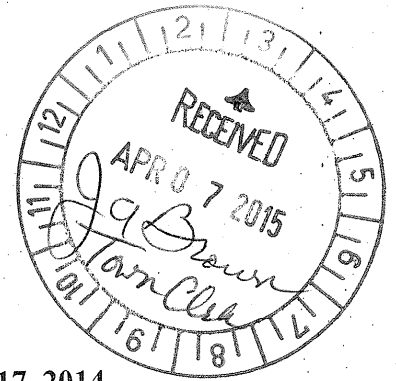




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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

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

**6:00 P.M. Call to Order**

**6:00 P.M.** Public Hearing: In conjunction with the Board of Assessors relative to selection of the residential factor to determine the percentage of the tax burden to be borne by each class of property.

Sheila Scaduto of the Board Of Assessors is here to assist the Board Of Selectman with the Classification Hearing for FY15. Mrs. Scaduto shares items with the Board tonight they are a Classification Sheet, a Historic Items resulting in a Tax Shifts Sheet, and a What If Scenario Sheet. The Classification Sheet compares last year's values with this year's new Fiscal Year values. Mrs. Scaduto continues to read from the sheet she has distributed. The values have not been certified by the Department of Revenue as well as the Fiscal Year 15 new growth. Selectman Pacheco asks about the anticipation of new growth. Mrs. Scaduto says as she continues it will show. CIP increased by 9.8% FY15 new growth \$618,668. \$383,652 is from industrial and \$54,602 is from personal property. And there is excess levy capacity at approx \$332,502.38. Selectman Baumgartner asks how we know the growth. Mrs. Scaduto says look at FY14 compared to the FY15 levy which is 7.5% and then the average of the two which is 4.4%. Selectman Baumgartner says then this is because of the solar. Mrs. Scaduto explains the rest of the FY15 Shift Scenario sheet. Selectman Sadeck asks about the assessed value of the single family and why it has gone up? Scaduto says it had gone up because the sales that have occurred are commanding a higher price. Values are stabilizing and increasing. Mrs. Scaduto says this year there was nothing remarkable except for industrial growth. Commercial is lagging behind. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to continue with the shift of 1.43. Passed unanimously.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

**Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Ambulance Abatement for Month of October 2014, submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) in the amount of \$48,799.31. Passed unanimously.

**Board of Health:**

**Personnel Board:**

- Approve Change of Status for Jeffrey Brum, effective 12/01/2014, as submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Change of Status for Christopher Medeiros, Kara Pigeon, Patrick Lee, and Ryan Pereira as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective 11/30/2014 (Medeiros, Pigeon, Lee) and 12/04/14 (Pereira). Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint/Approve Change of Status for Paul Demelo, Constable, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective November 17, 2014. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Sadeck explains that the Veterans Agent Dan LeBlanc has worked very hard but has now resigned. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to post online to interview for the position. LeBlanc explains that the person will need training so this position needs to be appointed quickly. Selectman Pacheco said that we could keep you for a little while as an assistant. Post this to close by next Monday. The individual needs to be a veteran. Close at Noon on Monday.

**New Business**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Special Town Meeting Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>, and Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>, and Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> (Cancelled).
- Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> at Assonet Bandstand at 5PM for the Annual Tree Lighting.
- Holiday Family Party Freetown Historical Society Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1-4 at the Museum.
- Selectman Pacheco says there was nothing done that night at the Reg. School meeting night as far as the budget. However, the Superintendent did say that he wanted to do a Space Needs Study on the schools and she did say that has been done before many times. Selectman Sadeck says if they want to close Assawompsett then we can close FES and build a main elementary school. Selectman Pacheco says the Superintendent needs to listen to the Towns.

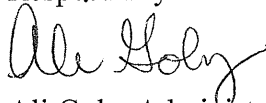
**Old Business:**

- Status of Space Needs study.
- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.
- Pending report of South Main Bridge scheduled for October 2014.
- Union negotiation meeting.
- Meeting with DESE.
- Key Fobs

- Town Bounds
- Status of employee requesting reduction of hours.
- Status of 4 South Main Street Building.

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to go into Executive Session and not return into open session. Roll Call. All voted in the affirmative. To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant