



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**AGENDA
MEETING OF TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2015**

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

- 4:30 P.M. Call to Order**
- 4:30 P.M. Executive Session:**
A: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Treasurer/Collector
B: 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 boy and the chair so declares.
- 5:30 P.M. Reorganize Board- Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to have Lee Baumgartner as Chair of Selectmen and Sadeck as Health Chair. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to have Pacheco be the Personnel Chair.**
- 5:40 P.M. Guest – John O'Rourke- Good Energy regarding reading outline of Aggregation Program** Selectman Baumgartner reads the outline of the Aggregation. The two weeks for review for written comments will be from April 8-April 22, 2015 and the Public meeting will be on May 4, 2015. Mr. O'Rourke says the Town is at the point that the Residents will submit public comments. The Board may want to take a vote to submit the plan to DPU after the Public Meeting Once that is done we can have the hearing and have outreach and education. Selectman Pacheco wants to know if they should vote tonight or on May 4, 2015. Mr. O'Rourke says some Towns have made the vote on the Public Comment night or tonight it is entirely up to the Board. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to forward this to DPU and DOR. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to open comment period and to have the 5/4 meeting.
- 5:50 P.M. Guest – Jim Noyes from GPI to discuss Richmond Road Bridge Project.** Mr. Noyes explains MaDOT does an inspection every year on the bridges. What is being proposed is similar to the Gurney Road Bridge construction, this culvert is in better shape than the last one. We will do slab and also mount a guard rail on the top. We will replace the wall. We will bid the project next week with bids due back by mid may. Closures for the road 6/29-9/1. Two weeks before

construction we will have a detour route displayed. About 4,000 vehicles per day but I suspect that after a few days people will seek alternate route. Selectman Pacheco asks cost of project. Mr. Noyes says approximately \$592,000.00. Ms. Macomber says we will pay for it from Chapter 90, we should have \$644,000.00 from that. Selectman Sadeck says if the project goes forward GPI will be the overseers. Mr. Macomber is confident we will come in at bid or under budget and everything has been reviewed by MA Highway already. This is the 4th bridge we have done within a short amount of time. Police and Fire in Freetown and Berkley have been consulted. Selectman Pacheco says to put this on old business and send a letter to the schools informing them. Mr. Macomber says we have a penalty per bus per day if we go over the dates and there is a contingency in the project. Mr. Noyes says there is one thing that won't be done and that is the guardrail piping over the rail and a wood fence will be over that until it is in place until Oct.

6:05 P.M. Public Hearing: Transfer All Alcoholic Beverages License of New England Farms, Inc Manager T. Pratt to Circle K, Manager Penny Lee Perry Four Chace Road, East Freetown, MA. Atty Matthew Costa is here to represent Circle K. The transfer is for the License and there is no change in the floor plan and the convenience store is being taking over by Circle K MA. New England Farms Rep says they lease the land now from Sardinha Family Trust. Irving is leasing the store to Circle K. Selectman Pacheco asks what Irving has to do with it. Selectman Sadeck says who pays the taxes on the land. Sardinha will. The property is still owned by them. Selectman Pacheco says Penny will still train and follow. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the transfer. Passed unanimously.

6:15 P.M. Pole hearing relative to VERIZON/NSTAR for placement of one pole Plan#6807 on South Main St. at Copicut Rd., Assonet, MA 02702. Abutters have been notified via certified mail. Lee reads the abutters names. Donna from Nstar says 18 Copicut customer are upgrading their service from single phase to three phase. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.

Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants
Weekly Public Discussion period

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by Republic Services for proposed work at Ridgehill Road/South Main St; Steven and Garrett Wishall from Kelly Engineer Group. This is filing an application for the intersection. There is no contractor yet because we have not gone out to bid. It will be out to bid within the next 30 days. Steve explains the intersection is difficult to make the turn onto Ridgehill Rd. we propose to construct 90' of the road. 8-10' of the road will be moved over. The drainage patterns will exist. This will make it safer. The sewer work that Jack has asked us to look at and under the portion of the construction we

would install those pipes and a sleeve for the force main. Jack Healey says rather than pave an intersection twice I thought we should think in terms of doing it now. Kelly has estimated the cost be \$25,000.00 and if we were required to do this with prevailing wage could you give me a cost. Steven says maybe double he doesn't have that info now. Chris October says if the Town wants to do this quickly and that is why we are doing this quickly. Chris says if you are talking about allocating money in June then I would have to go back to speak to Republic first. How about the building. Chris says papers this year and building next year for construction. Selectman Pacheco says then what you are saying is it seems like you are running behind so it would seem that they would slow down. Mr. Healey and Selectman Pacheco say that Chris mentioned Septic but we are also talking about sewer. Selectman Pacheco would like to have Jack Healey reach out to Republic.

- Abatement for the Month of March 2015, as submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (P/S) to approve \$9,245.14. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss holding Special Town Meeting. Mr. Healey requested that this be put on for a Special Town Meeting. He had thought we would go forward regarding the sewer line and the other item is for the 3 railroad crossings in the amount of \$40,000. Selectman Pacheco asks when will the work be done? Mr. Healey says this month. Selectman Pacheco asks who approved that. Mr. Healey says the Water Dept. Selectman Sadeck says MaDOT will place the sleeve there for \$38,000 but the issue is there is no way to pay for them. If you take it out of the Enterprise fund then the water customers pay for it not the Town. Kim says currently there is no appropriation to cover this but there is retained earnings to cover this but there needs to be a vote at a Special Town Meeting. If you determined you wanted to use Free Cash you could do that. Kim says there is not an extra \$40,000 to cover this you need to have an appropriation to cover this. Kim asks about separating the Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Sadeck says if the Water Dept has ordered the pipes then this isn't good. Kim says if they did at \$40,000 then it would need to be procured. Selectman Sadeck says the unfortunate thing is the Board was never advised of this maybe we should send a letter off to MADOT. Selectman Pacheco says there is nothing formal from the Water Commissioners asking for the Special Town Meeting. Selectman Sadeck would expect that there should be an answer if the pipe has been ordered and from whom and how will they pay for it and Selectman Pacheco adds who authorized it. Selectman Sadeck commends Kim for the great work she has done for us.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by LHM for proposed work at Copicut Rd./ High St. and Elm St. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve Road Opening permits. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss date and location of Special/Annual Town Meeting. Discuss deadline for Article submission for Special/Annual Town Meeting. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to open the Article for 4/13 close on 4/24. Motion to hold the ATM on June 1 at the FES with STM at 7 and ATM at 7:30.
- Discuss Copiers for Town Buildings. Jack says we agreed to recommend to go with Copy Resources 5 total machines \$16,775 more for the Copy Resources than the Xerox machines. The Police Dept has had the Canon machines for just about 1 year and they are happy with it.

Never had a breakdown with it. All inclusive service contracts is \$1,404 per year for all. Xerox is less for the machines but we believe Canon is better. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to take it out of the current capital budget. Passed unanimously.

- Paul Sadeck needs to leave the meeting at 7:00pm to attend another meeting.
- Town Administrator's Report. Mr. Healey already reported above.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Accept Letter of Resignation from Reserve Police Officer Bethia Dwyer as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective March 23, 2015. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Accept Letter of Resignation from Tracy Knowles, Veterans Agent & Veterans Graves Director. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to accept letter of resignation. Passed unanimously. We can look back since there has only been 4 months and see if there is anyone that is interested. Selectman Baumgartner says yes there is. Selectman Pacheco asks Mr. Healey to reach out to that person.
- Sign change of Status form for Casey Pittsley, as submitted by Library Director Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, effective 04/01/15. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Cynthia Souza to Library Planning Committee. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) Mrs. Rosa says we need another person. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Jack Healey as SRPEDD and JTPG representative. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to appoint Jack Healey to SRPEDD and JTPG. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, Tuesday April 21th, Monday May 4th, Monday May 18th.

Old Business:

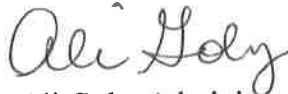
- Freetown Elementary lease agreement. – Jack says this is at a stand still because there is no interest to discuss this further.
- Union negotiation meeting.
- Meeting with DESE.
- Key Fobs
- Status of 4 South Main Street Building. Pacheco wants to know what is going on with this. Have Scott submit a letter that this is all set if it is.
- Richmond Rd. Bridge.

- Meet with Finance Committee and Departments regarding FY16 Budgets for Town Administrator, Capital, and Property Insurance.
- Town Administrator 125 No questions.
- Capital Building – Boiler for the library we need to discuss with Trustees first. Brad said this was already fixed. Selectman Baumgartner said we don't own this building. Selectman Pacheco asks if we need anything in our buildings now.
- 931 Fire dept pick up – Long discussion regarding this. Nothing has been decided.
- Liability Insurance 945- This is okay. No questions.

Selectman Pacheco says we need to know where we are for revenue.

Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 8:05 PM Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant