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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2017
COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717**

6:00 P.M. **Call to Order** – Selectman Sadeck calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectman Robert Jose, Selectman Lisa Pacheco and Town Administrator Jack Healey. The meeting is being audio recorded by Administrative Assistant Ali Golz and video recorded by FREECAM. Selectman Sadeck acknowledges the Patriots Super Bowl victory. Selectman Sadeck reads the agenda aloud. The Board recites the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Approve/signing of Annual Patriot Half Triathlon from Sun Multisport Events for June 17th, 2017 for Route 105 and Route 18; also approve a donation from Sun Multisport to the Town. Mark Walter is here from Sun Multisports to say thank you and he wanted to come before the Board because he hasn't been here in a long time. Mr. Walter says they try to put on a safe and clean race and if there are ever any issues he wants to know about that. Selectman Jose wants to know if there were any complaints; Selectman Pacheco says a long time ago there were complaints about trash, but there haven't been any in recent years. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve the Annual Patriot Half Triathlon from Sun Multisports for June 17th, 2017 for Route 105 and Route 18 and also the Annual Cranberry Trifest for August 19 & 20, 2017, passed unanimously. The Board thanks Sun Multisports for their donation, as well. Mr. Walter asks Mrs. Golz to let him know about any complaints, so they can address them immediately.
- Approve/signing of 16th Annual Cranberry Trifest for August 19 & 20, 2017 through town. This item approved as part of motion on previous agenda item.
- Approve/signing of 2nd Annual "Tour de Crème" for May 21, 2017 through town. Selectman Jose asks if there were any complaints last year, Selectman Pacheco says there were not. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve, passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report. Mr. Healey explains that this has been a busy time. We have been working on the procurement on a bypass valve for the Water Department, and on March 3rd, those bids

will be open. He has also been working on Excel complaints, and has been out to the site along with the Health Agent Mr. Bernardo. There is an ongoing tire issue and a letter from Mr. Xifarias. He is trying to get DEP to resurrect some unfinished business with these tires. This has been a problem for many years. Mr. Healey has been in touch with Mark Dakers at DEP and this is an ongoing issue that needs a little more attention. Tomorrow several people will be attending a workshop at SRPEDD regarding Marijuana. KP Law is putting this on. A dear friend of Mr. Healey's has asked why the Selectmen don't pledge allegiance to the flag. We thank her. Also about a week ago, Mr. Healey says he sent the Board a letter informing him about his last work day. Mr. Healey will be leaving the Town of Freetown on June 22nd. He states he is also on Planning Board, the ZBA, as well as the Gas and Electric Board in the town of Middleboro. Selectman Sadeck says it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Healey. He said that this Mr. Xifarias tire issue has been sitting there for awhile. The Excel issue will be back on the Agenda for 2/21 and he has asked Jack to have Counsel here for the meeting and he has also asked that DEP to be present because they have issued the permit as well and so far to his knowledge, he isn't aware that they will be present. Mr. Healey says Excel is working to attenuate the sound issues, however he thinks DEP will not be there. The Board would like Mr. Healey to send DEP a letter.

- Discuss Ride Along and Student Intern Program with Police Chief Carlton Abbott. Chief Abbott explains he sent over 2 policies to the Board, the Student Intern Policy and the Ride Along Policy. Both include the structure, rules and regulations, things like that. The Student Intern Policy, they get many requests throughout the year for this. Previously they just had the interns doing office work, but that's basically a waste of time, so the PD worked with faculty from Bristol Community College to develop a new program. He would like a program which would involve online training and have them also be a ride along and at the end of the program, have them put together a paper. They would have to be 18 year of age and older. Selectman Sadeck's concern is the cost to the Town. Chief Abbott says there would be no cost asked for by the Officers. Chief Abbott says if there becomes a cost, then this will be suspended. The same is true with the Intern Program. Selectman Pacheco says that was her concern as well. Selectman Sadeck asks if all the Board members saw the letter Chief Abbott wrote about no cost and they are all in agreement after reading the letter. Chief Abbott believes they wouldn't be looking for compensation, if anything like a Field Training Officer Accreditation. Selectman Jose asks how many per year. Chief Abbott says maybe 2 requests per year. Selectman Jose says they won't be having any interference with the officer during the ride along? Chief Abbott says they won't be getting out of the cruiser. Selectman Pacheco isn't sold on the Ride Along, she is worried about the inherent risk and doesn't understand why people would want to. Selectman Jose says he understands the community relations benefits with the Ride Alongs, provided the inherent risks are addressed. Selectman Pacheco says her concerns are more of a personal thought, it doesn't mean she'd vote no. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to approve both programs, passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco would like a report back in about 6 months. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) that the Board gets a report back within 6 months to see how the programs are doing, passed unanimously.
- Discuss Chief Abbott's request for Floater use in the Police Station. Chief Abbott explains that the Secretary of Public Records allow you to hold records electronically. He would like the records to be scanned. This will provide convenience instead of going out to the container, as the Department gets many requests. We can also save space. The floater can help with this, even just a small number of hours a week. Chief says they can work around the needs of the Town Hall when it comes to the

floater's schedule. Mr. Healey notes that there is unfilled floater position and that Timm, the current floater, is rather busy in the Town Hall. Mrs. Golz says she can send Timm up to the Police Station. Selectman Pacheco says she has no problem with this. He would be dealing with some confidential stuff, Chief Abbott has a non-disclosure agreement for him to sign. He wouldn't have access to evidence lock-up or anything. The Board is in agreement on this being ok. Selectman Pacheco says no motion is needed, Chief Abbott can work on scheduling with Mrs. Golz.

- Vote on Seasonal population form for MA Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. Freetown's seasonal population would not change. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to endorse the document reflecting that, passed unanimously.
- Discuss entering into a new contract with MCCAM for 2018 as the current contract ends in December of 2017. Jack explains that MCCAM would like to enter into a new contract. This agenda item is held for a future meeting.
- Approve/Sign Reserve fund transfer request for IT, as submitted by Town Administrator Jack Healey. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve & sign in the amount of \$4,000 and forward to the Finance Committee, passed unanimously.
- Approve Abatements for the Month of January 2017, as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) in the amount of \$40,924.99, passed unanimously.
- Approve Abatements for the Month of November 2015, as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) in the amount of \$13,898.59, passed unanimously.
- Discuss availability of District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding and eligible activities including implementation of Community Compact activities. Planning Technician Lauren Moreau explains that the funding has been released. We have gotten this money and used it for many purposes. We can ask for housing money potentially. Ms. Moreau thinks we should go for as much money as we can here. She comes to the Board because the Board will sign off eventually, so she would like the Board's blessing beforehand. Selectman Jose asks what the overall goal is of becoming a compact community. Ms. Moreau says there are many different categories and SRPEDD can help us figure out what is the best route for the Town. Selectman Pacheco asks what Ms. Moreau needs from the Board. Mr. Moreau says the application is due by the 28th, she's merely letting the Board know in advance. Selectman Jose says the Planning Board will take care of actually applying and whatnot.
- Approve additional Senior Work off participants, as submitted by COA Director Barbara Lafleur. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve the additional work off participants, passed unanimously.
- Discuss letter sent by Mr. Xifarias. Selectman Jose wants to know if Mr. Xifarias is looking to get something back from us. Mr. Healey thinks he is looking for us to get DEP to get moving again. Selectman Jose asks Mr. Healey if, in his conversations with him, Mr. Xifarias is satisfied and doesn't need to meet with the Board. Selectman Pacheco wants to make sure that Mr. Healey has made it clear that the Board is on board with what is going on. Mr. Healey is going to write a letter to him memorializing this.

- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from January 23, 2017. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve, passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Sign Change of Status form for Thomas Ashley and Jordan Costa for Highway Dept., as submitted by Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber, effective February 16, 2017 and March 21, 2017 respectively. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to approve Thomas Ashley's Change of Status. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to approve Jordan Costa's Change of Status. Both motions pass unanimously.
- Discuss Substitute Van Drivers. Mrs. Lafleur explains one driver is gone for a short period of time and the other will be out from now until 3/24. Selectman Pacheco explains she has been speaking with Mrs. Lafluer about possibilities and maybe van drivers from the schools could help out. She also said they should call over to other COA's to see if their van drivers would be interested. Mrs. Lafleur said she has someone interested from the senior work off program, is that possible? This works. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to have the Deborah White, part of the senior work off program, acts as van driver, passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco says they need to post this immediately anyway so you can have 2 backups. Post for a Senior Van Driver Alternate.
- Accept letter of resignation from Denise Charland for the Library Technician, effective February 3, 2017. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to accept, passed unanimously. The Board would like a letter sent to Ms. Charland.
- Appoint Paul Sadeck as Constable, submitted by Chief Abbott. Selectman Sadeck is recusing himself at this time. Selectman Pacheco reads the Constable statement which Paul Sadeck is asking that he be appointed a Civil and Criminal Constable, and he has filed a form 20D with the Town Clerk. Selectman Sadeck would like to serve this Town further. Selectman Jose says he has an opinion from Town Counsel stating that he can serve as Constable. Selectman Jose asks if he would be against the start date to be April 3rd. Selectman Sadeck has no issue with that. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to appoint Mr. Sadeck as Constable, effective April 3rd, passed 2-0 with Selectman Sadeck abstaining as noted. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to sign 20D form, passed unanimously.
- Accept Jack Healey's letter of intent not to renegotiate a new contract. Mr. Healey went over his letter as part of his Town Administrator's Report, and it was acknowledged at that time.
- Appoint Terrence Woldorf and Carol Woldorf to Parade and Fireworks Committee, as submitted by Judy Gregory, effective February 6, 2017. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to appoint, passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings Tuesday February 21st, Monday March 6th, Monday March 20th.

Executive Session:

At 7:11pm, motion (Pacheco/Jose) to enter into Executive Session and to return back into open session afterwards for reasons pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Town Hall, Library, Highway Union because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. Roll Call Chairman Paul Sadeck, Selectman Lisa Pacheco, Selectman Robert Jose. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

At 7:15pm, motion (Jose/Pacheco) to enter back into open session and take a 5 minute recess. Roll Call Chairman Paul Sadeck, Selectman Lisa Pacheco, Selectman Robert Jose. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

7:20 P.M. Discuss FY18 Budgets with Finance Committee

The Board of Selectmen meets with the Finance Committee to go over the FY18 Budget.

The members go over the Omnibus. They decide to go through the whole Omnibus, focusing on increases, and then placing holds on the budgets they have questions on, then ask the Department Heads to attend a meeting at a later time. They would like to put a hold on the following budgets: Town Administrator, Board of Assessors, Management Info Systems, Treasurer, Legal, Town Clerk, Conservation Commission, Police, School, Highway, Council on Aging, Library, Historical Commission, Reserve Fund. Specifically on the Town Administrator's budget, Selectman Pacheco says we need to look at this budget closely because we will be hiring a new Town Administrator during the FY18 fiscal year. Mrs. Golz will come up with a schedule to further discuss these budgets, starting with the March 6th Board of Selectmen's meeting.

At 8:00pm, motion (Jose/Pacheco) to adjourn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz

Administrative Assistant