would be better off putting a bulldozer on it. Randy said he thinks it's on the Railroad property. John said it be nice to have a monument to state that there once was a train depo there but to restore the building would be pointless. Randy stated that the Town Green would be a part of the preservations. There is 5 people that want to be on the committee, Deputy Historian Sherri Bernard, Ron Ashworth, Senior Citizen President Susan Lester, Doug Morgan, and Councilman Geoff Milks. Randy would like to be involved with the churches. John would like the Town Green to have a dedication to all the people who have served in the Arm Forces. There was discussion of the Town Green and the right-a-

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way uses that the Town granted to the Tucker and Dawson family. There has not been any finding on this right-a-way. Lyle Wolfer stated there is a website that has records for deeds and information. Randy stated the amount of money that the Town of Freedom will get for this project is about \$170,000.00. John said that maybe after the 6 committee members meets, they should put an ad in the paper to ask if anyone else other citizens would like to get involved. Randy agreed he like more citizens to get involved. Once they get more people involved Randy stated that Shawn Perry from Invenergy could come to a committee meeting and walk the committees through the process of the paper work.

E) Dog Barking Law: Councilman John Hill said they spoke about this at the last meeting and that they discussed about how the Town handles dogs that are abandon. Randy has talked to the Planning Board about this, they have some dog laws from other Towns. Randy has asked Dog Control officer Don Howe to come to the next Planning Board meeting so he can put his input into it. Randy suggested that the Board tables this till January. Councilman Dustin Bliss stated he spoke to Town Attorney Eric Firkle about this. Eric asked what our existing Town laws are. Dustin said it save the Town money, rather than Eric doing the research for the Board to review what other Towns are doing, then the Town can put it together. Dustin stated that we have two dogs from our Town that have been abandon, that Don had to take to the SPCA and the Town has a bill for this. This will be discussed further in January.

VII). NEW BUSINESS

A) Planning Board has presented a Variance to have a Public Hearing at the November 16, 2020. The Board has a copy of the Public Hearing.

John Hill made a motion to have a public hearing on a variance to build a pole barn at 10007 Blue Street on November 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
Seconded by Geoff Milks.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

B.) Deputy Town Clerk: Once the Local law is on file with the State regarding Deputy Town Clerk residency and has a filing date, Town Clerk Mindy Holland would like to hire Jessica Dart as soon as possible. For example, if the law is filed on October 30, then Jessica can be hired October 30. Board has no objection to this.

C.) Town Justice Petty Cash

John Hill made a motion to give Justice Kara Brunner the petty cash turned in from Justice Mary Zink in the amount of \$150.00. Seconded by Geoff Milks.

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Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

D.) Complaints from a neighbor regarding Rosebud Stables having Wedding parties staying late, after 10:30-12:30 at night. Town Clerk Mindy Holland explained that a gentleman called and made a complaint that there are busloads of people coming in, they are staying late past curfew, which is 11:00 pm. The gentleman is very upset and what's the Town Board to do something about it. Supervisor Randy Lester asked if he filled out a complaint form, Mindy said that she sent a complaint form this summer to him and the gentleman said he sent it back. The form never came across Mindy's desk, so not sure we received one back. Mindy stated that if something does not get done, he will sue the Town and he is going to take it to the State, and call the Governor office because there are a lot of people at the facility. Councilman Dustin Bliss suggested to call the State police. Mindy said he has called the State Police he has called the Sheriff and the gentleman said they won't do anything. Randy stated that people park across the road from the facility. Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty said that they no long park across the road that they are parking cars behind the facility now to keep this gentleman happy. Councilman John Hill stated that he either comes to a meeting or files a complaint.

E.) Highway Superintendent Jim Haggerty said that a guy was dragging trees down a road that Jim just blacktopped. He yelled at the guy and told him that he can't do that. The guy is still doing it. Then an Amish guy with a steel wheel wagon, with about 20 ton of tree tops on top of the steel wheel wagon, with two other Amish guys trying to hold the wagon back because the two Clydesdales could not do it by themselves were going down a road Jim just fixed. Now there is a streak all the way down the road. Jim feels that there should be some kind of rule. Jim said he has complained about the horse manure in the road, he said if Councilman Dustin Bliss farm leaves stuff like that in the road he has to clean it, they should too. Denise Willard said if someone damages State property the State will charge the individual insurance company for it, its accident damage recovery. Jim just wants to know who does he yell at, or who does he call, or who does he talk to. Jim said he can't say anything to the guy pulling trees down a new blacktop road, if you can't enforce it. Dustin asked if he damaging the road. Jim said that you can see skid marks and bark all over the road. Jim can't see under the blacktop to know if he is cracking it with the heavy trees. Jim said that there are no laws being broke. Councilman John Hill said that's not true if he is leaving bark and

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stuff in the road. Constable Rob Harrington stated he have no objection talking to either party. John thinks it be good to talk to both parties and tell them that you are destroying the Town property. Jim will give Rob the names.

Dustin asked Rob about giving tickets out. Rob told Dustin that he would have to take another short class, and the Town would really have to get set up for Rob to write tickets. Randy asked how much would it take for Rob to get that certification. Rob said he does not know if he wants to be getting into that right now.

VIII). Public Comments

Doug Tingue- He lives on Sparks rd., he stated that he is an operating engineer, 35, surveying. He said that his driveway is smoother than the main road in the front of his house. He asked if the guy dragging the tree down the road could come and smooth out Sparks rd. Doug said he is sick of seeing tax payer's money wasted on paving and bridges operations. He stated the bridge that was just repaired on Eagle Street, coming over the bridge from 98 it's not a very smooth transition, he said they did a terrible job. Doug has done bridge repair for 7 years and he has never seen such a bad job. They did not even do it right. He said whenever you have pans underneath the bridge you cover it with pavement all the way, you don't stop 2 feet from the edge like the County did. Water will migrate through the millings and get down into the deck pans and rust it out, then you have to bust the whole deck down, it's a waste of tax payers' money. He stated let's do the job right and not create flow lines down the middle of the road. Don't create low spots for water to sit there and the it freezes and heaving, it just cracks apart. He said you see that on a few roads, like Green rd., and Cheney rd., where the shoulder pavement is higher than the travel lane, the water sits and it cracks apart on the edge of the travel lane, it does not migrate off the shoulder to the ditches. Doug said if you need help with grading, he has all his own equipment, he has the experience. He wants to see the paving done right. Supervisor Randy Lester stated that the bridge is the County. Doug stated that the Town should address the County and let them know that they are not even doing it right. Councilman John Hill stated that he thinks the original plan was to have that bridge completely repaired by the County. The County came in and just throw everything together. John agrees with Doug. John said that we as a Town should no longer wasting money by putting blacktop into the bridge to patch the holes, the Town should be calling Legislator Joe Boberg, to let him know that the bride is bad. Doug said that he has been running over that bridge sense 1989 and the bridge has never been paved out to the deck pans like they should be done. They are leaving a 2-foot gap, were the water migrates down to the millings, goes down to the deck pans and rust everything out. Doug stated that the bridge on Sparks road they made a mistake because the steel is 9 inches short on the one end. The pavement is coming apart and Doug asked the guy paving the Eagle Street bridge to go to the Sparks rd., bridge where the steel is exposed and patch it. Doug stated he is willing to provide a service, he has all of his own equipment. He does not want the Town to waste tax payer's money. Randy said he could help Highway

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Superintendent Jim Haggerty out on the Town Roads. Doug said that on Sparks Road he was told that there was no water in the roller. Jim stated that a company called Suit-Kote did two different projects on that road and they did not work. Jim said that Sparks Road will be addressed next year.

Regarding the right-a-way for the Town Green, Doug stated that there could be lawsuits concerning right-a-ways. He stated that he worked with Doug Meyers and you can go to Little Valley for records that go back to 1880's. Doug stated he is more than willing to help.

Denise Willard: Historical sites there is a list made up by professional experts for churches and cemeteries and possible the depo.

Supervisor Randy Lester stated that Justice Kara Brunner has gotten her certificate. Councilman John Hill asked if Justice Lynn Guertin was done. Randy stated that he talked to Kara and he was going to stay on so she can work with him a couple of times.

IX). REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Assessors –Report Submitted
- B) Building Committee –
- C) Building Inspector – Report submitted
- D) Highway Superintendent – Report Submitted
- E) Clerk/Collector – Report submitted
- F) Constable –
- G) DCO – Report Submitted
- H) Highway Committee –
- I) Insurance Committee- Justices – Kara Brunner Certificate
- J) Parks & Recreation –
- K) Planning Board – Report Submitted
- L) Supervisor –. Report Submitted
- M) Other Town Officials –

A motion to accept the reports & communications as submitted was made by Dustin Bliss. Seconded by Randy Lester.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

X). APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

VOIDING of General Voucher #65 and Check #6796

A motion was made by Dustin Bliss to void General Voucher #65 and Check #6796 as Kara Brunner could not attend Justice training in person due to

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Covid-19 shutdowns, and this check was no longer needed. Second by John Hill.

*Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
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VOIDING of General Voucher #151 and Check #6882

A motion was made by Dustin Bliss to void General Voucher #151 and Check #6882 as Top Notch Tree Service would like the check payable to Dale Smith instead (voucher submitted in this months vouchers). Second by John Hill.

*Roll Call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester*

General #201 to # 225, Amt. \$15,913.21, Yrly Amt. \$189,705.13.

Motion made by Dustin Bliss to accept the General vouchers as submitted.
Seconded by John Hill.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Highway # 108 to #121, Amt. \$5,858.47, Yrly Amt. \$ 384,810.63.

Motion made by Dustin Bliss to accept the Highway vouchers as submitted.
Seconded by John Hill.

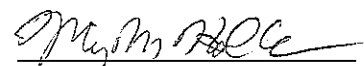
Roll call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

XI). ADJOURNMENT:

John Hill made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll call: Ayes-4 Dustin Bliss, John Hill, Geoff Milks,
& Supervisor Randy Lester

Respectfully Submitted by


Freedom Town Clerk
10-23-2020