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**AGENDA
MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order 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 Chairman Sadeck and videotaped by MCCAM

6:05P.M. Pole hearing relative to NSTAR for location of 1 pole on Chase Road, West of Railroad Tracks, East Freetown, MA. Abutters have been notified via certified mail. Mr. Brown states this is a Public Hearing to locate a Pole West. The Abutters have been notified and the names are read for the records. Nstar Rep Donna is present to state this is just a new support Pole. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve as present. Passed unanimously. Mr. Monteur asks when this was approved, the Solar Farm. Mr. Brown said this was approved by the Planning Board months ago. There is no pilot for this project.

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

Mr. Joseph Monteur of 46 Chace Rd. presents the Board with a video regarding Town snowplows as to why he objects to tandem trucks. He says we are paying \$60.00 per hour and his video shows that the second truck isn't doing anything and in his opinion it is wasting the Town's money. Selectman Pacheco asks if both plows are down. Mr. Monteur says yes. Selectman Sadeck asks if it is possible if they are going back to the Barn? No they are going East. Selectman Sadeck asks if they are Town or Subcontractors plows? One of each. He is really interested in this because this keeps his friend up all night on Quanapoag Rd. Please look at the videos. He isn't going to give up on this. Selectman Sadeck wants to know what the answer he wants. Mr. Monteur wants to know why the second plow is doing nothing. Quanapoag Rd. complaint is they are there too much. Selectman Pacheco says Chace Rd is a thorough fair for the Town. We need to keep that clear. Mr. Brown can look into this for us. Selectman Sadeck asks if the roads are kept too well. Mr. Monteur thinks we are keeping out roads okay but we need to keep the Roads with fifteen cents not twenty-five cents. The next issue is St. Bernard's cemetery clean up and no one has said anything about this. He would like this recognized. Mr. Monteur is saying a lot of things happen that he is not aware of. Selectman Sadeck states that audios will be available on the website soon as well. Selectman Pacheco asks

Richard Brown to have an answer for the Board regarding the Truck situation. Selectman Pacheco states that we are not the Highway Dept so we need to ask them what the reason is behind it.

The Boy Scouts are here Plissey and Henry Ashley from Troop #26 to complete their Merit Badge which requires them to go to one scheduled Selectmen's Meeting.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Ambulance Abatement for Month of January 2014, submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve in the amount of \$34,504.01. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Floater position. Mr. Brown states he will discuss this later with the Finance committee and the Board is aware the he has submitted to Finance Committee to allow the position to go to 36 hours and fund the position. What we have discovered that since this position was created, that the Council on Aging are in need of someone due to the loss of many volunteers that have fell ill or moved away. We need a person to complete many tasks over there. This will fill the void. Selectman Pacheco explains that the COA needs to help someone for their building. Paul Denault stated this needs to be unforeseen. He asks Lisa Pacheco if this is unforeseen. She states that it is. We have lost many volunteers this is to fill the void.
- Read Open Meeting Law Complaint Decision. This complaint is from 2013. Mr. Brown reads the letter aloud verbatim so everyone can hear the complete decision. The decision will remain in the Board of Selectmen meeting file for review. Mr. Brown states he reads the January 26th email from then Chair Jean Fox to Bob Marshall. He reads the email verbatim. The email is regarding the school access videos. Feb 7th email he reads from Jean Fox. Mr. Brown states we have complied. If the Board chooses I will post this on our Website. Selectman Sadeck states he was the one who filed this complaint. He states that based on this decision he believes it is evident his reasons for filing this were not frivolous.
- Review and sign 2014 Annual Town Elections Warrant. Selectman Sadeck reads the Warrant. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve Warrant as presented. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health: Selectman Pacheco states we are monitoring the Pond Levels and she asks if they are on the website Mr. Brown states 2013 are on the website and 2014 are being updates regularly.

Personnel Board:

- Approve Change of Status for Lauren Moreau, as submitted by Planning Board, effective March 6, 2014. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.

- Approve Change of Status for Thomas Ashley, Jr. as submitted by Police Chief Abbott, effective February 9, 2014. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Accept Letter of Resignation from Kimberley Miller effective February 14, 2014. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously. Send letter of appreciation. Selectman Baumgartner reads the letter aloud. Selectman Pacheco states it would welcome the opportunity for Kimberly to come back if we can accommodate her. She should be kept on the list. Selectman Sadeck asks to let Chief Abbott know. Please find out if another part-time position will be posted.
- Accept Conditional Offer of Employment for Patrick R. Lee, as submitted by Police Chief Abbott. Selectman Baumgartner reads aloud the letter from Chief Abbott. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Selectman Baumgartner states if you look at Ashley and Lee and they are both outstanding men. Selectman Sadeck states this fills all the vacancies left for the officers that left by the ones left for the State Police. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings Monday March 10th, Monday March 24th.
- Discuss replacement of Town Hall Floor and painting of Town Offices. Selectman Sadeck explains the paint needs to be replaced in the Town Hall. Selectman Pacheco asks if we are doing it together. Richard Brown would like to do the painting first and then the floor.
- Budget Meeting Finance Committee and with the Building Department, Health Department, Planning Board and Town Accountant.
- **Building Department 240**– Pacheco states that clerical should be split between health and building. They utilize one clerk. Mr. Paiva asks about seminar. Mary McNeil states she goes to the monthly meetings along with one yearly seminar \$1,800 for the year. My budget is for me only. Selectman Pacheco has no questions on the Building.
- **Electrical 242** – Selectman Pacheco wants to know why it went up. Mary McNeil states the number of inspections per permit is now 4-5 per permits as opposed to 2 inspections. I have also included the mileage for the inspectors. The Gas inspectors get \$35 per inspection. Mr. Paiva asks where they get paid from? Mary suggest from a starting point of Town Hall. Selectman Pacheco asks if our Building fees cover the costs. Mary McNeil states no they don't. We are doing a survey of surrounding towns. After some discussion it is agreed that we should be paying them for mileage. Plumbing - Mary McNeil put mileage in for them as well that is the reason for the increase. Electrical – currently they are \$25 per inspection and I would like to increase it to \$35. I am anticipating for next year. Mary McNeil states we have already had 100 extra permits. Mary McNeil said a lot of people who are renovating their homes this is what is bringing up the permits.
- **Collection and Disposal 433**- The trash bags Joe Correia states he took off money on this line item. We don't need as much in it. Mr. Correia said we don't need any increases because we

have started to come down in other areas. Selectman Pacheco asks what our percentage of recycling in the Town is? Correia states he is not sure.

- **Transfer Station - 434** Joe Correia states the major change in this budget was the salary which are contractual increases. Selectman Sadeck asks about the electricity no budget. It was just pulled from another budget line. Other services I took some of that and moved it to another line. I rearranged the money better. This year will be a learning year.
- **Health 510** – Joe Correia states in the past his salary was in the Building Dept. Health Dept was very specific to the Assistant only. The lab analysis is basically the same. Regarding the Cell Phone Sprint is allowed through the Coalition however Verizon is the way to go. Selectman Sadeck asks about the Clerk position. Joe states yes I would need someone part-time for 20 hours to help with the health/transfer station/collection and disposal. The part-timer would help with the perc tests, the excel sheets, windows etc. Selectman Baumgartner states would it be fair to state that things in the past were not being done. Joe states yes like the nurses. The nurses need to follow up on communicable diseases. This is an increase.
- **Town Accountant 135** – There is no change except for contractual for my clerk. Selectman Pacheco states she should negotiate her contract now so we know what we are working with.
- **Audit – 136** – This is the same as last year we should do an RFP for FY14. Selectman Pacheco says Okay.

Old Business:

- Status of contact with Rochester and Acushnet to reestablish Town bounds. Selectman Baumgartner states that our Planning Tech Lauren Moreau came up with some great link to show the boundaries. Mr. Brown states Acushnet isn't interested in finding it. The Selectmen mark these boundaries every 5 years
- Discussion of Freetown Elementary lease agreement with Freetown Lakeville Regional School System Mr. Brown states Lakeville would like to meet. Selectman Pacheco would like to know what their concerns are.
- Update on South Main Street Bridge – this bridge was inspected on 10/10/2012. We need to stay ahead of this and maintain this.
- Pond Levels - Mr. Brown sent an email to DOT.
- Water and Sewer Commission and contract with Fall River Municipal. Richard will be involved with that meeting. Richard will record it.
- Selectman Sadeck asks about Mrs. Woodis. Mr. Brown believes we are okay with her. She has called back and complained about the Solar Farm that is being worked on.

Executive Session:

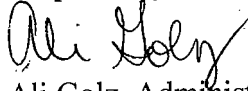
- #2 To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

- #3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to go into Executive Session and to return to Open Session for Reason #2 and Reason #3. All members voted in the affirmative when polled.

Adjournment of regular meeting Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) at 9:12pm to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant