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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016**

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**2:00 P.M. Call to Order** Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectman Lisa Pacheco, Selectman Paul G. Sadeck, Town Accountant Kimberly Fales and Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber.

**Weekly Public Discussion**

**Consent Agenda:**

**Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Appoint/Sign Change of Status form for Chief Carlton Abbott, effective July 1, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to appoint and sign, passed unanimously.
- Discussion w/Kim Fales, Town Accountant regarding Net metering Credits. Town Accountant Kimberley Fales states the Town entered into an agreement with Borrego last year and in order to enter into that agreement the school was included in that. Eversource only wants to deal with one entity and they want to deal with the Town. The school may have been able to do that themselves but didn't. To pay for their portion however we need to have an appropriation which we don't. We need to have that. The school will need to pay us back. Selectman Pacheco says we could have taken this off of the budget. Ms. Fales says the school would need to vote a different number in the future. Selectman Sadeck wants to know how we will get our credits. Ms. Fales says we need to buy all the credits and they will come through each dept. Selectman Baumgartner says who buys and sells them. Ms. Fales says probably the Town Administrator. Selectman Sadeck is confused. Each department has an energy budget. Ms. Fales says you get one bill based on usage budget. Each department pays for the electric and then gets a credit. Selectman Sadeck says we need to come up with money for FES because there was no appropriation. Then we will bill them. In FY17, you need to budget for the school credits. Selectman Baumgartner says it is \$1million over 20 years, \$896K to the schools in savings. Ms. Fales says it says in the agreement that you can break the agreement if this doesn't have the school committee approval.
- Motion to approve reserve transfer request to (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Interviews for Truck Driver/Laborer position.
  - Timothy O'Brien - Mr. Macomber asks how long he has been with the Berkley Highway Dept: 11 years. Will he go get a catch basin? Yes. How many did they do? This year about 1/2. When we are doing them? We did them all already. Mr. O'Brien grew up in Berkley and moved here about 3 years ago and purchased a

home. He says he knows how to do most everything in the highway dept here. Mr. O'Brien would like career advancement here and he can't advance in Berkley. He is willing to do overtime. Friends would say he is a good guy. Selectman Pacheco wants to know if the relationship with Mr. Macomber would be a hindrance. Mr. O'Brien said that his personal problems would be left at home. Berkley has 5 full timers and Freetown has 5 full timers. Berkley has 47 miles and Freetown has 107 miles per MMA. DOT rules regarding plowing don't apply with municipalities. We are small and we need to get things done. Catch basin would be the only thing that Tim is lacking. Selectmen Sadeck asks who is boss and if he knows. Selectmen Sadeck says he does know. Selectmen Sadeck would like to know why he wants to work here. Mr. O'Brien would like to work his way up. Selectmen Sadeck asks how long does he think it will take to get up the ladder in Berkley. 10 years Mr. O'Brien thinks. Mr. O'Brien asks about benefits.

- Tom Ashley – Selectman Baumgartner asks why Mr. Ashley wants to work for the Town, Mr. Ashley says he would like to work for the Town because he likes the Town. Selectman Baumgartner asks do you think there would be any issues working for Mr. Macomber. Mr. Ashley says no, not at all. Selectman Pacheco asks about hoisting licenses. Mr. Ashley says he is pending for the class for 2A once that is done he can apply for the 4G. The 28<sup>th</sup> is when, he believes. Mr. Ashley says he knows how to run the equipment. Mr. Macomber says currently he has no licenses but the 2A would be the hoisting then he can get the 4A that will cover everything. Selectman Pacheco asks if he has plowed before. Mr. Ashley says yes. Mr. Macomber asks if it has been any big truck. Mr. Ashley says yes. Selectman Pacheco asks if there is any equipment he isn't comfortable around. Mr. Ashley says no. Selectman Sadeck's concern is an ethic concern because he can't work for 2 depts. Mr. Ashley will resign from the Fire Dept. Mr. Macomber states that Mr. Ashley hasn't ever run highway dept vehicles but asks if he would be able to do it. Mr. Ashley says yes. Mr. Ashley would like to work a long time. Selectman Sadeck wants to know what he took in high school. Mr. Ashley took general courses. Selectman Sadeck states that you are looking to stay on for at least 10 years or longer.
- Kenneth Pleiss – Selectman Baumgartner asks why would you like to work for Freetown. Mr. Pleiss would like to work for more money. He has worked for Berkley since 2010. Mr. Macomber asks about the hoisting license. He has 2A & 1C. Mr. Macomber wants the 4E or 4G. Selectman Baumgartner asks what the inspector asks for. Mr. Macomber explains. Mr. Pleiss would need the 4E and 4G. Mr. Pleiss would get them. Selectman Sadeck asks if he knows how to use the diagnostic computers. Berkley has those, but Freetown doesn't. Mr. Macomber explains the job to Mr. Pleiss. He doesn't know the calibrations with the snowplowing. Mr. Pleiss is familiar with all vehicles. Selectman Sadeck wants to know how many years he wants to work. Ken says 15 more years. Mr. Macomber says both departments are similar.

Selectman Pacheco loves Mr. Ashley but Mr. O'Brien has the licenses. Mr. Macomber says if Mr. Ashley is still in the pending list then he will probably be pushed off until February. He wishes that we could hire both of them. Mr. Macomber thinks Mr. O'Brien would be a good fit. Selectman Sadeck likes both of the guys and would like to hire both of them. Mr. Ashley has stepped in when needed and always goes with the person that he knows. Selectman Pacheco is fine with both of them.

Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to hire Tim Obrien and Tom Ashley to hire for Truck drivers in the Highway Department and they both need to get the required licenses. Passed unanimously.

Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to adjourn at 4:15pm Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AGENDA  
MEETING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016**

**BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE  
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, 3 NORTH MAIN STREET, ASSONET**

**8:45 A.M. Call to Order** – Chairman Lee Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Also present: Selectmen Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey.

**Consent Agenda**

Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request, as submitted by Town Administrator.  
Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve the request in the amount of \$20,000 and to forward to Finance Committee. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant