

# MEETING NOTICE

## TOWN OF FREETOWN



PUBLIC BODY: **Board of Selectmen**  
MEETING PLACE: **Police Station Community Room & Virtually**  
ADDRESS: **15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown, MA 02717**  
MEETING DATE: **Monday, August 21, 2023**  
MEETING TIME: **6:00pm**

SIGNED: Deborah L. Pitney Town Administrator DATE: 8/17/2023

☐ THIS IS AN AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

☐ THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Notice of every meeting of a local public body must be filed and time-stamped with the Town Clerk's Office *at least* 48 hours prior to such meeting (excluding Saturdays Sundays and legal holidays) and posted thereafter in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL 30A §§18-25 (Ch.28-2009). Such notice shall contain a listing of topics the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting.

### AGENDA / LIST OF TOPICS

The meeting will be available for in person attendance and on Zoom – On March 29, 2023 Governor Healey signed into law Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which, among other things, extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings. This meeting of the Freetown Board of Selectmen will be conducted in person as well via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public can be found on the Town of Freetown’s website, [freetownma.gov](http://freetownma.gov)

For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: downloading Zoom and entering the meeting ID below, calling the number listed below and entering the Meeting ID listed below, or by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/join> and entering the Meeting ID listed below.

Although in person attendance is available for this meeting every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town’s website and YouTube Channel an audio or video recording, transcript. Or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Board of Selectmen

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

1. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve, not release, the executive session minutes from 8/7/23.
2. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the 7/24/23 & 8/7/23 open session meeting minutes.
3. Presentation and discussion on codification of Town By-laws with General Code and Town Clerk, Cheryl C.A. Estrella, CMC.
4. Discussion and vote whether to approve the amended language for H.3931 An Act authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown as presented in Attachment A.
5. Update from Conservation Commission Chairman on ongoing enforcement issues and enforcement policy.
6. Discussion, and vote on adding GPS to town vehicles.
7. Discussion, and vote on placement of retired K-9.
8. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Thomas Long.
9. Discussion, and vote to confirm the location for the Special Town Meeting (STM) on 10/23/23, 7pm to be Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium as the first choice, Middle School was not available.
10. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the agreement between The Town of Freetown and Carlton E. Abbott, Jr. effective August 22, 2023 – October 11, 2023.
11. Discussion, and vote whether to approve signing of the letter of intent with Solec Energy Development LLC for solar at the Police Station on Memorial Road.
12. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Town Administrator to sign documents with Solec Energy Development LLC.
13. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the road opening permits for Memorial Drive and Kelly Drive/Quanapoag Rd roadway improvements.
14. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the write off request for Police in the amount of \$911.10.

15. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the ambulance abatements and write-offs for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$91,343.18.
16. Discussion and vote on whether to create a sewer line extension committee.
17. Discussion and vote on whether to approve Caroline Sadler, a yoga teacher to host yoga classes at the Town Beach.

#### **Personnel Board**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

18. Acknowledge the resignation of Cheryl Quinlan effective 8/4/23 as Recording Clerk for Building Committee, COA/Library Community Building Committee, Economic Development Committee & Finance Committee
19. Acknowledge the resignation of Paula Chretien
20. Acknowledge the disclosure form submitted by Nick Velozo
21. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Town of Freetown and Freetown Employees Association to increase Van Driver Step 1 starting rate to \$15.00/hour effective 7/1/23
22. Rescind the appointment of Carlton E. Abbott, Jr. as Consultant
23. Discussion, and vote on whether to authorize Lt. Benjamin Levesque to sign payroll and bills in the absence of the Police Chief

#### **Board of Parks Commission**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

24. Discussion and vote on compensation for staff covering boat ramp season

#### **Town Administrator's Report**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

#### **Public Hearing – 7pm**

### **TOWN OF FREETOWN PUBLIC NOTICE**

08/07/2023

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will review and decide whether to vote to accept the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. The draft is available for public review at the Town Hall and on the Town website. Comments may be submitted for up to ten (10) days following public hearing. If you need an accommodation to participate, please contact the Board of Selectmen's office by telephone 508-644-2201 or by email at [lsouza@freetownma.gov](mailto:lsouza@freetownma.gov).

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25. Presentation from Planning Land Use Admin regarding ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan by Institute for Human Centered Design.
26. Discussion, and vote on whether to adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
27. Presentation on Grant Opportunity for ADA Improvement Projects by Victoria Alfaro.
28. Discussion, and vote on which projects to choose to apply for the ADA Transition Plan.
29. Discussion and vote regarding which Community Compact Best Practices to apply for.
30. Discussion and vote on whether to create a Commission on Disabilities.

### **Old Business:**

Potential discussion on pending items – action will not be taken at this meeting:

### **Public Input**

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3931

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 20, 2023.

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3730) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3931) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

KENNETH I. GORDON.

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3931

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
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An Act authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1       SECTION 1. The board of selectmen in the town of Freetown may appoint, as the chief  
2       of police considers necessary, retired police officers of the town of Freetown as special police  
3       officers for the purpose of performing police details and any police duties arising therefrom or  
4       during the course of police detail work, whether or not related to the detail work. The retired  
5       police officers shall have previously served as regular full-time police officers for the town of  
6       Freetown and voluntarily retired based upon superannuation in accordance with chapter 32 of the  
7       General Laws. The special police officers shall not be subject to the maximum age restrictions  
8       applied to regular police officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws but shall not be eligible  
9       to serve as special police officers if they have reached the age of 70. No further deductions shall  
10      be made from the regular compensation of any special police officer appointed under this act  
11      pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws after reaching the age of 65, and upon retirement any  
12      special police officers appointed under this act shall receive a superannuation retirement  
13      allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had they retired at age 65. A special

14 police officer shall pass a medical examination by a physician or other certified professional  
15 chosen by the town to determine that the officer is capable of performing the essential duties of a  
16 special police officer pursuant to this act, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police  
17 officer, prior to performing police details. The officer shall provide certification to the town that  
18 the officer is covered by personal health insurance.

19 SECTION 2. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall not be subject to  
20 chapter 31 of the General Laws, sections 85H and 85H½ of chapter 32 of the General Laws,  
21 sections 99A, 100 or 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws or chapter 150E of the General  
22 Laws. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be subject to chapter 151A of  
23 the General Laws.

24 SECTION 3. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall, when performing  
25 the duties set forth in section 1, have the same power to make arrests and to perform other police  
26 functions as do regular police officers of the town of Freetown.

27 SECTION 4. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be appointed for a term  
28 of 1 year subject to renewal at the board of selectmen's sole discretion. During the term of  
29 appointment, the officer shall serve at the board of selectmen's pleasure, subject to removal by  
30 the board at any time with or without cause. Any such removal shall be preceded by a 14-day  
31 written notice unless considerations of public safety and welfare, as determined in the board of  
32 selectmen's sole discretion, require immediate removal.

33 SECTION 5. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be subject to the  
34 rules and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the police department and the  
35 chief of police of the town of Freetown including, but not limited to, restrictions on the type of

36 detail assignments, requirements regarding medical examinations to determine continuing  
37 capability to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for training,  
38 requirements for firearms licensing and qualifications, requirements for maintaining a medical or  
39 liability policy and requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Compliance with all  
40 requirements shall be at no cost to the town of Freetown. A special police officer appointed  
41 under this act shall be subject to certification standards pursuant to section 4 of chapter 6E of the  
42 General Laws.

43         SECTION 6. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be sworn before  
44 the town clerk of the town of Freetown, who shall keep a record of all such appointments.

45         SECTION 7. Appointment as a special police officer pursuant to this act shall not entitle  
46 any officer to assignment to any specific detail or type of detail. All assignments shall be made in  
47 the sole discretion of the chief of police. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act  
48 shall be paid the hourly detail rate applicable to regular full-time officers, including any changes  
49 to such rate, but shall not be entitled to any other town benefits.

50         SECTION 8. Special police officers appointed under this act shall be subject to the  
51 limitations on hours worked and on earnings by retired municipal employees described in  
52 paragraph (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

53         SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.





# TOWN OF FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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