



TOWN OF FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – 4:00pm  
Meeting Will Be Held Virtually and Livestreamed At  
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*J. Brown*

**4:00pm**      **Call to Order** Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco calls the meeting to order at 4:05pm after some technical difficulties. Selectman George L. Grunwald and Selectman Charles B. Sullivan are present. Also present: Town Administrator David DeManche, Board of Health Agent Derek Macedo, Executive Assistant Ali Golz and Administrative Assistant Timm McIntosh. All participants in this meeting are participating remotely. The meeting is being recorded by Mr. McIntosh and livestreamed on the Town's YouTube Channel.

Chairman Pacheco asks Mr. McIntosh to read the following statement: "Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12th, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions on the Open Meeting Law, G.L. chapter 30A, section 19, and the Governor's March 15th, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Freetown Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort is being made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by accessing the live stream of this meeting on the Town's YouTube channel, accessible by visiting [freetownma.gov/FREECAM](https://freetownma.gov/FREECAM). In the event the live stream is unsuccessful, I am recording this meeting, and the recording will be posted to the Town's YouTube channel as soon as I am able to following the conclusion of this meeting."

**Board of Selectmen** – Possible topics for potential discussion/action:

1. Updates the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, and how they apply to Town operations and services. Mr. DeManche defers to Mr. Macedo. Mr. Macedo says his biggest update today is that he will be announcing our seventh case in Freetown, which will be posted following this meeting. Today's numbers are not yet available, but yesterday the Commonwealth saw 15,202 cases. He believes we are in the surge now. Signs have been posted in public places trying to limit public gatherings. He says the public health nurse, Lori Desmarais, is doing a great job, and is now working with the state to improve tracking procedures. He expects our numbers to go up over the next week or so, being in the curve. Selectman Pacheco asks, of the seven cases, how many of those are hospitalized? Mr. Macedo believes none of them are hospitalized at this time and they are all in their homes. Selectman Grunwald asks if all seven of those residents tested positive; Mr. Macedo says that they have, but that is part of the problem, as tests are not always given to the right people. He says more people may be being treated for the virus but just have not tested positive yet. Selectman Pacheco would like to be kept up-to-date on the hospitalize number if possible; Mr. Macedo will look into that, but is unsure if that is reportable at this time.

Following up from a previous meeting, Mr. DeManche says no parking signs have gone up at profile rock but we have received word that people are ignoring them. He has asked Chief Abbott to contact environmental police, as this is a continuing problem. Mr. Macedo believes that as this situation drags on, that will be more of a continuing issue. Mr. DeManche suggests adding barriers to stop people from walking into profile rock. Select on Pacheco says she was thinking the same.

Mr. DeManche finishes the weekly update by saying he has been in on a number of conference calls on the response to the virus. He says there is a movement in municipal leadership in the state, a petition that is circulating asking for a shelter in place order. There is a question however of whether or not the Governor has that authority.

**Executive Session:**

At 4:13pm, motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to enter into executive session, under the following exemptions, not to return to open session following. Roll Call: Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman George L. Grunwald, Selectman Charles B. Sullivan; all voted in the affirmative when polled.

2. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Freetown Police Association because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.
3. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a) (3) – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Freetown Fulltime Fire Fighters Association because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Mrs. Golz will continue into Executive Session with the Board, but Mr. Macedo leaves the meeting.

At 4:19pm, motion (Sullivan/Grunwald) to adjourn. Roll Call: Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman George L. Grunwald, Selectman Charles B. Sullivan; all voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully submitted,



Timm McIntosh  
Administrative Assistant

The Board did not use any documents or exhibits as part of this meeting.