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**MEETING OF MEETING OF  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 are Selectman Robert Jose, Selectman Lisa Pacheco and Town Administrator Jack Healey

**Weekly Public Discussion** Selectman Sadeck announces that the VFW has the whole month of October a breakfast on Sunday's for \$7.00. Selectwoman Pacheco announces that on October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for the Firefighter Jeff Brum, held at the Assonet Inn. There will be 3 sittings.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- Discussion with the Friends of Hathaway Park about further Hathaway Park improvements. Jeff & Ann Morse from the Friends of Hathaway Park are present. A sign is discussed. Mr. Morse explains that the people that have donated \$500 or more will be on the sign. They would like the sign to say Hathaway Park Playground. Selectwoman Pacheco is glad they want the Park to be named Hathaway Park Playground and are making the donation sign. Mr. Morse says they have \$5500 available in the fund. They have looked into getting signs and it would be mounted as well as working with Charles Macomber, Highway Surveyor. Selectman Sadeck says they will have a sign saying Hathaway Park with donors on it that have donated \$500 or more. He introduces Dan LeBlanc. Mr. LeBlanc says he is here because of the flag pole. He would like to get involved to make sure it gets done correctly. The flag will be huge and expensive and it will need to be dedicated. The Marine Corp flag will need to be flown below it. The flag pole is huge as well as the lighting he wants to make sure it stays lit. The Board will be involved as the committee and Town wants. Dan says that come budget time, they will need more money for the flag. Selectman Sadeck asks about a timeline, but no one is sure on the timeline yet. Dan explains the flag pole is external so security could be an

issue. Selectwoman Pacheco doesn't like the sound of that. Selectman Sadeck asks Mr. Healey to pass this information onto Scott Barbato, Building Inspector.

- Approve Board of Selectmen's Minutes. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the Minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting as presented. Passed 2-0 with Selectmen Jose abstaining, as he was not on the Board at the time. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve the Minutes from June 15, 2016, July 13, 2016, September 19, 2016 and September 20, 2016 as presented. Motion passes without opposition, with Selectman Sadeck abstaining from the vote on the June 15, 2016 minutes.
- Review and consideration of Open Meeting Law complaints filed by Patrick Higgins and discuss proposed response to complaints. Sadeck explains the Open Meeting Law. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to send to the Massachusetts Attorney General. Passed unanimously. Selectwoman Pacheco explains that we aren't the only community that is going through this.
- Sign Pole relocation of Pole# 35/15S as submitted by Verizon. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to sign pole relocation on Forge Rd, with no notification of abutters needed. Passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report. Mr. Healey goes over his Town Administrator's Report. On the topic of Other Post-Employment Benefits, Mr. Healey would like to know if the Board would like to follow up on this; Selectman Sadeck says to wait on this. On the subject of Special Town Meeting Articles, Selectwoman Pacheco says we don't have to go for an RFP for engineering services.
- To consider and review and act upon the Final Warrant Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant with Finance Committee. Administrative Assistant Ali Golz supplied the Board with a copy of the Warrant as it currently stands. The Article numbers noted here are based on the Warrant as it stands before this meeting.
  - Selectwoman Pacheco doesn't want to read through all of the Articles, but wants to make sure they are all good as presented. Articles 1-6 are all set and don't need to be re-voted.
  - Article 7. The dollar figure on this Article has changed from \$900,000 to \$700,000. The explanation has also been updated. Selectman Sadeck reads the Article aloud with the changes. Motion to approve with the noted changes (Pacheco/Jose). Passed unanimously.
  - Article 8. The Building Committee requested the dollar amount be upped to \$750,000 (from \$550,000). Selectwoman Pacheco checked with Town Counsel

Mark Reich and this is all good now. Motion to approve in the amount of \$750,000 (Pacheco/Jose). Passed unanimously.

- For the Water Articles, Selectman Sadeck says the Water Commissioners approved the dollar values at their meeting on September 29, so those Articles are all set.
- Selectwoman Pacheco asks for an update on the Planning Board Articles from Selectman Jose. He isn't sure about them, but their Public Hearing is on October 4. Selectwoman Pacheco says any changes will have to be made on Town Meeting floor if possible, or else it'll have to wait for the Annual Town Meeting.
- Article 17. Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber isn't present at the meeting to discuss this Article, but expressed to Mr. Healey that he didn't care either way. Mr. Healey had to leave the meeting early. Selectwoman Pacheco says we could leave the Article and pull it on Town Meeting floor if needed. Selectman Jose notes that if we push this Article off to the Spring, we can use Chapter 90 money for it. He would prefer that. The Board agrees to pull the Article.
- Article 19 (now Article 18). Kent Wilkins from the Finance Committee informs the Board that the Finance Committee voted 4-0, with 1 abstention, to approve this Article. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to support the change from seven members to five. Passed unanimously.
- All other Articles are ready for Town Meeting. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to close the Warrant, Articles as voted and approved. Passed unanimously.

#### **Board of Health:**

- Selectwoman Pacheco would like an update on 137 Chipaway Rd. as soon as one is available.

#### **Personnel Board:**

- Appoint/Sign Change of Status for Kenneth Pliess to Highway Dept, as submitted by Highway Surveyor, effective October 24, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to appoint and sign. Passed unanimously.
- Accept resignation letter from Lucille Rosa for the Building Committee, effective September 27, 2016. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to accept. Passed Unanimously, with a letter sent to Mrs. Rosa. Selectwoman Pacheco wants to reach out to Paul Lubin, asking him if he is going to be the Library Trustee designee for the Committee.
- Request from Planning Board to make them Special Municipal Employees. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to appoint them as Special Municipal Employees. Selectwoman

Pacheco explains their jobs are not compromised and this allows them to appear before boards without prejudice.

- Request from John Lopes for Leave of Absence, as submitted by Chief Abbott. Police Chief Carlton Abbott is present at the meeting if needed for questions. Selectwoman Pacheco explains he has been on the force for 18 years and doesn't feel that he can fulfill the duties well. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to grant request. Passed Unanimously. Selectman Jose asks if his will affect his continuing education. Chief Abbott says he has spoken with him about this and they will work on it.
- Discuss Annual rate for Lock-Up Attendants with Police Chief Carlton Abbott. Chief Abbott recommends Reserve step 1. The next question becomes how will their rate be adjusted? Selectman Sadeck says they are by-law employees. Selectwoman Pacheco says we can address this annually. Selectman Sadeck says we need to take a vote now and separate it all together. Selectwoman Pacheco says we shouldn't tie the rate to the CBA. Selectman Jose asks who this effects, Selectwoman Pacheco says we should just talk the rate, not the people. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to set the Lock-up Attendant's rate of \$17.60 per hour. Passed unanimously. Selectwoman Pacheco sums it up: she says this is not tied to Reserve Step 1, it is now under the personnel by-law and will be addressed every year.
- Sign/Appoint John Pina to Patrolman as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective October 31, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to appoint and sign. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Kara Pigeon and Phillip Pine as submitted by Police chief Carlton Abbott, effective October 31, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to sign for Mr. Pine. Passed unanimously. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to sign for Ms. Pigeon. Passed unanimously. Chief Abbott says both will attend the academy starting on October 31, and they will be appointed student officers. They aren't covered by 111F they will be covered by workers comp.
- Sign Change of Status form for Robert Klevecka, as submitted by Health Agent Kevin Bernardo, effective October 24, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to sign. Passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings. Discussion is held on future meetings around the holidays and a vacation Selectwoman Pacheco has planned in January. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to hold meetings on the following dates: October 18, November 14, November 28, December 12, January 9 and January 23. Passed unanimously.

Special Town Meeting Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday December 27<sup>th</sup>. Going into January, Selectwoman Pacheco is on vacation. So January 9<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will need to be cancelled. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) for the above schedule. Passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- Painting of Town Hall. – Painting is going great and it is looking very sharp. Selectman Sadeck says he made up some copper flashing units. He wants to know about the electrical upgrade. Mr. Healey says the Collectors office is good, but he isn't sure about anyone else that has a need.
- Ongoing projects at Town Hall. – Selectman Sadeck says he's aware of the new spam filter issues and we will deal with this at a later date.
- Freetown Screw update – Jack says no update, but he will speak with Kevin Pecos.

**Executive Session:**

At 6:55pm, Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to enter into Executive Session for the following exemptions, and to not return into open session after:

M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21 (a) (1) – To discuss the physical condition of an employee.

M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21 (a) (3) – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Fire Union.

M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 (a) (2) - In preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Jessica Thomas, Temporary Treasurer/Collector.

Roll Call Selectman Robert Jose, Selectwoman Lisa Pacheco, Chairman Paul Sadeck. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to adjourn at 7:45pm. Roll Call Selectman Robert Jose, Selectwoman Lisa Pacheco, Chairman Paul Sadeck. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant