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**MINUTES OF MEETING ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017
COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE RD, EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717**

6:00 P.M. Call to Order - Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco calls the meeting to order. Also present are Selectman Robert P. Jose, Selectman Charles B. Sullivan and Administrative Assistant Ali Golz. The meeting is being recorded by Mrs. Golz. Selectman Pacheco leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Weekly Public Discussion – Steve Tripp, 4 Alexandra Drive, says the manhole near Algonquin is sunken and that Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber should look at it. Selectman Jose thinks that is why it is marked out now, and will call Mr. Macomber tomorrow.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Approve Ambulance Abatements for the Month of July, 2017, as submitted by Fire Chief Silvia.
Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to approve in the amount of \$70,763.39, passed unanimously.
- Approve Ambulance Abatements for the Month of August, 2016, as submitted by Fire Chief Silvia.
Vote: Motion (Sullivan/Jose) to approve in the amount of \$39,683.35, passed unanimously.
- Approve Board of Selectmen's minutes from May 8, 2017.
Vote: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to approve as presented, passed unanimously.
- Discuss setting up meeting with Town Hall/Library/Highway Department Union. Selectman Sullivan says in the contract there is a provision to meet with them regularly, and he would like to meet in September. Selectman Pacheco would like to do this as part of the negotiations, a kickoff discussion as to where we are. This should be scheduled for mid-September and then go to the other unions, one meeting per month.
- Discuss Town Hall Phone system maintenance. People calling into the Town Hall, including the Board members, have to deal with persistent crackling on the phone line. Selectman Pacheco believes the problem to be with the underground lines. Selectman Jose asks if it is every office that has this problem, Mrs. Golz says it is. Selectman Pacheco says to get in touch with Verizon. Mrs. Golz says she has a

ticket open with them, she just needs authorization to go forward with maintenance on the system, by Voice Systems, if Verizon come back saying it's not a line problem, as they did last year. Selectman Pacheco produces a packet from Voice Systems saying there may be something in the packet for a certain price and it looks like there should be credits in there. Selectman Pacheco says it can go before the next Building Committee meeting if Mrs. Golz still needs to move forward.

Board of Health:

Personnel:

- Reappoint Election worker Susan Jose, as submitted by Town Clerk Jacqueline Brown. As Mrs. Jose is family, Selectman Jose will recuse himself.

Vote: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to appoint Mrs. Jose as election worker, passed 2-0.

- Approve/Sign Change of Status forms for Jessica Thomas, Treasurer/Collector, effective 07/01/2017.

Vote: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to sign change of status for Ms. Thomas, passed unanimously.

- Approve/Sign Change of Status forms for Marc Gaspar, Michael MacDonald and Nathan Melo as Reserve Officers, as submitted by Chief Abbott, effective August 14, 2017. Chief Carlton Abbott joins the meeting and explains they have all passed everything they needed to become Reserve officers.

Vote: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to appoint Mr. Gaspar, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Melo as reserve officers and sign their change of status forms, passed unanimously.

Selectman Sullivan would like to acknowledge how well Thomas Ashley Jr. handled the situation when arresting a woman recently. She had children in the car and he was very empathetic toward the children. Selectman Sullivan would like to award a letter of recognition to the officer, as well as to the department. Selectman Pacheco would like to see the Department get recognized, because everyone is a piece of the puzzle. Chief Abbott says he would like to bring over a list to them, there are a lot of things they do. Selectman Jose says there are a lot of positive things that happen and have lots of positive role models here in the community and we should give a citation.

New Business:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Wednesday August 23rd, Tuesday September 5th. The Board will not meet on August 21, their usual meeting time.
- Selectman Pacheco would like a discussion of a sewer line, as well as Special Town Meeting in the Fall on the next agenda. She also wants to ask Town Accountant Kim Fales when Free Cash will be certified. Selectman Sullivan would like to know about Town vehicles, which Selectman Pacheco says will be part of the town meeting discussion. Selectman Jose & Selectman Pacheco also want to discuss whether or not we'll go with a task force or what on medical marijuana on a future agenda.

Executive Session:

At 6:20pm, motion (Jose/Sullivan) to go into Executive Session, under the following exemptions, and not return into open session following. Roll Call Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Robert P. Jose and Selectman Charles B. Sullivan, all voted in the affirmative when polled.

- M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a) (2) in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, David DeManche-Town Administrator.
- 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.

At 7:55pm, motion (Jose/Sullivan) to go adjourn. Roll Call Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Robert P. Jose and Selectman Charles B. Sullivan, all voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz
Administrative Assistant

List of documents/exhibits used in this meeting, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(a).

- Ambulance Abatements Write Offs, July 2017 – Dated July 31, 2017
- Ambulance Fee Abatement for the Month of August, 2016 – Dated July 31, 2017
- Draft Minutes for Meeting the Freetown Board of Selectmen on Monday, May 8, 2017
- E-Mail Correspondence between Mrs. Golz & Vertical Communications, re: phone system
- Certificate of Appointment for Susan Jose, Election Worker, dated August 14, 2017.
- Letter of from Police Chief Carlton Abbott re: appointment of reserve police officers.
- Employee Change of Status Reports for Jessica Thomas, Marc A. Gaspar, Michael R. MacDonald & Nathan Melo