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MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 01, 2017

COUNCIL ON AGING

227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco calls the meeting to order. Also present are Selectman Robert Jose and Selectman Charles Sullivan. Town Administrator Jack Healey and Administrative Assistant Ali Golz are also present. The meeting is being recorded by Mrs. Golz and by FREECAM. Chairman Pacheco will take the meeting out of order as time allows, presented here in posted agenda order. Chairman Pacheco opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Weekly Public Discussion

6:05 P.M. Board of Health Variance for 11 Pickens Street

Present: Board of Health Agent Kevin Bernardo, Nick Dufresne of Farland Corp, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyor, and abutters.

Mr. Bernardo states that 11 Pickens has 5 variance requests and all the abutters have been notified. Selectman Sullivan reads the abutters aloud, with the last names Bates, Richards, Cronin, Jamal, Craig, Miller & J&W Properties. John Chace says he is an abutter and signed the green card a few weeks ago, but the card does not appear to be present at the meeting. Mr. Bernardo has worked with the engineer and got all the setbacks past 50'. Mr. Dufresne says the property owner is looking to tear down the existing structure on the property and rebuild a single family, 3-bedroom dwelling, updating the septic system and installing a new well. The leaching field is approximately 5' from the property line, to get it 50' from the surrounding wells. The leaching field is 74' from the well, 50' from house #3's well, 51' from house #9 and 70' from the well across Pickens Street. Mr. Chace asks what is the distance from well, as the numbers appear to differ. Mr. Bernardo says he worked with the engineer and told him to get it past 50', which is the minimum by law. He says this variance effects the road, not the people's drinking water. Selectman Pacheco asks about the member household. Mr. Bernardo says it's be a deed restriction to 3 bedrooms, so the flow can't be expanded. Mr. Chace says he would want a copy of this. With no further public questions, Selectman Sullivan closes the public portion of the hearing.

Vote: Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to grant this variance, as long as there are no wells within 50 feet of septic systems, and a deed restriction is in place, as recommended by Kevin Bernardo, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss letter send by Lauren Moreau from Planning Board regarding application to District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA). The request has been approved by SRPEDD, and they need a representative from the Board to attend a meeting on May 10th at 1pm. Selectman Sullivan says he can attend.

Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to have Selectman Sullivan to the DLTA as the Freetown rep. Passed unanimously.

- Approve/Sign Road Opening Permit for Gas Line at 17 Freeman's Circle.

Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to endorse the road opening permit for 17 Freeman's Circle, passed unanimously.

- Sign/Approve Sunday Entertainment License for St John Neumann Church on Sunday, May 28, 2017. This covers the amusement rides for the annual Lakeside Festival.

Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to approve the Sunday entertainment license for St. John Neumann Church on Sunday, May 28, 2017, passed unanimously.

- Sign Agreement with Stop & Shop for use of the By-Pass Road for Annual 4th of July Parade. This cuts down on traffic for the 4th of July, and has been approved by Town Counsel in the past, this new version simply reflects new dates.

Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to sign the agreement with Stop & Shop, passed unanimously.

- Approve Board of Selectman Minutes from April 18, 2017. Selectman Jose had identified a typo, whereas the minutes identified a second motion made by Selectman Sullivan as being made by former Selectman Sadeck. This will be fixed.

Vote: Motion (Sullivan/Jose) to approve the minutes from April 18, 2017, with Selectman Jose's correction, passed unanimously.

- Sign Contract by Gas Replacement Pump. Chief Abbott joins the meeting. He said that the BOS had awarded the bid to Fuel Services but Ms. Fales said that a contract was needed. KP Law provided a standard contract. Chief Abbott says Fuel Services has serviced the existing pump for 20 years. Mr. Healey says our insurance provider wants more insurance added, but thinks that the coverage laid out in the contract is sufficient due to our relationship with Fuel Services.

Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to endorse, passed unanimously.

While Chief Abbott is before the Board, Selectman Sullivan congratulates him and the Police Department for being awarded reaccreditation. A ceremony will be held on Wednesday at 10am in Dover, Massachusetts.

- Town Administrator's Report. Mr. Healey gives an update on the Freetown Screw site and on goings-on regarding Excel Recycling. He shares his recommendation on that going

forward, to address renewing their license in May. Selectman Pacheco wants a discussion on Excel's license renewal placed on the next agenda. Discussion turns to when the Board is meeting next. Selectman Pacheco wants a quick meeting just regarding the renewal, not a big public discussion, suggesting the 15th before the police sub-committee interviews. Selectman Jose would prefer a cleaner agenda, suggesting May 10th. The Board agrees on May 10th, emphasizing that it is just going to be for license renewal, as that deadline is approaching. Selectman Jose suggests to invite DEP. Mr. Healey has also provided the Board with an annual report on stormwater management. Furthermore, on the trash issue, he has spoken to Terry Roach of MassDOT and he will target the on-ramps in Town. He also contacted Stop & Shop, but hasn't heard back at this time. He will also be contacting the Sheriff's office about a work crew, including a request for further painting to be done at the Schoolhouse next to Town Hall if the Board is interested in that. Selectman Pacheco says the Historical Commission would need to be included in any painting situations. Selectman Jose says to hold off on painting at this time. Mr. Healey will deliver the letter in hand to all the area businesses to ask for assistance in combating the littering problem. Selectman Jose says he did see employees around Circle K picking up trash, and our Highway Surveyor has been doing the same all around town.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Discuss Town Administrator's Position and posting. Selectman Jose notes the posting is still open and there are still applications coming in. Mr. Healey says there should be 3 qualified applicants. Selectman Pacheco says reviewing the applicants must be done in Executive Session, and the Board can decide then whether or not to close the posting. The Board takes no action on this tonight.
- Discuss letter sent by Kevin Bernardo regarding Health Agent position. Selectman Jose reads the letter aloud sent by Mr. Bernardo. Mr. Bernardo says he oversees multiple departments, not just acting as Health Agent. Mr. Bernardo has surveyed recent postings and found a range of \$65,000-70,000, and is requesting a pay increase that would put him at \$67,500 annually. Mr. Bernardo says he finds it hard to write a letter like this. Selectman Jose notes Mr. Bernardo's rate is governed by the town's by-laws, where he's a step 1, and that Mr. Bernardo is due a step increase in July. Selectman Jose says he conferred with Town Counsel. There is a line in the by-laws that would seemingly allow for a raise, but Selectman Pacheco says that was written specifically to allow for compensating Scott Barbato's vacation time he had coming into the job. She says his job description is "Health Agent," and that should be updated to include everything Mr. Bernardo does, so he can be compensated correctly. We should take a look at it. Town Counsel advises that if pay scales are to be changed, they would have to be at Town Meeting. Selectman Jose notes that there is a caveat in there where you can jump steps, but it would have to be one of the steps, messing with the time between the steps. Selectman Pacheco says she would like to see a new job description then change the pay scale based on that. Selectman Jose says we could even establish stipends; i.e. the Transfer Station gets a stipend etc. Selectman Pacheco says she also had that thought. Mr. Healey believes Mr. Bernardo has done a remarkable job and agrees with this suggestion. He would be glad to work with Mr. Bernardo to find a solution on this before he leaves in June. Selectman Jose goes over the other wages and says he believes Mr. Bernardo is fairly

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compensated for Health Agent, it's the extra roles that add to it. Selectman Pacheco says this is certainly too late for the Annual Town Meeting, but can be for the Town Meeting in the fall. Mr. Bernardo says this is more than fair.

Vote: Motion (Sullivan/Pacheco) to have the Town Administrator sit with Mr. Bernardo and come up with a realistic Job Description and do a salary comparison, so the salary can be adjusted, passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday May 10th, Annual Town Meeting Monday June 5th, Monday June 19th, Monday July 3rd, Monday July 17th, Monday August 7th, Monday August 21st.

Old Business:

- Trash – This was touched upon in Mr. Healey's Town Administrator Report.
- Credit Card Payments – This will be re-visited at a later meeting.
- Building Fees – This will be re-visited at a later meeting.

At 6:38pm, motion (Jose/Sullivan) to recess until 7pm, passed unanimously.

7:00 P.M. Meet with Finance Committee to review Conservation Commission, Town Administrator, Legal, Management Info System, and Reserve Fund and to review Articles for the STM/ATM Warrant.

At 7:00pm, Selectman Pacheco calls the meeting back into order. The Board, Mr. Healey and Mrs. Golz are joined by Town Accountant Kim Fales and the Finance Committee: Chairman George Grunwald, Joel Pacheco, Kent Wilkins, Bob Alderson, George Martin and Michele Castanguay. The Board will take the discussion topics out of order, based on who is in attendance. Minutes from the budget/article discussions will be recorded by Senior Clerk Timm McIntosh, via Mrs. Golz's notes and audio recording.

Discussion with the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FW&SC) Articles

Present: FW&SC members Robert Parker, Paul Sadeck and Brad Paiva, and staff members Keven Desmarais & Stephen Chandler.

Selectman Pacheco says the last time the Board met with FW&SC, they decided to break the filter site project into pieces, but it remains one article for \$3M and she wants to know what happened. Mr. Parker says Ryan Trahan of Environmental Partners spoke to the Attorney General who said you could buy the equipment separately; the \$3M figure is actually the combination of the pieces. Buying the equipment separately avoids the need for an owner's project manager. Selectman Pacheco is concerned that the AG will look at this article and see it as one project once again. Mr. Sadeck says he can see that. The Board wants this to be two separate articles, the building being one (not to exceed \$1.5M), all equipment for resizing the filters being another. Selectman Jose asks if some of this will come from Capital Stabilization. Selectman Pacheco believes the increase in the filter size should come from Capital Stabilization, as it benefits the entire town, but doesn't know how the rest of this will be paid. Mr. Sadeck says the latest bond rating he's heard is 3.75, a couple months ago. Ms.

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Fales says there is about \$2.1M in Capital Stabilization now. Selectman Pacheco asks the FW&SC to re-submit the article as two, with the correct values on each.

Selectman Sullivan says he isn't comfortable with this sort of funding, he would like to have some type of betterment tax on the people and businesses actually receiving the benefit of this project. He says the people living on this water line have an added benefit of fire hydrants, that residents that live far from the water line don't have. He asks what revenue can be developed from this? Mr. Sadeck says betterment tax can only be used on new construction, not existing people. Selectman Sullivan would like a definite answer. Selectman Jose says we need to negotiate rates based on volume, and feels high usage businesses should be paying the same as someone that uses the water sparingly. He says he's not in favor of betterments. Selectman Sullivan says he's not in favor of putting this all on rate payers, but we have to realize that there's people in town who will not ever have any sort of benefit from this. Selectman Pacheco echoes this, saying that it's certainly for the benefit of the town, but at the same time, nobody will be fixing her well if it breaks. She says this absolutely needs to pass, but she can easily see someone in the audience at Town Meeting saying they shouldn't have to pay because they aren't a water customer. She says we need to figure out a common ground, and believes we can.

Mr. Sadeck says he likes Mr. Sullivan's idea, because you shouldn't have to pay for the water system if you don't use it, just like you shouldn't have to pay for the schools if you don't use them. Selectman Sullivan says he doesn't agree there, but Mr. Sadeck says it's the same thing. Selectman Sullivan says we need to come up with a funding solution that is fair to everyone. Mr. Sadeck gives a background as to why we have water in Town, saying it's now an Enterprise fund, which is charged to all the customers. It can't afford this on it's own. He notes no residents in Town asked for water, but they were forced to have it. Mr. Sadeck says DEP has told him that with only 600 customers, Freetown shouldn't be an Enterprise fund, it's a Town issue. He notes that East Freetown doesn't have water issues, this it all coming from Fall River on the Assonet side. DEP has been lenient in the past, but now with a new Board in Town, they have to deal with past mistakes. He remains firm that this is a Town of Freetown problem, not a problem for the 400 or so water customers in Assonet. He says if we fix this problem, we should bite the bullet and fix it right. Selectman Jose says there's no "if," it must be fixed. Mr. Parker says there may be a way to fix the issue without doing this, but we won't know that for years. DEP is requiring a plan in place before November.

Selectman Pacheco confirms with the FW&SC that the "first step" is the \$66,000 upgrade to the filters, which was an article submitted for the special town meeting. FW&SC says that is true, and that must pass. Selectman Pacheco asks what happens once they have those chemicals. Mr. Desmarais says the next step is to turn the filters on and continue to provide clean drinking water. Selectman Jose asks what's next. Mr. Parker says DEP mandates the building, enforcing the fines if the Town is not in compliance. Mr. Sadeck says if don't have to use it, then that's a great thing. Selectman Jose asks what he means by that. Mr. Sadeck says DEP is allowing the FW&SC to try some bleedings, see if that breaks down the THM issue over the summer. If it doesn't work, DEP wants the plan in place before November. Mr. Desmarais says the testing has already begun, and explains the process. He says Westport had a similar situation and was successful in this process. THMs build up as water sits in the pipes, so moving water in a flushing process should help this problem for both Freetown and Fall River. DEP is in agreement with the process the FW&SC is going through.

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Mr. Grunwald goes over the FinCom's calculations on the bond. Assuming the bond is \$3M, Mr. Grunwald has a spreadsheet with rates of 3, 3.5 and 4% over 5-20 years, showing what the increase for 404 customers on the Assonet side of town would be. At 3% for 20 years, the increase would be \$18/year; 4% for 20 years, \$29.81/year; 4% for 20 years, \$29.81/year. For a 5 year term, the increase would be \$300 and change, depending on the percentage. Mr. Grunwald says this isn't would be a huge burden, as most of the burden would be on commercial customers. He sees the profit as paying for most of the bond. He doesn't think it's fair to add a \$3M bond to the budget. Mr. Sadeck says he doesn't agree with just using the number of Assonet customers, as it's a Town-wide system; when you use the whole Town's numbers, the cost is miniscule. He argues that a business that comes in to town pays taxes that benefit the entire town, so this should be the same way. He sees this as a hard sell to just 600 customers.

Selectman Pacheco asks if we can hold off on the building portion until the fall town meeting. Mr. Desmarais says we need to show DEP that we have a plan. Mr. Paiva says the plan includes funding. Selectman Jose suggests keeping the \$66K article, but also one that will cover the planning and design for the building, to say to DEP that the building is ready to go, we just need the actual appropriation for it. He says this way we are not stopping and starting. Mr. Desmarais says we need to bring the current filter site as close to compliance as possible, and we need to look at and consider future growth. Selectman Pacheco says the FW&SC should separate the \$3M article into two, one for the design & planning of the building, and the other for the actual building of it, and we will hold on to the latter until a Fall Special Town Meeting. After the summer testing, we can decide if it's needed. This will also buy us more time to get the exact information about bond ratings and such. The Board and the FW&SC is in agreement on this. The Board has no further questions for the FW&SC, so they depart the meeting.

Conservation Commission Budget Discussion

Present: Chairman Keven Desmarais and Senior Clerk Mike McCue

The Board had questions about a \$1779 increase in the Conservation Commission budget. This is for water testing at Porter Pastures, which is a Board of Health regulation. Selectman Jose asks about the port-a-johns listed in the budget, Mr. Desmarais says they've been doing that for five years. Mr. McCue says it's not an increase, it's just its own line item now. Mr. Desmarais has supplied the Board with the letter from the state about the water testing.

While he's speaking with the Board, Mr. Desmarais wants to make it known how impressed he was with the Cultural Council's Easter Egg hunt, and thanks the sponsors of the event. He says he was just the MC of the event, he took a backseat in the organizing. He says it's something to be proud of.

Town Administration Budget Discussion

The Board's question on this budget lies with the amount allotted for the new Town Administration salary. Selectman Pacheco says the \$125,000 line item is spread out throughout the budget, like conferences and in-state travel and such. She says these are perks, so these should be already included in the salary. Selectman Sullivan says he doesn't think we'd get a Town Administrator for under \$125,000. Selectman Pacheco says she agrees, but this is \$125,000 plus, it's a package. Selectman Sullivan doesn't see it this way, his understanding is the position is the cost plus the package.

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Selectman Jose asks if Mr. Healey did a survey of area towns; Mr. Healey says that's how he arrived at the \$125,000 figure. Mr. Grunwald asks if the \$125,000 includes anything. Selectman Pacheco repeats that it should include everything. Mr. Healey notes all these items were in the budget previously.

Mr. Healey speaks about using his own personal debit card at various points throughout the year, to the tune of \$2,500/year, on things like the renewal of the domain name (\$650), Microsoft cloud services (\$1,000), SAM.gov membership (\$600), and others. He says this needs to be budgeted somewhere, and thinks it won't always be possible for someone to supply a card for use. Mr. Pacheco says there has to be more to the domain name renewal, as that's only around \$30. Mr. Healey says he's not that tech savvy, so he's not sure.

Mr. Pacheco asks what happens if we find the perfect candidate for Town Administrator and they want \$130,000? He doesn't think we should be too hung up on the figure right now. Selectman Pacheco says there's a negotiation, and a range is noted in the posting. Mr. Grunwald says this isn't somewhere we should be skimping. Selectman Jose says we can just put the maximum in there and go from there, but notes the Board isn't voting on this right now.

Management Information Systems Budget Discussion

Selectman Pacheco and Mr. Grunwald met yesterday to discuss Amazon cloud server service, which Mr. Grunwald says would be much more economical than what we do now. If it breaks, they fix it. All we'd need is a connection to a computer. Mr. Pacheco says there are definitely options, he's tried looking into this before. Selectman Jose says in his experience, going a cloud server is the best way to go. Mr. Pacheco says we'd also have to look at legal archiving. Selectman Jose is also concerned about security. Selectman Pacheco asks about replacement equipment. Mr. Healey asks Mrs. Golz what replacement equipment is in the budget, but he has her budget book and it isn't listed there. Selectman Pacheco says we should get a breakdown from our IT guy. Selectman Jose asks about VADAR in the cloud, Ms. Fales says the amount given is mostly a one-time fee, the regular fee for switching and our regular service is \$16,100, the increase is \$6,990 for VADAR. Selectman Pacheco questions the \$7,170 item for replacement equipment, which isn't broken down. Mrs. Golz says that's a typical line item in case anything needs replacement throughout the year, this number is the number we've used in the past.

Selectman Pacheco asks if there's any interest in regionalizing IT services. Selectman Jose says we should definitely explore all options. Mr. Pacheco says Amazon could handle the server, but laptops or day to day stuff would still need an IT person. Mr. Grunwald says regionalizing is a great idea, Selectman Pacheco agrees. She is frustrated by the way a random number is thrown out, how she can't get a breakdown from the IT guy, and the five-year replacement plan the Town once had is now gone. She asks Mr. Healey to look into regionalization, and says we'll look into Amazon further.

Legal Budget Discussion

Mr. Healey describes the Legal budget as a "neverending story" type scenario. We've had to go for two reserve fund transfers already, and have to do so monthly as we get bills, the last of which we won't get until July. The Board notes there were a lot of "stuff" this year that shouldn't happen next year. Selectman Jose asks what has been expended so far this year, Ms. Fales says around \$81,000 through February. Selectman Pacheco says to hold this budget for now.

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Reserve Fund Budget Discussion

Last year, \$6,395 was set aside for personnel contracts that were being decided. Mr. Wilkins says he just carried over the same numbers.

Warrant Article Discussions

Selectman Pacheco says the Board won't be voting on anything tonight. The Finance Committee departs the meeting, though Mr. Wilkins remains. The Board has asked any department heads that have submitted articles be present or to send a representative. Present at the meeting are: Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber, Chief Carlton Abbott, Assistant Assessor Karen Mello, Cemetery Commission Chairman Mike McCue, Planning Board and Conservation Commission Chairman Keven Desmarais.

STM Article Submitted by the Highway Surveyor re: paving a portion of Copicut Road

This road is not covered by Chapter 90 funds because this portion hasn't been officially accepted by the Town. Selectman Jose asks if we pave the road, would we be accepting it? Mr. Macomber says you'd have to go through the usual road acceptance process. Selectman Sullivan says if the Water Department is taking from Stabilization, this should take a backseat. Mr. Macomber says he thinks this should remain a dirt road, but submitted the article because the homeowners keep asking. Selectman Pacheco suggests keeping this, see what the voters decide. Selectman Jose agrees, then thinks we should continue on with accepting the road if it passes.

ATM Article Submitted by the Highway Surveyor re: a scan tool

Mr. Macomber submitted this same article last year, but it was rejected by the Board. He says it would be a great help to the Department to have it. Selectman Pacheco says she was in favor last year and is again this year. Selectman Jose asks if there is a yearly charge, Mr. Macomber says not for a couple years, and if it does, the cost is something they can absorb anyway.

STM Article Submitted by the Chief of Police re: TELP financing agreement with All-American Investment Group

Ms. Fales says this one is mandatory. She has a few corrections to the wording of the article. Mr. Wilkins asks how much extra it costs to lease a car instead of buying it outright. Ms. Fales says the interest rate is 4.5%. Selectman Sullivan asks if some sort of bond would be preferable. Ms. Fales says it's still a 2/3 vote, so it would basically be the same. Chief Abbott says with a lease program, you know what the cost is year to year. If you purchase outright, some years you may need 3 vehicles, some years 4; it's less predictable. Selectman Jose says that's without a replacement plan. Selectman Pacheco says we do it this way because it ensures that the Police Department gets the vehicles they need, even if the Town has a bad year. It's been this way for at least 15 years. Ms. Fales says this particular article concerns money already appropriated, so this is required by law.

STM Article Submitted by the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FW&SC) re: paying prior fiscal year bills to the City of Fall River

ATM Article Submitted by the FW&SC re: the filter site

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STM Article Submitted by the FW&SC re: \$650,000 for designing the filter site building
Water articles were already discussed with the FW&SC in the previous discussion. Funding for this final article will come from Stabilization.

STM Article Submitted by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) re: Stabilization Fund
Selectman Pacheco would prefer taking whatever money is left over at this point and bringing it forward to the Annual Town Meeting as free cash. Ms. Fales says we can do that. This article is removed from the warrant.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: Omnibus
ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: annual salaries
These articles are customary and all set.

ATM Article Submitted by Board of Assessors (BOA) re: PK Valuation
Mr. Wilkins asks why this isn't in the budget, why is it a separate article? Ms. Mello says it's been this way as long as she's been here. Selectman Jose and Selectman Sullivan agree. Selectman Pacheco says we used to put it off a year and double up the following year when times were tight. Ms. Mello says when she started, the value year-to-year weren't the same, and "people nearly passed out" when it went from \$1,000 one year to \$99,000 the next. It's now broken into equal segments. The Board agrees that in the future, we may want to just place it into the budget.

ATM Article Submitted by the Cemetery Commission re: veteran's graves
Mr. Wilkins says the same thing is true here. Mr. McCue says that this article is typically \$350, but additional graves were found this year. Next year, the new graves will be part of the regular budget and the number returned to its normal value.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: stormwater
Mr. Healey spoke to this article with his Town Administrator report.

ATM Article Submitted by the Cemetery Commission re: a shed
Selectman Jose confirms with Mr. McCue what exactly this project is, the Cemetery Commission is building a smaller/more useful shed while leaving the old shed, as it has historical value. He questions if this should come from Capital Stabilization; Selectman Pacheco says it's a one-time purchase, so no.

ATM Article Submitted by the Cemetery Commission re: annual appropriation
This is an annual submission.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOA re: re-certification of values
This is an annual submission. Mr. Wilkins again asks if this can be in the annual budget, Ms. Mello says no, just in case we utilize a different company in the future.

ATM Article Submitted by the Town Accountant re: records storage
Selectman Sullivan asks about the work required. Ms. Fales says this is a complete redesign of the Town Hall basement: new shelving, new document storage, new janitorial facilities,

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new software updates, etc. Selectman Sullivan says he recently toured the village schoolhouse with Scott Barbato, and thinks that would be a better area for this type of storage space. Selectman Jose says it'd be a much larger project. Selectman Pacheco says we could re-word the article, not specifying the Town Hall, to allow for this money to be used at the schoolhouse, if appropriated. The Board agrees that this makes sense.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: Women's Center

This is an annual article.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: revolving fund

The Board is ok with this.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: selling land to the Department of Conservation & Recreation

Mr. Healey hasn't heard an update on this. Mr. McCue says he copied this article from Lakeville, when Lakeville did the same thing, acting as sort of a placeholder. He says this article just authorizes the Board to sell for at least the price named, not actually selling the land. It does not cost any money, and if it falls apart there's no harm.

ATM Article Submitted by the FW&SC re: the Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund budget

ATM Article Submitted by the FW&SC re: combining Enterprise Funds

ATM Article Submitted by the FW&SC re: the Water Enterprise fund budget

ATM Article Submitted by the FW&SC re: the Sewer Enterprise Fund budget

Ms. Fales explains that these should be in a different order, but that the combined budget is only if the article combining them passes. The article combining the Enterprise funds should come first, then the combined budget. The other two can follow, and Town meeting can take no action on them if necessary. Mr. Wilkins asks if we want to get away from the Enterprise Fund stuff; Selectman Pacheco says no, it was made this way for a reason.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: TELP financing agreements & All-American Investment Group

This is the same as the article from the Special Town Meeting, but this one is in regards to FY18.

ATM Article Submitted by the Cemetery Commission re: Assistant Superintendent position

Mr. McCue says this comes from the desire to recognize Richard Brown for the work he does, which the Board previously declined to do in an official way. This would allow for him to be insured while he works, in case of damage. Mr. McCue says there is no cost involved.

ATM Article Submitted by the Conservation Commission re: creating a Town Forest Committee

Mr. McCue says the law allows for this. The ConCom is typically focused on rules and regulations and such, this would create a 3-member committee focusing on how to best use the land. The Committee would be tasked with planning trails, develop trails, etc. It's simply more people to help out. The committee would be appointed by the Conservation Committee. Selectman Jose has no opinion. Selectman Pacheco has no opinion at all, but leans towards no. Selectman Sullivan has no opinion. Selectman Pacheco has concerns that this will be just another committee you can't get people to join or come to meetings on.

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ATM Article Submitted by the Chief of Police re: Injured on Duty fund

As it currently stands, if a firefighter or police officer is injured on duty, the department pays the salary but the insurance payment goes into the general fund. With this article, the insurance payment would go into a new fund, which can then go to the department to augment the budget. Selectman Pacheco says you can also go for a reserve fund transfer. Chief Abbott says that that is a roll of the dice, because you could run out of money in the meantime, and the funds might have been expended elsewhere. Ms. Fales says this is a good idea. Chief Abbott says the town can appropriate money to add the fund, but Selectman Pacheco says let's not go that far.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Selectman Jose says this was set up years ago, but Ms. Fales says it was not set up correctly. It doesn't meet the proper provisions, which was addressed by the Municipal Modernization Act, so the statute has to be re-voted. It would not have to be funded at a certain level. Town Counsel will be consulted on this.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: TELP financing agreements

Ms. Fales says this is a placeholder, providing for any new leases in the Capital Budget. Selectman Pacheco sees no new leases in the Budget, so this isn't needed. Selectman Jose suggests leaving it on until we know for sure.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: a by-law establishing new revolving funds

Ms. Fales says this is a new requirement by law. Selectman Pacheco asks if this can wait until the Fall, Ms. Fales says it just must be done by next year's Annual. Selectman Pacheco is very distressed about how long this Town Meeting is getting.

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board re: truck terminal

Ms. Moreau says this was an idea by the Board to deal with trucks that are parking around town. Selectman Pacheco says this is in regards to companies wanting to build new facilities, but Selectman Jose says that is not the case, this is about transient trucking that are parking in places they don't want them to be parking. This article would define what a truck terminal is and make it only acceptable via special permit and in specific zones. Selectman Pacheco says unless she's missing something, this is about building a truck depot. Selectman Sullivan says this wouldn't address transient trucks if it only specifies over 24 hours. Selectman Jose says last year's parking article has effect on this as well.

Selectman Pacheco is again distressed about how long this Town Meeting is. She says the policy is that wordy written articles are for the fall, unless they are of dire importance, and budget is for the spring, creating two quick meetings.

Selectman Jose says we can hold this article until the fall.

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board correcting a numbering error

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Ms. Moreau says this would clarify that anything that comes before the Planning Board that doesn't fit into the table of use would require a special permit. Selectman Jose says things come in all the time and we can't keep up with the table of use as easily. .

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board re: hours of operation for different types of businesses
Selectman Pacheco says this one is self explanatory.

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board clarifying the uses permissible in the Science & Technology Overlay District

The science and technology overlay district for Innovation Way was modeled after Fall River's, but allowed for different things. This would bring them more in line.

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board correcting number formatting for Section 11.20D of the Zoning By-laws

This will be super quick, Ms. Moreau says, as something is labeled #9 when it should be #10

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board re: a Moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments

Selectman Sullivan asks why we would do this now. Ms. Moreau says if there isn't anything in place by April 2018, we have to start accepting applications. According to Town Counsel, it could be argued that retail marijuana can be sold in any area zoned retail. A moratorium would buy us more time, giving us to June 30, 2018.

ATM Article Submitted by the Planning Board adding a new Medical Marijuana Overlay District
Ms. Moreau said the Board allowed the sale of Medical Marijuana in the I/2 District in 2013, but that area has been exhausted at this point. The new proposed Overlay District would encompass the AmeriCann site and the Churchill & Banks property, in the event that comes back, in addition to some land off of Copicut Road. Selectman Jose notes if we deal with this now, in the event that recreational marijuana comes before the Board later on, it's already been dealt with. Selectman Pacheco says the host community agreements specifically say no retail, but Selectman Jose says the one in effect now does, future ones may not.

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: Capital Stabilization Fund

ATM Article Submitted by the BOS re: Stabilization Fund

These are fine, blanks will be filled in when they are available.

At 9:15pm, motion (Jose/Sullivan) to adjourn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Timm McIntosh, Senior Clerk