



TOWN OF FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MINUTES - MEETING OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 2018 NOV -8 PM 1:40
APPONEQUET HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM,
100 HOWLAND ROAD, LAKEVILLE, MA 02347
J. A. Brown

12:45 P.M. Call to Order - Selectman Robert P. Jose calls the meeting to order at 12:49pm. Also present: Selectman Charles B. Sullivan, Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Town Administrator David DeManche, and Administrative Assistant Timm McIntosh. Police Chief Carlton Abbott and Taylor MacDonald of Pomroy Associates, Owner's Project Manager for the Police Station Project, are also present.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Deliberate and Vote on Opening Warrant for November 14, 2018 Special Town Meeting

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to open warrant, passed unanimously.

- Deliberate and Vote on Insertion of Article for Special Town Meeting – Police Station Project. On the draft Warrant has two articles on it regarding funding the construction of a new police station. An article marked "Article 1a" does not include language regarding a debt exclusion, an article marked "Article 1b" includes language regarding a debt exclusion; the articles are identical beyond that. Article 1b would force a special election on the debt exclusion within 90 days. Selectman Jose confirms with Mr. MacDonald that the articles include the correct dollar figures.

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to insert article marked Article 1b, passed unanimously.

- Deliberate and Vote on Closing Warrant for November 14, 2018 Special Town Meeting

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to close warrant, passed unanimously.

- Deliberate and Vote on Final Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2018

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to approve final warrant, passed unanimously.

- Deliberate and Vote on Calling Special Election – Police Station Debt Exclusion - determine date of election. Below motion made & seconded with discussion. Selectman Pacheco says we need to be careful to make sure voters know the polling times, since it is not the usual start time. Selectman Sullivan notes we already have differing start times, annual election at noon and state elections at 8am. When asked by Selectman Pacheco, Chief Abbott doesn't think there will be an issue with the times.

VOTE: Motion (Sullivan/Pacheco) to set the election from 10am-6pm on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the Freetown Elementary School Gymnasium, passed unanimously.

- Deliberate and Vote on Ballot Question – Police Station Debt Exclusion. Selectman Jose reads the standard yes/no ballot question, which was submitted by bond counsel and approved by Town Counsel:

Shall the Town of Freetown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the construction, furnishings and equipment of a new police station including a communication center, including engineering services for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and Architect during the construction phase and any additional or incidental costs?

Mr. DeManche notes that there can be no explanation or other text added.

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to approve the ballot question as presented, passed unanimously.

Before adjourning the meeting, Selectman Jose wants to reaffirm the Board's vote from October 15, 2018, calling the Special Town Meeting.

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to have the Special Town Meeting on November 14 at 7pm at Apponequet Regional High School, passed unanimously.

At 1:02pm, motion (Sullivan/Pacheco) to adjourn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Timm McIntosh,
Administrative Assistant

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

- Draft warrant for Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2018, showing two submitted articles, prepared by Administrative Assistant Timm McIntosh
- E-mail correspondence between Executive Assistant Ali Golz & Freetown Elementary School principal Michael Ward re: building availability for the Special Town Election
- Excerpt from Proposition 2 ½ Ballot Question Requirements and Procedures booklet, prepared by the Division of Local Services, Massachusetts Department of Revenue
- E-mail correspondence between Administrative Assistant Timm McIntosh, Treasurer Jessica Thomas and Kara Adams, Senior Counsel, Locke Lord LLC (Bond Counsel), re: opinion on Warrant Articles and Special Election ballot question
- E-mail correspondence between Mr. McIntosh and Atty. Mark Reich (Town Counsel) re: Special Election ballot question