

Freedom Hill Cooperative, Inc. (603) 545-1239
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020
Bartlett Shed

1. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Janet Verville-Clough, President, Anita Wise, Vice President; Donna Odde, Treasurer; Sue Gove, Secretary; Ruth Webb, Assistant Secretary; Jeff Clark, Shirley Baker-Stewart.

FHC members present: Mike McCarthy, Thomas Clough, Annette Kowalczyk

Code of Conduct will be in effect during the meeting.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Ruth Webb reviewed the minutes of the December Board of Directors Meeting. A spelling correction was to be made; otherwise the minutes were accepted. Janet made a motion to accept the December 2019 Minutes: Anita seconded and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Odde reviewed the December financials. There was no Finance Committee meeting in December. Budget categories are still being discussed with Hodges. Three members are catching up with rent, while five members have been served eviction notices. Number 21 Pine Ridge has not been charged rent for the last four months. A total of \$5,300 in late rents are due at this time, which is consistent, but not catching up. The Dirt Doctor bill was \$2,800 for a total of 19 loads of salt/sand. There is \$1,700 left in the budget for this, which brings us to making a decision on the excavator (see below). Nordham's water purification 2-year contract can be had for the cost of a 1-1/2-year contract. The Capital Asset list is all ready to go. Donna made a motion to accept the December 2019 financials. Ruth seconded and the Board voted to unanimously accept.

4. MAINTENANCE REPORT

Janet stated there was an issue with the new sander blowing fuses. HP Fairfield says the problem has now been repaired correctly. With regard to the excavator, Doug will be asked to make phone calls checking into leasing a backhoe/excavator, as well as the water filtration system. Janet will call United Rentals about renting an excavator. Zach, Janet's stepson, is a heavy equipment mechanic. He will be asked to take a look at the existing backhoe, but his availability is on weekends only.

5. NEW BUSINESS: ANITA, VICE PRESIDENT

No new business from the Vice President.

6. NEW AND OLD BUSINESS: JANET, PRESIDENT

Janet received a call from the Post Office on December 28th, reporting that there had been a break-in at the FHC Post Office. Our mail lady contacted the Loudon Police Department, which commented that we have a video camera to look at the tape. Anita bought a new lock immediately; the little white box is broken and is the Post Office's responsibility to replace. Two postal inspectors came down to see what happened, since this is a federal offense. Janet is in the process of reviewing the videotape, trying to find the perpetrator. This is a very time-consuming task.

The Board needs to review the Rules Committee letter and take action on the census letters that have not been returned.

There was a short discussion on school bus stops within the cooperative. There are only supposed to be two – Maple Terrace and the electric box on Redwood Road. It may be necessary to talk with the school district/bus company about this, since the driver has ignored our requests that students only be picked up/dropped off at these two locations.

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED OUTSIDE A MEETING

There was none.

8. OPEN FORUM

There was nothing for discussion.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

10. ADJOURN

Ruth moved to adjourn the meeting. Janet seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Reminder – we have a 6:30 workshop on Tuesday, January 14th at the Bartlett shed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gove, Secretary