



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

**FREETOWN TOWN HALL- TOWN ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE
3 NORTH MAIN STREET ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS**

9:00 A.M. Those Present: The meeting was called to order by Selectmen Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectmen Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectmen Lee J. Baumgartner and Town Administrator Richard Brown and Attorney Joseph Fair. The meeting is being recorded by Selectmen Sadeck.

Weekly Public Discussion period –

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss/Appoint the following positions: Cable Committee; Economic Development; Library Planning; Local Emergency Planning Committee; Taxation Relief Committee; Building Commissioner/Health Agent. No Action was taken. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 9 Moray Ave. (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Discuss/Appoint Thomas E. Ashley – Student Officer & Conditional Offer of Full Time employment. Motion (S/P) Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

Old Business:

Adjournment of Regular Meeting: at 9:15 enter in Executive Session and go back into Open Session. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck.) Members Polled.

Executive Session: To discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINTUES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013

**FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- ACTIVITIES ROOM
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

6:00 P.M. Those Present: The meeting was called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner and Town Administrator Richard Brown. The meeting is being recorded by Selectmen Sadeck and MCCAM.

Presentation of Citations – Selectmen presented Citations to Cheryl Bellevieu who has worked at the Library for over 24 years. Also a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Patricia Andrade for volunteering at the Council on Aging.

Selectman Sadeck states that we would like to conduct the Board meetings at the Council on Aging for the summer if that is okay with Barbara Lafleur the Director who is present. Selectman Pacheco would like to thank everyone who has worked and volunteered.

6:05 P.M. Dog Hearing – Owner John Prizio, Dog Officer, Lisa Podielsky – Mr. Prizio is not present. Mr. Custodio states that this has been going on for almost one (1) year and he doesn't think the problem can be resolved. He knows there is another person who would come forward if they were not afraid of Mr. Prizio. He states the dogs are out every night. He believes the dogs have not gone in since February. They are always barking. After about 3 weeks he did not take them in. Lately Mr. Custodio has stopped complaining because the Police said that they cannot do anything. He knows there are others suffering in silence. Selectman Sadeck says we will have to call another public hearing because Mr. Prizio is not present. Mr. Custodio says the problem is there is no accountability. Selectman Sadeck asks Officer Podielsky to give Mr. Custodio a copy of the Law. Selectman Sadeck explains that this is a State Law and this is what we have to operate under. He also asks Officer Podielsky to please make a contact with Mr. Prizio. Selectman Pacheco makes a motion to have another hearing on July 15th Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) we will make a decision at that time. Selectman Pacheco asks Mr. Custodio to review the law and call the police and to keep a log. Selectman Sadeck says that is a good point. Mr. Brown says that will document the call barking. Officer Podielsky states she cannot get anyone to complain. She asks if Mr. Custodio can get other people to call her and they can remain anonymous.

**Signing of biweekly payroll/vendor warrants - None
Weekly Public Discussion period**

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Ambulance Fee Abatements for November 2012 & May 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Approve/Signing of 2013 UMass Dartmouth Torch Relay from UMass Dartmouth for June 30th, 2013 through Freetown. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed Unanimously.
- East Freetown Congregation Church is requesting approval from the Board to use the Council on Aging for their Annual BBQ in July. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) Passed Unanimously.
- Approve Hawker's and Peddler's License for the Annual Fireworks Celebration for William Frank and Michael Nicolelli. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco). Passed Unanimously. Selectman Pacheco states that they cannot block sidewalk and business of Assonet Inn.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 3 Morey Ave. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Discuss status of Committees and Boards. Selectman Pacheco says some we need to keep and some we can get rid of. Hold for next meeting.
- Sign SRPEDD Agreement for 2 County Road. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

- Pond Level update. – Selectman Pacheco says thankfully the rain has subsided. She spoke with Rep. Rodrigues and Rep Schmid. Selectman Pacheco wants to make sure that we move forward from the study that was done and she thanks the Standard Times and Herald News for their coverage.

Personnel Board:

- Appoint/Approve Change of Status request from Police Chief Abbott for Dispatch-Supervisor, effective July 1, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco would like to send letter to other candidates for their time. This is seconded by Selectman Sadeck.
- Appoint/Approve Change of Status request from Police Chief Abbott for Reserve Police Officer Thomas Ashley, Jr., effective June 17, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Appoint/Approve Change of Status request from Police Chief Abbott for Part-time Signal Operator Trainees Lydia St. Laurent and Timothy Dwyer, effective June 17, 2013 Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Signal Operator Trainees as presented by Police Chief, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY 2014 for Town Clerk as presented by Town Clerk Jacqueline A. Brown, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.

- Change of Status forms for FY2014 for Building/Health Departments as presented by Building Commissioner/Health Agent Paul Bourgeois, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status forms for FY2014 for Council on Aging as presented by COA Director Barbara LaFleur, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Administrative Assistant as presented by Town Administrator Richard Brown, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Tree Warden as presented by Forestry Department, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Libraries as presented by Library Director Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, effective 07/01/13. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Highway Surveyor as presented by Charles Macomber, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Fire Department as presented by Fire Chief Gary Silva, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Planning Technician as presented by Planning Board, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Veteran's Agent as presented by Veteran's Agent Dan LeBlanc, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Board of Assessors as presented by Board of Assessors, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Soil Board as presented by Soil Board, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Conservation Commission as presented by Conservation Commission, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2014 for Water Department as present by Water Commissioners, effective 07/01/2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) passed unanimously
- Request from Alexandra Golz to carry over 1.5 days of unused vacation time from FY13 into FY14. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Appoint Marion Rylands to the Board of Director of Council on Aging. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Selectman Baumgartner recues himself.
- Accept Letter of Resignation from Americo Craveiro Jr., Conservation Commission, effective June 10, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously. Thanks for his time of service.
- Reappointment forms for FY14 for all appointed Committees, Boards, Special Appointments, and Town Employees. Selectman Pacheco says that we should have each committee submit their members for reappointment. No action taken on this.

- Sign Contract for Treasurer/Tax Collector Diane Lawless. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, July 15th, July 29th, August 12th, August 26th, September 9th. These meetings will be held at COA in lieu of the hot weather.
- Discuss Closure of Town Offices the Friday after July 4th. – Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to close Town Offices and have employee use vacation or personal day.

Old Business:

- Library Painting. – Selectman Pacheco she has not heard anything back yet from the Sherriff's office regarding the painting.
- Town Building Repairs – Updates (Police Department Windows – Selectman Sadeck says the main window has been replaced, they are working on the other windows., Town Hall Parking Lot-Selectman Baumgartner thinks this is a liability and we need to do whatever we need to do now to fix it. Selectman Sadeck agrees we need to move on this now. Mr. Brown spoke with Highway Surveyor and this would cost \$35,000.00, Selectman Pacheco says we might need to wait, I am not sure this is an unforeseen expense. Selectman Pacheco states she doesn't have an issue with fixing it however she just wants to make sure that we are following the proper protocol., Fire Department Roof-cap on chimney issue- This has been resolved per Mr. Brown and the Highway Barn Septic is out for bid.) Discuss Employee Handbook.- Mr. Brown said we discussed this and we are going to look at the by-laws first.
- Discuss Safety Committee. – Mr. Brown will poll the Committee and get a date. Selectman Pacheco said she doesn't need to be there as long as the union gets the things we promised them in negotiations.
- Discuss Floater Position. – Not discussed.
- Key issues – Maybe we can change it to a secure passcode system instead of a key. Selectman Baumgartner just did this for the Coastguard. Selectman Baumgartner and Mr. Brown will work on this. Mr. Brown said that maybe we need to have a procedure for Town Hall regarding people meeting and using the facilities. Selectman Sadeck said we could have it on a level for access availability.
- Historical Commission letter from Mary Rezendes Brown. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to appoint Peter Erwin an Associate member of Freetown Historical Commission.
- L.I.U.N.A. – Fund per Mr. Brown we need to accept the rehab plan. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to adopt the schedule of Liuna.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting: at 7:15 Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

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