



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018 9AM
TOWN HALL – BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
3 NO. MAIN ST., ASSONET, MA 02702**

9:00 A.M. **Call to Order** Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco calls the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Also present are Selectman Robert P. Jose and Selectman Charles B. Sullivan, Town Administrator David DeManche and Administrative Assistant Alexandra Golz.

- Consideration and action on setting a date specific for holding a Special Election for the ballot question addressing whether the Town will prohibit retail recreational sale of marijuana and determine final language for the ballot question. The Board settles on Saturday, March 24, 2018 for the election. The election must be held for at least 8 hours, and Selectman Pacheco wants to see morning voting.

VOTE: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to call the election on Saturday March 24, 2018 from 8am to 8pm, passed unanimously.

VOTE: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to open the election warrant, passed unanimously.

VOTE: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to insert the election question, as written by Town Counsel, passed unanimously.

VOTE: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to close the election warrant, passed unanimously.

- Consideration and action on a legal services agreement regarding pending opioid litigation. Town Counsel Mark Reich discussed this matter with the Board at their last meeting.

VOTE: Motion (Jose/Sullivan) to sign the agreement and accept the terms and sign the agreement, passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

At 9:25am, motion (Jose/Sullivan) to enter into executive session under the following exemptions, and not return to 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) (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.
- M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) - to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Excel Recycling, LLC vs. Lisa Pacheco, Robert Jose, and Charles Sullivan Individually and as Members of the Freetown Select Board, CA No. 1773CV00612.

Having recused himself from matters involving Excel Recycling, Selectman Sullivan departs from the meeting before matters regarding Excel are discussed.

At 10:05am, motion (Pacheco/Jose) to adjourn the Board of Selectman's meeting from executive session. Roll call Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco and Selectman Robert P. Jose. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully submitted,



Timm McIntosh
Senior Clerk

Minutes recorded from Mrs. Golz's notes

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

- Draft ballot question, provided by Atty. Mark Reich of KP Law
- Draft Engagement to Represent agreement