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MEETINGS OF WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2015

COUNCIL ON AGING 227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

9:40 A.M. Call to Order by Chairman Lee J. Baumgartner. Present are Selectman Lee Baumgartner, Selectman Paul Sadeck and Lisa Pacheco and Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman Paul Sadeck.

Weekly Public Discussion period

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Sign Road Opening Permit for 4 East Public St. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed Unanimously.
- Award Bid for Richmond Rd Bridge Project. Selectman Pacheco said asking the contractor to extent the bid to 8/14. That will give us time to have a town meeting or election. That is the soonest we can have an election 8/10. Chuck says if the bid is awarded 8/10 the bridge will be closed for 90 days and the bridge project won't be closed until the contract is signed. Selectman Pacheco says if we did another Town Meeting for an article with 2 1/2. Selectman Sadeck says you can't take that out of taxation. That would be a 2/3 vote. Selectman Sadeck says this will impact on the school transportation. Selectman Pacheco says the last time for Elm St it was a Freetown only bus. Selectman Sadeck says it is not how our agreement is. Selectman Baumgartner says what happens if we don't do anything. Chuck says they may post it for 3 ton but he doesn't know however the State hasn't been notified of anything yet. They are the bridge people they know when it needs to be done. If we wait it will cost more money. Selectman Pacheco says what is the harm in asking to extend the contract. Selectman Sadeck says the people have spoken already and it wasn't even close. Selectman Pacheco says the taxpayers don't care if it comes out of stabilization. Selectman Baumgartner says we need a way to get out to the residents our message. Selectman Pacheco says but the people aren't reaching out either everyone is happy. Selectman Sadeck says if you want to have a STM 7/10 we can do it but it needs to come out of Stabilization. Selectman Sadeck says he will not vote to bond it because the people have voted for it. Selectman Sadeck doesn't like to do it this way because it is like deceiving the taxpayer because we are doing it too quickly. Chuck told the engineer to keep pursuing the permits. We will still need them. We can do the project the same time next year. We

will pay more next year. We will be up against the weather to finish. Selectman Pacheco says we may have to pay for a school bus for a whole year if we don't do it. Pacheco says how about we post a meeting for Friday and do a Town Meeting and have Chuck find out anyway. Selectman Pacheco says people need to know that we need to we need to fix the bridges. Selectman Sadeck says why doesn't the state pay some for this. Chuck says it is our street it wasn't numbered until the 50's. It is a numbered route only. Chuck says we got blindsided because the project was higher than it was thought it was going to be. Chuck will call the state and have a conversation with them.

- Sign 2015-2018 MOA to CBA for Town Hall, Library, Highway Department on behalf of Local Union 1144. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Sign 2015-2018 CBA Freetown Full-Time Firefighters Association. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to sign the FF agreement with the change from Joe Fair as approved by Paul Ashley, President. Passed unanimously.
- Sign 2015-2018 MOA to CBA for Freetown 911 Signal Operators on behalf of Local Union 1144. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

Selectman Sadeck would like to know how can we have an email system to have residents sign up. Selectman Baumgartner would like to have Mr. Healey do this project.

Sign interdepartmental transfer for Lauren Moreau Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously..

Selectman Pacheco put Fall Town Meeting section on our Agenda – put on a summary for a bylaw for the ballot question.

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 10:45pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant