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Freetown Scholarship Committee
Minutes of the Thursday, December 22, 2022 Meeting
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

Present: Mike McCue and Sharon Rosen were present at the Town Hall. Bob Gregory, Judy Gregory, and Jean Fox were present via Zoom.

Absent: Sandra Souza.

Call to Order: Mike McCue called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were received.

New Business

- Discussion on whether to offer scholarships in 2023 morphed into the topic of fundraising to be able to offer scholarships. Avenues for raising funds included the existing check-off option on the excise taxes, using social media to promote our needs, and the possibility of placing an article on a future town meeting warrant. It was agreed that if people do not receive an excise tax bill, or don't read the bill carefully, and don't have children applying for scholarships, they likely have no idea our committee exists or needs assistance. Mr. Gregory noted that if funds were received from town meeting, then the whole town would be contributing. Mr. McCue noted that a town meeting article might spark pre-emptive donations and allow for the article itself to be withdrawn.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to submit an article for the annual town meeting requesting \$2,000. Discussion confirmed that funds received in June would not be available until July 1, 2023, so this would fund scholarships in 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fox, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to increase the use of social media in trying to solicit donations. The motion carried unanimously.

- On the topic of committee membership, Mr. McCue stated he may decline to be reappointed when his term expires in June 2023. He noted his association with the scholarship program since 2004, and his desire to reduce his obligations and allow others to step in where they may have fresh ideas.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned without vote at 4:20 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Michael T. McCue, Chairman