

**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**2369 McGraw Marathon Rd**  
**Marathon, NY 13803**  
**April 13, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held April 13, 2022 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Lisa Grinnell, Town Supervisor  
Ward Fox, Councilperson  
Crystal Jenney, Councilperson  
Dylan Barber, Councilperson  
Robert Stewart, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Mitch Eccleston, County Legislator, Gail Heady Tax Collector, Jim Weiss Planning Board Chairman, John Leyburn Chad Dorn Denise Dorn, Christopher Merchant, Crystal Clough, Amanda Barber.

**Monthly reports** from the Town Clerk, Bookkeeper, Code enforcement and Highway Superintendent were received and reviewed.

No approval for minutes for February, March will be decided in April's board meeting.

**HIGHWAY:** Highway crew has been working on cleaning winter equipment for storage and getting summer equipment ready. Highway Superintend Hawley hired KJ Alnut for highway Crew. Highway Superintend Hawley asked the town to pay for KJ's schooling for his CDL. Legislator Eccleston suggest some stipulations if we pay for his schooling, no decision was made.

Cortland County D.O.T has trained drivers in the past but are backed up now.

Highway Superintendent Hawley will contact a company in Conklin NY for training classes suggested by Councilperson Jenney.

Jim Weiss asked Highway Superintendent Hawley if new hire was concerned about the lack of retirement. KJ is willing to wait and see what develops in future.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Mrs. Christman apparently hit a pot hole and damaging her car on Irish Hill rd. board has decided to decline her request.

Crystal Clough asked if we made a discussion on park project. Decision will be made in the future as the weather gets dryer and warmer.

Councilperson Stewart is working on repairs to the park that were caused by Mother Nature.

Councilperson Clough has reminded the board we need a new front door, new basketball back board, recycling glass sign needs replacing. Amanda Barber shared some upcoming workshops on septic maintenance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Bookkeeper Mary Mackey states it's not her job to handle financial reports for the ARPA- Covid relief funding granted by the New York Treasury Dept. Supervisor Grinnell state it's her job to fill out progress report.

Crystal Clough showed concerns on the recycling process. Wanted to make sure the recycling attendant had a set of keys to be able to access the building and they were handed to Councilperson Jenney (mother) to be given to Recycling Attendant. The old recycling shed needs to be relocated across the street. Town Supervisor reported our new attendant was currently using the shed. Bookkeeper Mackey sent in the annual finical report.

**AMENSTY DAY:** Highway Superintendent will order two dumpsters one metal one junk for amnesty day. . D.E.C employee has stop and informed Highway Superintendent that we need a transfer permit in order to do recycling and Amnesty day. Town Clerk has called and left message for a call back to get such permit.

Legislator Eccleston suggested contacting Amanda Barber on our beaver problems on clock rd. Mr. Eccleston reported Cortland County land fill has some methane gas issues that are being investigated.

**REAPPOINTMENTS:** Chad Doran and Thomas VanderPloeg reappointed to the Planning Board for another 5 year term.

Alexi Barber has resigned as grounds keeper and cleaner as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

**Motion 24:** Made by Supervisor Lisa Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to reappoint Chad Doran and Thomas VanderPloeg to the Planning Board.

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Aye	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Regular Meeting closed at 8:00 pm

Open public meeting for junk law amendment opened at 8:01.

Close public meeting at 8:45.

Reopened regular at 8:46

Regular meeting closed at 9:15pm

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Councilperson Barber would like more time to discuss the amended junk law and legal fines. Councilperson Barber will check out our options for the future. Councilperson Barber was given the names from our last hiring list by the Town Clerk.

**Motion 25:** Made by Supervisor Lisa Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills.

<b>Votes:</b>	<b>Councilpersons:</b>	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Aye	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	<b>Supervisor:</b>	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed
A (\$ 6,114.72)			
DA (\$13,142.24)			

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,  
Serina Ingrahm