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**AGENDA
MEETING OF MONDAY MAY 05, 2014**

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

6:00 P.M. — Call to Order Selectman Lisa Pacheco those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Lee Baumgartner and Town Administrator Richard Brown. The meeting is being recorded by MCCAM and Selectman Sadeck.

6:05 P.M. — Presentation of Congratulatory letters to Eagle Scouts. Selectman Pacheco reads the letter aloud that Mrs. Violette sent into the Board asking for a congratulatory letter for the Boy Scouts. Thomas would like to be a State Trooper and has enlisted in the Marine Corp and Dane would also like to be a State Trooper and is studying Criminal Justice in the Fall. Luke is a Sophomore in High School. On Behalf of the Board Selectman Pacheco says she is very honored at what they have done for the community. Selectman Sadeck reiterates the same as well Selectman Baumgartner especially saying that it is nice that young people have done this for the community. The Board presents the letters to Thomas and Dane. Luke is absent.

Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants

Weekly Public Discussion period

Mr. Monteur states he worked on the CPA and he would like to say the other towns are benefiting on what we have overlooked and hopes in the future we look at this for our town.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Vote on reserve request submitted by Dan Leblanc, Veterans Agent. Mr. LeBlanc states this is the first month that he had a warrant this high he is about \$3,000 short this month without going into June. He will be losing two (2) clients however will be picking up one (1) more next month. He is short \$14,300.00. \$11,120.92 of the year is an average per month. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve \$14,300.00 Passed unanimously. Mr. LeBlanc says the Town purchased a Board for the Town Hall. This will come in handy for us to keep people updated. He would like to Thank Mike McCue for helping with all the decorations for Memorial day. The Honor Chair came in today and it was placed at the VFW it will be dedicated on June 29th. That chair as well as the Portable Chair will be there and be dedicated. Once the Town Hall Floor is done we will move it over the

there. Selectman Pacheco was thinking maybe the chair could be in the Parade. It should fit in the Police ATV.

- Ambulance Abatements for the Month of April, as submitted by Fire Chief Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve \$46,741.88. Passed unanimously.
- Tuesday Club of Assonet in association with the Freetown Cultural Council will be having their Annual Strawberry Festival on June 15, 2014 and are requesting approval from the Board to use the Village Bandstand. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to make a line item transfer within the Library Budget for \$900 within longevity line to equipment replacement and \$4,500. Passed unanimously.
- Chief Abbott asks about the computers at the Police Department. This will go in the IT budget with a line item called replacement of equipment. Town Hall/Police Department/Fire Department total is \$61,500 this is what Selectman Pacheco states. Town Hall - \$20,000. Fire Department - \$5,000 and Police Department - \$28,500 and the extra will stay in there. Chief Abbott says this will take care of all of the Police Department. We are connected to State and Federal Data bases. We need security/patch etc. We rely on radio to communicate the calls.
- Selectman Sadeck states he is not going to vote on a school budget tonight if we don't have a new set of figures that don't match from the other night. Selectman Pacheco doesn't think we have a different summary sheet. Selectmen Sadeck thinks maybe the capital debt is where they are making the mistake. He gave him different figures. The debt they gave me today is incorrect. We don't know what the debt it. The excluded debt needs to be correct. \$46,000 is the difference. Selectman Pacheco says we have been going back and Lakeville is pushing for Level 2. We are pushing Level 1 and there is no layoff with that scenario. Selectman Baumgartner asks if there will be layoffs with Level 1. Selectman Pacheco says no there won't be however if we go to a Joint Town Meeting then there maybe layoffs. The Superintendent is talking to Lakeville and if they don't push it then the school could handle level 1 with no layoff. Scenario 1 is \$917,000 over net school and Lakeville is at 1.3mil. If we went to Scenario 2 we would pay \$1.7mil. Scenario 1 is \$2.2 mil over net school and Scenario 2 is 2.5 over net school. Selectman Pacheco says they are using money on things they should this year. Selectman Pacheco says we are either going to scenario 1 or scenario 2 not Scenario 3.
- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to vote on all budgets with the exception of the school budget which can go up by \$46,000. Total budget is \$20,597,102.00 +\$46,000.00 not to exceed this amount. Passed unanimously.
- STM – Article 1 for CCA Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) not to recommend. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Pacheco states that everyone should go with a certain percentage for each employee and we need to get the extra day clarified by the Town Accountant, Mr. Brown should find out about that.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Rescind appointment of Elizabeth Dennehy and Joanne Thomas to Cultural Council, state requires a one year leave of absence after two consecutive appointed three year terms. Motion to rescind (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

New Business

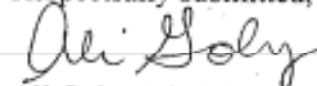
- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday May 19th, Monday June 2nd Annual Town Meeting STM7 ATM 7:30, Monday June 16th, Monday June 30th – Selectman Pacheco asks to not have meeting Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to not have a meeting on June 30th. Passed unanimously. Monday July 14th, Monday July 28th. Selectman Sadeck says he may not attend the ATM due to a family obligation

Old Business:

- Action taken on debt owed by town employee. \$943.00 Mr. Brown spoke with the individual and he will be making a payment.
- Status of Feasibility study. – Report in about 1-1/2 weeks. Selectman Pacheco asks what will be in this report. Mr. Brown will be able to provide feedback soon.
- Status of police grievance.-Mr. Brown said they were emailed on this.
- Rochester/Acushnet/Freetown missing town bound.
- Freetown Elementary lease agreement. No action.
- Pending report of South Main Bridge scheduled for October 2014.
- Pond Level.– Selectman Pacheco asks to bring Mary in so we can go over this.
- Status of water and sewer agreement with Fall River. Mr. Brown states we are waiting for feedback from our atty.
- Status of light in front of 200 Slab Bridge Road. – Mr. Brown sent communication to NSTAR and Mellon is pleased. Take off!
- Status of frost heave issue in front of 4 Kevin Drive. The funding has been released. We will begin work when we get the money.
- Report on Mr. Belmore.- Mr. Brown has not heard anything from his correspondence to Mr. Belmore.
- School Fuel usage. Hold. This.

Adjournment of regular meeting Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to adjourn at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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