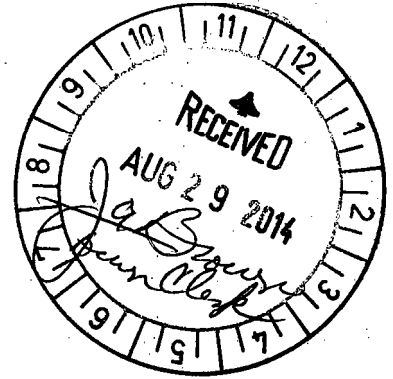




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MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 02, 2014

**COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

9:00 A.M. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul G. Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner and Town Administrator Richard Brown.

Weekly Public Discussion period

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss impending Snowstorm and Town Office closures if necessary. Chief Abbott, Chief Silvia, Chuck Macomber and Barbara LaFleur are present for the meeting. We are here to discuss the storm for the snowstorm. Turnover to the EMA director no change in the forecast 10-12" declining temperatures, wind kicking up overnight and finishing up about noon. Flooding not a factor here. Freezing power lines and tree limbs not a case. Silvia states we will backfilling with ambulance crews. Chuck as soon as there is 2" we will call out the plows we will go through 6-7PM tomorrow night. Forecast is 8-12" with 1-3" today. Chief Abbott calling in 1 addition dispatcher for 4pm-12am. Our fleet is on 4wheel vehicles. We should be good. Sadeck ask if they are calling in extra. Chief Abbott will call in a reserve about 2:30pm. If not reserve then a full timer. Selectman Sadeck ask if COA is prepared if they need to use it for any reason. Barbara asks for Chief Silvia if he got anything for water/blankets etc. Chief Silva states yes. She has put a call into Stop and Shop and they will donate to us. Mr. Brown said last year we had 8 people. Barbara said we had a lot more than that. Mr. Brown states we don't have the same weather conditions. Selectman Sadeck asks how do you coordinate this. Barbara said that I should get a call from Richard. I may also get a call from the PD. Barbara said we need to work on the training of the volunteers. Mr. Brown will find out from the MEMA folks. Selectman Sadeck asks how do we deal with tomorrow morning. Mr. Brown recommends someone be designated to make the decision. Mr. Brown states we should make the decision to make to cancel before the end of today. We should have a Motion (B/S) to have Richard make the decision from now until a year from now to make the call to close all Town facilities. Selectman Baumgartner asks how people find out. Mr. Brown media, signs on buildings and town web site.

- Sign Road Opening Permit for 40 Ann Records Lane. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve gas permit. Passed unanimously.
- Sign South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement as submitted by the Planning Board. This is for the PMUD area to approve. This is a subcontract to the previous PMUD agreement. Selectman Sadeck wants to know what we are signing this for. Mr. Brown says this is to transfer of development rights. Selectman Sadeck would not like to sign this. Selectman Sadeck want to know what they are working on. They will sign this next time. Hold for next meeting. Selectman Sadeck asks why they would develop addition information.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Appoint/Approve Change of Status for Thomas Long to Reserve Police Officer as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective January 2, 2014 Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint as Reserve. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

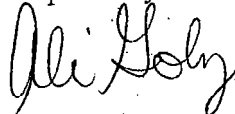
Selectman Sadeck said he received a phone call from Dorothy Stanley-Ballard from the Library and they are schedule to open today until 7pm today. The Board of Trustee took a vote that if the school is closed than the libraries are closed. Do they have the authority to close? Mr. Brown believes that the manner that they get paid is up to the Board of Selectmen. Chief Abbott would think there would be some problems because there would be some people within the same bargaining unit. Selectman Sadeck doesn't think the Trustees have that authority. Mr. Brown needs to ensure that they need to be treated the same as the other employees.

Old Business:

Executive Session:

Adjournment of regular meeting: Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to adjourn 9:29am. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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