



**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**Economic Development Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**August 31, 2020 @ 4:00 PM**

**Location: Counsel on Aging Pavilion, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA 02717**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman, Robert Jose, Lisa Pacheco, and Jim Rezendes

**ABSENT:** Bruce Wilbur

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Meeting called to order at 4:15 PM

**TOPIC:** Discussion with Bob Mongeon ~ Innovation Way Project

Mr. Mongeon asks for a continuation to the next meeting, tentatively scheduled within a couple weeks.

**MOTION:**

**Motion made by Ms. Pacheco to continue the Innovation Way Project to the next scheduled EDC meeting, Seconded by Mr. Rezendes. Unanimously approved.**

**TOPIC:** Discussion ~ Churchill and Banks

Mr. Rezendes states as per his conversations with Churchill and Banks over the last three years, it appears that Copart does not want to buy the Water Main or the Dam. Copart does not need the water supply for their operation, leaving Churchill and Banks with the Dam and the Water Main. Mr. Rezendes recommends acquiring a letter from Dam Safety confirming the Dam is up to date with its inspections, completing necessary repairs and it may then be gifted to the Town for \$1, as the Dam is of no benefit to anyone other than the Town. The Town would be responsible for the maintenance and miscellaneous cleanup of logs and brush, etc., but it would still be advantageous to the Town.

Mr. Jose questions if there is a significant savings to the Town. Mr. Rezendes answers that there is savings to the Town.

Ms. Pacheco questions if there is any money left over from the State Sewer Line Feasibility Study. Mr. Jose states there is not any money left over, but we can request additional money as this Feasibility study will not be as intense.

**MOTION:**

**Motion made by Mr. Rezendes to request meeting with the Board of Selectman, in order to proceed with a letter requesting the Dam be turned over to the Town, once it is in compliance. Seconded by Ms. Pacheco. Unanimously passed.**

**TOPIC: New Business**

None

**TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes

Chair Bob Jose, using the Rule of Necessity, approves the Meeting Minutes for the October 23, 2019 and February 26, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:**

**Motion made by Ms. Pacheco to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rezendes, Unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned: 4:38PM

This is a true record by me:

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Attest: Catrina Goncalves  
Recordings Clerk