



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
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**AGENDA
MITUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013**

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

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

6:00 P.M. Reorganize the Board: Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to nominate Selectman Sadeck as Chair of the Board of Selectman. Passed unanimously. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to nominate Selectman Pacheco as Board of Health Chair. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to nominate Selectman Baumgartner as Personnel Chair. Passed unanimously.

Signing of biweekly payroll/vendor warrants

Weekly Public Discussion period:

Mr. Charles Moss of Bullock Road wants to make it known that in his opinions the Attorney General should be brought in to conduct the investigation. Selectman Sadeck states that an outside investigator has been brought in by the Board. It is his understanding that if there are any findings that warrant any further action then it will go to the Attorney General's office or the appropriate venue. Mr. Moss wants to know who will get this data once it is submitted to the Selectmen. Selectman Sadeck says the data will be open and transparent. Mr. Dick Padelford asks about any additional complaints, will they be let in. Selectman Sadeck says we will make a decision at that time of reading the complaint. That is only his opinion however not the Boards'. The other members of the Board decline comment on this subject. Mr. Kent says his concern is for the Town. He believes that having the same law firm representing them in the case against him and investigating Mr. Bourgeois should not happen. You should remove Kopleman & Paige because they can't be biased.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Approve/Signing of Annual Patriot Half Triathlon from Sun Multisport Events for June 15th, 2013 for Route 105 and Route 18; also approve a donation from Sun Multisport to the Town. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve Triathlon with discussion. Selectman Pacheco says that

the trash needs to be picked up after the Triathlon. If there is a fee involved we should withhold that. Mr. Brown states he is developing a more comprehensive form to include that. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) and accept donation of \$500.00. Passed unanimously.

- Approval/signing of Sunday Entertainment License for Sunday May 26, 2013 for St. John Neumann Church, Lakeside Family Festival. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve Festival. Passed Unanimously.
- Renewal of Class II Motor Vehicle License for Jan's Used Cars. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Articles for Special and Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Sadeck and Selectman Pacheco and Selectman Baumgartner agreed to discuss these at the upcoming budget meeting on April 16, 2013. Selectman Sadeck distributed a handout. He would like the other Selectmen to look this over and discuss it at the April 16th meeting. He explains a few positions do not come under a contract and they have not had a raise in a few years. Please note that on this form he has created.
- Discuss PEG Agreement between Town of Freetown and Lakeville Community Access Media, Inc. Selectman Sadeck says the Board of Selectman meetings will show on Channel 95 for our residents on Comcast and at the time there was a similar agreement in talks for LakeCam. Our town residents don't have access to that Channel. We want to enter into that agreement to view education programming. Selectman Pacheco says the only hiccup to this is that LakeCam came to us and it was for a lot of money and Middleboro was more reasonable. We are already under contract with Middleboro, how do we get out of it? Mr. Brown says we don't have to get out of it. Middleboro just airs our Board of Selectman meetings, Annual Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings and LakeCam would air all educational stuff on Channel 9 primarily. Selectman Pacheco says she doesn't understand it that way. Mr. Brown thinks it is that way. Maybe we need to meet with them then Selectman Pacheco says. Selectman Sadeck says LakeCam references Board of Selectman meetings within their agreement. Selectman Pacheco says that there wouldn't be a need for it. Mr. Brown thinks that this is sort of a wish list for Bob Marshall. Mr. Brown thinks it's educational only. Selectman Pacheco says it is not clearly stating it. Selectman Pacheco says why don't we have the board meet with them. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to meet with Lakecam. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve letter from Richard G. Hawes Revocable Trust, d.b.a. Acushnet Saw Mills. Selectman Sadeck explains the letter which states that the Town can purchase the land if we want it. We need to vote on this. Selectman Baumgartner asks what this is worth. Selectman Pacheco says if it was Conservation land than that would be good but it isn't. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to refuse purchase of the land. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss response to 13 Bullock Road letter to Selectmen. Selectman Sadeck states a resident on Chace Road submitted a letter regarding this property and through the Town Administrator the building inspector responded. Selectman Sadeck explains Mr. Bourgeois' response to the

letter. Selectman Sadeck says he had questions and Mr. Bourgeois was complete with his answers however he wants to know his rationale behind the answers as to why and how this property was approved. Mrs. Sandra Lawrence asks what the issue was. Selectman Sadeck says this was a non-conforming lot. It appears that he has met all the setbacks he needed to. Lorraine the resident who wrote the letter says that all the water is draining onto her property and her basement is flooding. Selectman Pacheco says we need to be clear that this did go through the Conservation Commission and it was approved. She agrees that if the soil is going back and it is on an angle it should be fixed. Mr. Brown needs to have Conservation go out tomorrow. Lorraine says another issue she has is they put up a deck and didn't use sonotubes they just put up a deck today. They shouldn't have? Selectman Sadeck says we will look into that.

- Discuss write-ins from Annual Town Election. Selectman Sadeck says we had (2) two position on the Finance committee and (1) one for Regional School Committee Mike Mccue will take the 2 year term. Selectman Sadeck announces that if anyone is interested in these positions please send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectman. So far we have received (2) two letters. One from Phil Falzarano for the Finance Committee and another letter from Robert Noguiera recommending Derek Gracia. Selectman Sadeck would like to hold off and wait to see if anyone would like to come forward. Selectman Pacheco doesn't mind either way however she feels that they were write-ins and both positions should be filled now. Selectman Baumgartner wants to wait. Selectman Sadeck would like this noted on the website.
- Sign Special Primary Warrant. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve Tuesday, April 30th, 2013 election. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Selectman Pacheco and Selectman Sadeck announces that the ponds have begun to recede. That is great news.

Personnel Board:

- Discuss letter from Chuck Macomber regarding hiring part-time staff member. Selectmen Sadeck states Mr. Macomber would like Henry Jussume to return to work however the budget would need to increase by \$15,000.00. Selectman Baumgartner feels if the Highway Dept thinks they need a part-time person then they should go out to advertise. They will set this aside and speak with Chuck Macomber.
- Appoint/Approve Change of Status request from Police Chief Abbott for Reserve Patrolman Kara Pigeon, effective April 8, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Selectman Sadeck states that this is a great program that Chief Abbott has put together for reserve officers. It has saved that town a lot of money.

- Appoint Keven Desmarais, Health Insurance Advisory Committee. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Selectman Sadeck says that there really should be no rush because there will be a quorum for their meeting on April 23, 2013 and we will meet again on April 22nd. Other employees don't know that there is a vacancy. This should be opened up to others. Motion withdrawn.

New Business:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, April 22nd, May 6th, and May 20th. Also Budget meeting on April 16th.
- Discuss changing schedule of Board of Selectmen meetings. – All Selectman agree to leave this issue alone.
- Discuss scheduling briefing meeting with Kopelman and Paige – Selectman Sadeck says Mr. Brown will schedule this, he has our schedules.
- Borrego Solar Fees – Mr. Brown is looking into this and will have an answer by the May 6th meeting.
- Discuss Senior Luncheon with Rev. Dias scheduled for April 12, 2013 at Noon.
- Dudley Ma email regarding Chapter 70 school funding. They are sponsoring a bill for school costs. Selectman Pacheco says that the Town of Dudley is upset with the formula of chapter 70. They want it to change. They are trying to make their town more equitable. She thinks chapter 70 is working for Freetown. Selectman Pacheco wants everyone to look into it more. She understands there are flaws in this but thinks that this is working for Freetown. Selectman Sadeck says maybe we should get a hold of these people. Mr. Brown will clarify this tomorrow. If it comes out that Selectman Pacheco is correct then we won't send a letter. If it isn't then we will send a letter to our Reps. Selectman Pacheco doesn't want to be part of sending any letter regardless of the outcome.

Sadeck lets everyone know that our audit was completed. Anyone can look at the audits reports at the Town Hall.

Old Business:

- Discuss Town Investigator Kenneth Harrison start date. The investigator will/should be contacting everyone shortly.
- 13 Bullock Road – put on the next agenda
- Forge Road correspondence Brown to follow up on this. Brown said that we made an offer to them and he will run it by them.

Selectman Sadeck announces that the Boy Scouts have invited the Selectman to attend an event for Troop 333. If anyone on the Board wants to attend.

Transportation information letter from Governor Patrick letter Chapter 90 \$690,000.00 if approved. Information for the residents.

Adjournment of regular meeting: At 7:02PM Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ali Golz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant