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**MINUTES OF
MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016**

**COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717**

6:00 P.M. Call to Order – Chairman Paul Sadeck calls the meeting to order. Others present include Selectmen Lisa Pacheco, Selectmen Robert Jose and Town Administrator Jack Healey. The meeting is being recorded by FREECAM.

Selectmen Sadeck asks for a moment of silence for the Officers who have passed this year.

Weekly Public Discussion Phil Paiva 7 Hollywood Ave., he is complaining about Little John, 5 Hollywood Ave, who is operating a business and has been shooting out my cars. He has filed a police report. Selectmen Sadeck asks about the windshield. Mr. Paiva says within the past year. The business is within the past year. He wants the Town to look into this. Selectmen Jose wants to know if he knows any of the people he has done work for. This will be referred to the Building Inspector/ZBA. Mr. Paiva says Little John has also tried to hit his boat with a bow and arrow. Selectmen Sadeck asks when Mr. Paiva reported this to the Police. Mr. Paiva said recently.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Award bid for Roadway Materials/Services for Fiscal Year 17. Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber explains that they opened the Roadway Materials bids and most of the bids stayed the same or went down. He reads each bid aloud. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to award each bid as recommended by Chuck and to award American Rock Salt as \$64.45 as stated by Selectman Pacheco, passed unanimously.
- Sign Agreement Speed Zone Study for South Main Street. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve in the amount of \$4960.00, passed unanimously.
- Approve Betterment loan for 116 Chace Road. As submitted by Health Agent Kevin Bernardo. Mr. Bernardo explains that they obtained 3 quotes. They went with \$48,560.00. They filled out all of their applications. Everyone has signed off. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve, passed unanimously.

- Sign/Approve Reserve fund transfer request for Legal Counsel as submitted by Town Administrator. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve and forward to the finance committee in the amount of \$13809.80, passed unanimously.
- Sign/Approve Reserve fund transfer request for Police Department Overtime as submitted by Chief Abbott. To clarify, Selectmen Sadeck says this is an internal transfer, not from the general fund. Motion to approve in the amount of \$20,326.20 (Pacheco/Jose), passed unanimously.
- Approve Abatements for the Month of June, as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve in the amount of \$21,341.00, passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve Trailer for 2 Pickens Ave. Mr. Bernardo recommends this. He says this should only be approved for 3 weeks. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to be approved for 3 weeks, passed unanimously.
- Sign NRG Net Metering Credit Agreement. Mr. Healey said this needs to be amended; they are now sending us a check instead of crediting our account. Selectmen Pacheco asks why this keeps changing; Mr. Healey and Selectmen Sadeck explain this isn't a change, it's just making things easier. Selectmen Sadeck asks if this has been approved by the Town Accountant; Mr. Healey says it has. The Board took this agenda item and the next agenda item as the same, using one motion for both items.
- Sign Inter-municipal Net Metering Credit Agreement with FLRSD. This is the same situation as the last agenda item. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to sign both agreements, passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Appoint members to a Special Task Force. The special task force's task would be to look over the by-laws, and would have representatives from the police department, fire department, EMA, the Board of Selectmen (the Chairman of the Board of Health), Health Department (Health Agent) and Planning Board. Selectmen Jose says Mr. Healey can certainly attend meetings, but doesn't necessarily have to be a voting member. It is decided that Planning Technician Lauren Moreau, Chief Gary Silvia, Chief Carlton Abbot, Selectmen Jose and Health Agent Kevin Bernardo will be on the Task Force, plus an EMA representative, if Chief Silvia chooses. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to appoint, passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status for Full Time Firefighter James Gonneville, as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion to sign (Jose/Sadeck), passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status for Probationary Call Firefighters Cody Craveiro and Zachary Brink, as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion to sign (Jose/Sadeck), passed unanimously.

- Discuss Treasurer/Collector's Office changes/hires. Selectmen Pacheco says Interim Treasurer Jeff Cannon is leaving soon, with current Assistant Treasurer/Collector Jessica Thomas replacing him, and we need to discuss making others in the office Assistants. Selectmen Sadeck says this all needs to be announced. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to go forward with the plan to make Ms Thomas the Interim and proceed with the making two separate positions which will consist of Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Collector. We will need to speak to counsel on this because it may need to be bargained with the Union first. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss advertising of Mechanic for Highway Department. Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber says we are one of the few Highway departments that still takes care of Police/Fire, and that we need to make sure we put forth the money to this. Selectmen Pacheco says maybe we need to have a line item for Police/Fire to repair. Selectmen Sadeck asks if repairs go out now for Police/Fire now; Mr. Macomber says a lot of the times they do. He wants to know what is best for the Town. Selectmen Sadeck wants to see what they get if they post the position. Selectmen Jose needs to see what our priority is but to Selectmen Sadeck's point, we don't know what is out there. Mr. Macomber needs to know, with the Chiefs' input, what we need, but he doesn't think \$20 an hour will get what we need. He says the technical stuff needs to go to the dealer but that is going to cost us. Mr. Healey says he can survey the Towns and ask questions. Mr. Macomber says Lakeville hired a mechanic and they hit a homerun with the new employee. He will touch base with Chief Abbott and Chief Silvia and see what they need but it will be hard pressed to find someone that is ASC certified and will be able to an all around mechanic with other things. Selectmen Jose says we need someone for emergency repairs, Mr. Macomber says that depends on who you asks, you need someone who uses the computer plus heavy mechanic, the person needs to be well versed. Selectmen Pacheco says maybe we get someone to take care of the highway dept and then outsource the other stuff.
- Sign change of Status forms for Election Workers, Registrars, Wardens and Clerks, as submitted by Town Clerk. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to sign all, passed unanimously..
- Appoint James Sarcia as Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Member. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to appoint, passed unanimously.
- Discuss recommendation from Library Trustees regarding open Library Technician position, and appoint Library Technician based on discussion. Library Trustee Lucille Rose explains the interview/voting process and the voting. Selectmen Sadeck asks how many applicants they had. Mrs. Rosa said there were 4 finalists and Dorothy Stanley Ballard was the one that was the one that whittled them down. Selectmen Sadeck asks if Ms. Stanley Ballard was related to any of the applicants. Mrs. Rosa says yes, the one that was chosen. Ms. Stanley Ballard was not part of the voting process to hire. Christine Paiva asks if the Board of Selectmen interviews the applicant; Selectmen Sadeck says the Board can sit in on the interviews as an impartial body. Selectmen Pacheco says this is a learning experience. Mrs. Rosa says this is only a 10 hours position. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to go to Joe Fair for review, passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings Monday July 25th, Monday August 8th, Monday August 22

Old Business:

- Water Agreement

Executive Session:

- Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to enter into executive session and not return to open session, under M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation with the City of Fall River regarding a water agreement dispute if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Roll Call Chairmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Lisa Pacheco and Selectmen Robert Jose, all voted in the affirmative when polled. The Water Commissioners are also in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant