



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINTUES OF MEETING OF MONDAY MARCH 23, 2015

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

5:00 P.M. Call to Order Chairman Lisa Pacheco. Those present are Selectman Lee Baumgartner, Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman Paul Sadeck.

5:00 P.M. Executive Session: To discuss Collective Bargaining issues.

6:05 P.M. Board of Health Variance – 13 County Road - Ken Ferreira, Professional Landscaping. We would like a variance for groundwater 4' to 3'. Mr. Ferreira would like a 1' water separation. Kevin says a Soil Evaluator from the Health Dept approved it which was Joe Correia. This will be a commercial building for a Motorcycle shop. They can do this because there is no set back to private wells. Kevin says deed restriction for no increase. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve with Kevin Bernardo's recommendations. Passed unanimously.

6:15 P.M. Pole hearing relative to VERIZON/NSTAR for placement of a new pole 49/7 on East Howland Rd., East Freetown, MA 02717. Abutters have been notified via certified mail Kelly Ann Condon from Verizon – New Home being built on East Howland Rd. We need to place a new pole because of that. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.

6:30 P.M. Meeting with Regional School Committee to Discuss/Appoint School Committee members. Selectman Pacheco states that she spoke with Town Counsel and they said that she will not be participating in the vote tonight. Selectman Baumgartner has stated that he would liked all the people to come up to the Table. Mrs. Wilcox states that she would like to be on the committee because she has been a resident here for awhile and she would like to serve here she was a teacher for a long time. Will states he was already on the committee and would like to be on the committee again. Selectman Baumgartner asks how important is the budget to you? Mrs. Wilcox says it is very important to her she would like to look at this. We should look before spending money. Mr. Sienkewicz states there should be a balance we need to hear the needs of our kids. Selectman Sadeck how do you fund that. Mr. Sienkewicz says that

is your job, Mrs. Wilcox says you need to be careful as to where you fund it. Selectman Sadeck says who is your responsibility to? Mrs. Wilcox says we are the voice of the Parents and the community and we are the boss of the Superintendent. Will says our constituents but keep the pulse on the kids. Selectman Baumgartner says he wants them to be aware as the budget grows the Town's can't sustain it please keep that in mind. Jean Fox says you have 2 highly qualified applicants, Jean says Will brings things to the table. Bob says he doesn't like to cut as much as you can answer and you are trying to do as much as the School Committee. The mandates are driven as the Dept of Ed. Derek says both candidates are good and he says this takes a lot of time. Mr. Healey wants to point out that 2.26% increase represents 1.1 million dollars of the total new revenue of the towns. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint Jane Wilcox to the School Committee. Nay say Fox, Nay say Gracia, Nay say Clark. Jean Fox nominates Will Sienkewicz for the appointment, seconded by Gracia, yea by Clark. Nay say Sadeck, Nay says Baumgartner.

Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants
Weekly Public Discussion period

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss Home Consortium. Mr. Healey says he went to the meeting and they people who run the meeting said it would be a burden to have Freetown in the group and then they called for a vote and they approved Freetown to join the Home Consortium. There is an issue as to when we can entertain a project from the Town, they will let us know. Selectman Pacheco asks Jack to get a formal letter from them.
- Read Outline of Aggregation Program. Lisa reads the letter aloud from the Aggregation program. Selectman Pacheco says Jack needs to have Good Energy clarify this further.
- Tuesday Club of Assonet in association with the Freetown Cultural Council will be having their Annual Strawberry Festival on June 21, 2015 and are requesting approval from the Board for use of the Village Bandstand. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously. Selectman Sadeck says last year there was an issue parking, people taped off an area and this needs to be clarified.
- Sign/Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Veteran's Agent. Tracy Knowles says she needs 35K for April, May and June and last year they had less clients we now have 19 clients. She also knows that Citizens for Citizens has run out of money for Fuel assistance. Selectman Sadeck asks what was spent last year. Ms. Knowles says \$9000 per month. This year is \$13,000. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve the transfer request. Passed unanimously.
- Sign/Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Building Commissioner. Scott says the fees are for Electrical this is due to the increase for electrical inspections. I think I should ask for a higher amount. Scott says I'm guessing really. This is a workload based. This is Kim's best guess. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) \$6405.00. Passed unanimously.

- Sign/Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request from Town Administrator. Passed over.
- Town Administrator's Report. Jack explains his letter he gave to the Board tonight. He is asking for the Board to vote on a STM article in the amount of \$1500 and have Tracey from Nobis to come in and make a presentation to the Board.
- Put on next Agenda Open and Close Warrant for ATM and STM.

Board of Health:**Personnel Board:**

- Reappoint Raymond Roderiques, Board of Registrar. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Reappoint Tracy Knowles, Veterans Agents. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status for Michael McCue, as submitted by Keven Desmarais, Chairman of Conservation Commission, effective January 1, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, Tuesday April 7th, Tuesday April 21th.

Old Business:

- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.
- Union negotiation meeting.
- Meeting with DESE.
- Key Fobs
- Status of 4 South Main Street Building.
- Meet with Finance Committee and Departments regarding FY16 Budgets for Planning Board, Town Clerk, Cemetery, Selectmen and Veteran's Agent.

Veterans Agent 543 Tracey said she has increased it by \$11,000 because she has taken into account the additional clients. She has 19 clients this year. Selectman Pacheco says but he has the same amount last year. Selectman Pacheco says this budget is a moving budget because we don't know how many clients. Selectman Pacheco says this may need to be level funded and you may need to come back for increases.

Town Clerk 161 Salary increase Selectman Pacheco says to explain. Jackie says it includes the longevity in it and 3% increase. We have been level funding the rest of the budget since 2008.

162- Primaries/Elections Jackie says 2 elections this year. + 25cent increase for the workers. Next year there will be an increase because of early voting. I don't know how she will have early voting at the town hall.

163-Registrar This is an increase for 25 cent per hour but is a decrease overall.

Cemetery – 491 Increase of \$8,000 Selectman Sadeck asks why did the bids come in so high. Mike says 400 for the whole year and this is per mowing. It varies really. Selectman Pacheco says if you have

already told a person that they would have been the company doing the mowing how do you get out of it. Michael says we tell them no if there isn't funding. Brad says he would like to see them try again and mail to other companies and ask them for a bid. Selectman Sadeck says if you ask for liability insurance that is why you get the high price. Selectman Sadeck says if you don't get an increase of \$8,000 what will the Cemeteries look like. Mike says very tall grass. Selectman Pacheco says she would try to get other bids to see and do a comparative. Selectman Baumgartner wants to know who wanted to know about the insurance. Mike says the Cemetery Commission has asked for the insurance.

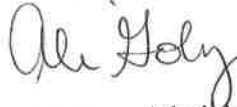
Planning Board – 192 Good with it.

Selectmen – 122 Good with this one.

Property Insurance, Town Administrators – Good with it.

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 7:40 . Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ali Golz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant