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BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2015

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

6:00 P.M. **Call to Order** by Chairman Lee J. Baumgartner. Present are Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman Paul Sadeck and MCAM. Selectman Baumgartner reads the Agenda aloud.

Selectman Baumgartner take a brief moment of Silence for the passing of a long time former Selectmen Marianno "Junior" Rezendes. He was a Selectman for 21 years.

6:05 P.M. Pole hearing relative to Verizon/Eversource for placement of 1 new pole (49/73.5) on East Howland Rd., E. Freetown, MA 02717. Abutters have been notified via certified mail. Donna from Verizon. Verizon is requesting a new pole for a new home being built. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco). Pacheco asks what the turnaround time is. This would be a day. Pacheco just wants to make sure this is done before the beginning of. Donna says this will be done well before school starts.

Signing of Biweekly payroll/vendor warrants
Weekly Public Discussion period

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Approve/Sign Chapter 90 Final Reports for Dakel Dr., Jethol Dr. and Amanda Rd. as submitted by Charles Macomber, Highway Surveyor. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve \$62,171.21 for Jethol Dr. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve \$63,803.63 Dakel Dr. Passed unanimously. Amanda is on hold until meeting.
- Mr. Macomber explains that he received an email from GPI and the costs will be overrun by approximately \$14,000.00 approximately. We now have \$21,000 over. Selectman Pacheco asks about Richmond Rd. Mr. Macomber says this is proceeding. They are fighting this.

- Discuss letter sent by Chief Silvia to accept M.G.L. Chapter 48 Section 59A for Fire Mutual Aid. Chief Silvia says he thought that this was voted in back in Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve this MGL as recommended by Chief Silvia.
- Discuss letter sent by Chief Abbott to change Police Department Manual of Rules and Regulations. Chief Abbott says the amendment says all officers 21 and over shall have an LTC and anyone under shall not and the Union has sent a letter saying that they do not object to this however they will still hold the right to negotiation this. They would like to eliminate the rule. Chief recommends that the Board move forward with this rule. Selectman Sadeck asks if this will get us into a bind. Chief says this will open the pool of candidates. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to adopt to the amended version. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Sign letter to the Fall River Water Department. Mr. Healey states that the Board and the Water commissioners have been unhappy with the agreement and counsel has crafted a letter for this both Boards have reviewed this. Selectman Sadeck says at a prior meeting the letter was agreed upon the Boards will send to the Mayor only.
- Sign Estoppel Certificate. Mr. Healey says this is the Certificate that has been written and approved by Counsel. Selectman Sadeck asks if this is the one on Locust St. Mr. Healey confirms it is. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes for February, March, April and May 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Request from Mrs. Celeste Misodoulakis to conduct a 5K road race through a section in the Town of Freetown for "Greg's Run" on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco announces that this will be their last race and wishes them luck.
- Discuss Road Closure for South Main Street. Chuck goes down there every day this is going well. They are starting the sewer sometime this week. The reason they need to close the road is because they are putting the sewer line in the middle of the road. Rezendes will check with the bus company to see if there are any children impacted by this. Post Office doesn't want to go on the highway and the bus company doesn't want to do either. They said that they will try to be done before the beginning of school.
- Selectman Baumgartner would like to know about Chuck's relationship with MADOT now that they have made major buyouts with retirements. Chuck says it is good.
- Selectman Pacheco would like estimates of the next two bridges. Chuck is already working on this he is speaking with Jim Noyes on this and they will add 15% to the figure.

- Sign Woodard and Curran contract for FY16. Mr. Healey says this is the Annual contract for the Transfer Station. Selectman Baumgartner asks if this monitoring is forever. Mr. Healey says yes because this is always going to be a potential for contamination. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to sign and approve. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health: The odor issue from at the Police Dept. Selectman Sadeck explains that the air quality in the police station is okay however the attic is an issue. The Health Agent will need to fix this and I did tell them to speak to him and I would like the air duct work to be completed at the same time. Mr. Healey said the reports have been sent off to the insurance agents and as soon as they are approved we will be reviewing 3 different quotes from companies and the building inspector will help with that. Selectman Sadeck says the coverage doesn't drive our action. Mr. Healey says no it doesn't. Selectman Pacheco wants to understand in one of the reports it doesn't it say in the dispatch area that they couldn't be in that part when doing the remediation. Chief Abbott said that it said booking and Cell Block area would need to be closed off. He said that it would need to be closed off. Mr. Healey said we will know more when we get the proposals. Selectman Pacheco said we need to figure out what happens if we can't work in those areas. Chief has asked the Chief in Dartmouth, what will be problematic will be if we can't have our prisoners housed there. Selectman Baumgartner asks the Chief so he understands we need to find out what happens asap. Selectman Pacheco says then where are we going with our Buildings, are we not moving forward with our building study, are we going to keep chasing these little fires off the table. Selectman Sadeck says we have been talking about new buildings since 1974 so if you think the residents will vote to put out 5-13 Million for a new building maybe you know something that I don't. Selectman Pacheco says we should bring this to the voters because we haven't completed our job fully. Selectman Baumgartner said the Town didn't do anything for infrastructure. Selectman Sadeck asks where would you get the money from. Patrolman TJ Ashley says the bridge wasn't really well advertised. People need to know what is going on with their buildings. Selectman Sadeck says we didn't have enough people to show up. Selectman Baumgartner says he kind of agrees to explore it but until we get money back we can't. Selectman Pacheco says because we have already spent money on this why can we move forward. Selectman Pacheco says \$35 for 20 years for their new building in Dartmouth. This is an estimate. We should look at it. Selectman Baumgartner said how about we put this on for the next Oct meeting to meet with the Building Committee. Mr. Healey said we have a number of projects at each building and improve the way we maintain the buildings. Mr. Healey says we need to maintain what we have. Selectman Baumgartner says we need to catch up. Selectman Pacheco says even if the tax payers say no then at least we have done our job.

Personnel Board:

- Sign Change of Status for Danielle Poole and Andrew Robinson as submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia, effective August 1, 2015 and July 1, 2015 respectively. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Accept/Sign Conditional Offer of Employment for John Pina, as submitted by Police Chief Abbott. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status for Signal Operator Lydia St. Laurent as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective September 9, 2015. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen September 21st, October 5th and October 19th.

- Algonquin Gas has a public meeting scheduled for 9/23 at 5:30 and 7:30 at the Century House.

Old Business:

- Special Town Meeting Items – Bridges, Personnel By-Law

Executive Session:

- Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to go into Executive session at 7:00pm for reasons:
In preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Police Chief Carlton.
- Review/Approve and possible Release Executive Session Minutes.
- 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 body and the chair so declares.
and not return into Open Session. Roll Call. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant