



Freetown Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 3, 2020 – 12:30pm

Apponequet Regional High School – 100 Howland Road, Lakeville, MA

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12:30 PM Call to Order

Chairman Lisa A. Pacheco calls the meeting to order at approximately 12:35pm. Selectman George L. Grunwald and Selectman Trevor R. Matthews are present. Also present: Town Administrator David DeManche, Town Accountant Kimberley S. Fales and Atty. Tim Zessin of KP Law.

- Vote on recommendations made by Town Accountant for Articles 6, 19 & 20 for October 3, 2020 Special Town Meeting

Ms. Fales recommends the following, using figures previously distributed to the Board:

- Article 6, utilizing \$1,659,000 from free cash to reduce the Bond Anticipation Note.
- Article 19, transferring \$891,598 from free cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund.
- Article 20, using \$364,475 from the tax levy and placing it in the Stabilization Fund.

VOTE: Motion (Matthews/Grunwald) to approve the recommendations as read; motion carries unanimously.

- Discuss Articles 15 & 16 for October 3, 2020 Special Town Meeting

Selectman Pacheco asks the Board to withdraw these articles, due to the amount of misinformation out there. She adds that she does not believe this sort of town meeting is conducive to a vote like this.

VOTE: Motion (Matthews/Grunwald) to withdraw the articles; motion carries unanimously.

Selectman Pacheco says she will read her reasonings on Town Meeting floor; the other Board members have no problem with that. Selectman Grunwald asks what will happen with replacing the Town Clerk when she retires; Selectman Pacheco says that Mrs. Estrella will have to run for the position without any guarantees. Selectman Grunwald asks if the Board can treat the two articles differently, noting that the circumstances are different; Selectman Pacheco says the discourse online includes both articles, so she thinks it wiser to withdraw both. Selectman Pacheco maintains that this was not a power grab by the Board Selectman, that it was about protecting the current employees; she expects that the Board will be appointing Mrs. Estrella acting Town Clerk in December, but she does not know what will happen beyond that. Selectman Grunwald does not like the uncertainty; Selectman Pacheco says that is the unfortunate nature with this.

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At 12:45, motion (Matthews/Grunwald) to adjourn with the close of Town Meeting; motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Timm McIntosh
Administrative Assistant

List of Documents/Exhibits Used by the Board in this Meeting

- Warrant for the October 3, 2020 Special Town Meeting