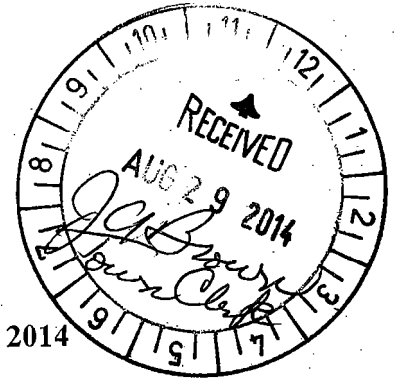




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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2014

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lee Baumgartner, Selectman Lisa Pacheco and Town Administrator Richard Brown. The meeting is being recorded by Chairman Sadeck and videotaped by MCCAM.

**Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants
Weekly Public Discussion period**

Selectman Sadeck would like to take a moment of silence for Brandyn Fiola. He would like to express our sincere condolences to the Family.

Selectman Sadeck also would like to say how very thankful that our Firefighters were all safe and sound from last Friday's Fire on Braley Road. Great job to the Freetown Fire Department. Selectman Sadeck he also thanks the Lakeville and Dartmouth Fire Department for their assistance

Mr. Edward Cabral of East Howland Road would like to bring up a Tax Issue this year vs last year. He believes his taxes went up over \$200 dollars. Selectman Sadeck states the tax rates went down for both commercial and residential and you need to look at your assessed rate. This is where something may have changed. The Property went down and the building went down. Mr. Cabral states that last year that residential he believes was \$12.12 and this year it was 12.61. Selectman Sadeck believes he is looking at FY2012, you need your FY2013 bill. Selectman Pacheco says FY13 is \$12.76 for residential. Rate for FY14 is \$12.61 Selectman Sadeck states you need to talk with the Assessors. Mr. Cabral states his property went up and land went down. Selectman Pacheco states when we set the tax shift people were misled in their mind that when we lowered the shift that would automatically lower their tax bill however that is untrue. Your assessment changes every year. That is what you need to look at. You need to speak with the Assessors and find out if this was an Actual year or not. Selectman Pacheco states the Board of Selectmen doesn't have any jurisdiction over the Board of Assessors they are bound by the Department of Revenue you need to speak with them directly. Selectman Sadeck states we can't control it. Mr. Cabral asks you don't have any control over the Board of Assessors. Selectman Baumgartner states that counsel said Board of Selectmen has no control over the Board of Assessors & he assumes that some years it differs. Selectman Baumgartner may have more information for you in a couple of weeks. Selectman Pacheco asks about our virtual town hall.

Mr. Brown states it will be up and running on Friday. Selectman Pacheco asks if the Board of Assessors have an explanation on their web site. Mr. Brown states give me until next week.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber, relative to Chapter 90, Final Report of North Main Street and Pleasant Street. Motion(Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve North Main Street for \$119,677.32 and Pleasant Street for \$66,336.80 . Pacheco states the roads in Freetown were far superior than the neighboring towns. Sadeck states the same. Passed unanimously.
- Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber states they haven't exhausted the 100K snow budget. Budget is now at \$90,790.20. Motion(Baumgartner/Pacheco) to allow Chuck to fund the snow budge as read off of the memo. Selectman Pacheco would like an update after each snow storm so we know where we are at. Chuck Macomber says realistically we are looking at 400K now. Passed unanimously.
- Ambulance Abatement for Month of December 2013, submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve the abatements in the amount of \$29,352.03. Passed unanimously.
- Accept Two (2) fire apparatus as surplus, recommended by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/ to declare as surplus of two fire apparatus Foam 2 and FD# Breaker 1 1968 Jeep Forestry Unit. Passed unanimously. The Foam Truck we have a gentleman that wants it to restore it if he can. Mr. Brown states we would have to go through a public process. Selectman Pacheco states for Chief Silvia to work with Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown has spoken with the individual already.
- Discuss Two (2) Petitions received by a resident. Mr. Sadeck states the Board received a memo from the Town Clerk regarding a Petition. Selectman Sadeck reads it aloud. This pertains to two petitions to change the Soil Board by-law. Selectman Sadeck refers this to Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown states the petition has been received and certified by the Town Clerk and at the advise by Town Counsel we do not need to call for a STM within 45 days. This should go on our next STM and it should be included at that time of the warrant.
- Annual renewal of Class II and Class III Motor Vehicle License by the Board of Selectmen: Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve all licenses as read. Selectman Baumgartner states that he wants to make sure that they are all current on the taxes. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve the Class III. Passed unanimously.
 - Class II Motor Vehicle Licenses: DPF Enterprises; Beech Bluff Auto Sales; Boehler's Garage; J & J Auto Sales; Nathan's Garage; C.J. Auto Sales; Herb's Auto Body, Repair.
 - Class III Motor Vehicle Licenses: Big Wheel Truck Sales, Inc.

Board of Health: Flu Shots please remember to do this. It's very important to do this.

Personnel Board:

- Approve Change of Status for Christina Jussaume for early retirement incentive, as submitted by Treasurer/Tax Collector Diane Lawless, effective February 15, 2014. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco would recommend that this be a separate line item because this will change when she retires.
- Appoint an Associate Planning Board Member Deborah Robbins for 3 years Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings Monday January 27th, Monday February 10th, Monday February 24th, Monday March 10th, and Monday March 24th.
- Selectman Pacheco would like to bring up an issue/non issue that the Building Inspector/Planning Board/Board of Selectmen are bringing brought into something and it needs to be addressed. None of these departments have shut down the Parson House Gallery. If these businesses want to run we welcome good clean businesses in town. We would love for them to stay however we are not going to break the law we are not going to bend the law. We are trying to attract good businesses to town Selectman Sadeck states that the Building Inspector has not shut down the Parson House and the Planning Board issues a Special Permit for the Parson House and the Parson House requested what needed to be done to obtain a liquor license. To get this they need to do some things and they aren't doing it.

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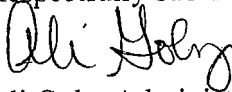
- Status of Website upgrade by Virtual Town Hall. Trying to go live on Friday.
- Feasibility Study – met and working on this. The Board met and we had good input and final outcome by Spring. Selectman Sadeck states this is to update infrastructure. To update Town Hall, Police Station, Council on Aging and Libraries and a company is looking for a way for us to do this. We have been working diligently to do put money aside. We need new buildings. Luckily we have a good Central Fire Station. The Council of Aging is a prefab house. The Town has had the Bond increase by 2 points. This would be a good time for Freetown to do things. Just before we taped this meeting we met with Department Heads to go over Budgets for FY15.
- Budget Timeline Budget meetings at before/after Board of Selectmen meetings.
- Status of contact with Rochester and Acushnet to reestablish Town bounds. – Selectman Sadeck explains that every 5 years the Board of Selectmen needs to go around town and mark these bounds and there is one that is missing. Mr. Brown states that these towns don't have an interest in replacing this and Lauren is working on this and will fix it in the Spring.
- Status of LIUNA Preferred Agreement with Police and Town Hall.
- Discussion of Freetown Elementary lease agreement with Freetown Lakeville Regional School System - We will hold off and meet with them on Thursday.
 - Snowplowing cost
 - Insurance cost

- Use of building cost

Executive Session:

Adjournment of regular meeting Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) 6:40pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant