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**AGENDA
MEETING OF MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 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 Paul Sadeck, Selectman Lisa Pacheco and Town Administrator Jack Healey. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman FreeCam.

Weekly Public Discussion

Freetown Historical Commission is concerned on what will happen with the South Main Street Bridge. Mary Rezendes-Brown and Paul Deneault say they would like more information about this. Selectman Pacheco says South Main Street Bridge is on the MA Historical Registry and Ali can give you a copy of the report. Selectman Pacheco says we would like to fix this bridge in one shot and not in stages. Selectman Baumgartner says if we start working on the top of the bridge then we need to work on the entire bridge. Mr. Deneault said he was told we don't need to do anything above the water line and this was from Mr. Macomber, Highway Surveyor. Selectmen Sadeck and Pacheco disagree with this information they believe they need to sit down with Chuck to go over things again. Mr. Deneault says we need the report to know what needs to be done. Mrs. Rezendes-Brown says Elm St was a long time and then it was taken over by MADOT. She asks if we are getting money from Mass Historic or just the town and wants to know if MaDOT was contacted. Mr. Macomber arrives and says this will be done in phase, phase one is the water line down which is \$800,000, but if we do the full deal that is bringing the bridge up to the current standards. That would require land taking. He doesn't want to go that route. The 2nd phase would make it 100% compliant. Mr. Macomber says we don't need to do the whole bridge just the 1st phase. Mrs. Resendez-Brown says this whole presentation was not correct because we don't know if we can get state funds. Selectman Pacheco says we will have a meeting before Special Town Meeting and we will have all that information beforehand. Mr. Macomber says we should do the water line down. Selectman Sadeck says why don't we do just one bridge 1st. Mr. Macomber says that would be an easy thing. Selectman Pacheco says we can still allocate the money and not borrow until we have all the answers. That will free up the money for the engineering. We are borrowing this isn't a debt exclusion. Selectman Pacheco says we are trying to get this done so we don't lose another year.

6:05 P.M. Kendyl Lane – Vote on intention to layout the way and place as an Article on the Warrant.
Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
Vote to approve the Layout as shown on the street acceptance plan
Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

Selectman Baumgartner reads the list of abutters.

Mr. & Mrs. Neilson ask about the trees that were promised. Selectman Pacheco told them that they need to speak with the Planning Board. This meeting is for the road layout. Mr. Nick Harris has spoken with the MaDot and he is in the process of fixing what needs to be fixed regarding the pillars. Mr. Neilson wonders why he wasn't informed when the Planning Board made the vote regarding the trees like he was informed about this meeting. Selectman Sadeck asks when you purchased the property it states in the deed what needs to be done. Mr. Neilson stated it does. Selectman Pacheco says we are only here tonight for the road but I will say we can hold off on voting on this and you can speak with the Planning Board. Ali reminds them there isn't enough time to put this on for Town Meeting if they don't vote to their intentions tonight. She needs to get this to the Town Clerk 7 days before Town Meeting. Mr. Nick Harris says that the Planning Board did put out advertising on the meeting where they voted on the waiver on the trees. The people did not show up and he believes they were notified. The issues that are brought up now aren't right. Now I will have to plow this winter and I can't get there this year. Mrs. Vera Vadeboneur, 3 Kendyl Lane states she would like the Board to vote because she wants the Town to Plow. She knows that Mr. Harris promised them trees and didn't deliver and she has spoken to the Planning Board. She says that she doesn't know how to find things out for Town Meetings etc. Selectman Pacheco explains where to find things are. Mrs. Vadebonceur says she would have gone to the meeting had she realized that things could happen like this. Mr. Carlos Alexander would like to readdress the fact that things won't happen this year if the Board doesn't vote tonight, we can still bring up other issues with the Planning Board so he employs the Board to vote tonight for the road. Mr. Neilson wants to know why they weren't notified. Selectman Pacheco again says to please call the Planning Board. Selectman Sadeck explains to Mrs. Vadebonceur that all meeting are posted with the Town Clerks office 48 hours in advance. Mr. Neilson wants to know why waivers are granted and he thinks they shouldn't be. Selectman Pacheco says this is between the residents and the Planning Board.

6:15 P.M. Discussion with Algonquin Representatives regarding access to Freetown property. Selectman Baumgartner states this will be passed over and will be discussed on November 2nd meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss/Approve overage amount for Richmond Road Bridge. Mr. Macomber, Highway Surveyor says it will be approximately \$14,500 chapter 90 will pick up the tab. This is an amendment on their original contract. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve contingent upon counsel's approval. He says also Aetna will be going over \$19,000. We may have to go for a reserve transfer for \$20,000.00 for this in the future. We will keep an eye on it.

- Mr. Macomber says that it is hard to compete with other towns. We are down a lot of snow plow guys, we have only 5 contractors signed up out of 35 as of today. His other issue is we don't have anyone to plow FES. Selectman Pacheco says if we are going to make a decision to not plow them we need to tell them now. Mr. Macomber will ask Mark to get his medical card then he can drive the 1 ton.
- Approve Ambulance Abatements for the month of September 2015, as submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve in the amount \$47,124.76.
- Approve/Sign Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for Enterprise Funds as submitted by Town Accountant Kim Fales. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.
- Sign Renewal Proposal for MIIA Health Benefits. Mr Healey will take this under advisement. Selectman Sadeck thinks they need to have a meeting.
- Discuss designating a Representative to the Electrical Aggregate program. Jack explains that DPU has approved this and the Bids needs to be approved and the date is 11/10. All communities will vote together and there is time now to get schooled on this. The bids need to be done by 11/10 in order to take advantage of January. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Lee Baumgartner will go as the Primary Representative and Paul Sadeck will be the Alternate Representative. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Renewal of DPF Enterprises Inc. Class II License. Selectman Baumgartner said that they haven't renewed this license and he apologized. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to renew in January. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Old Colony enrollment. Baumgartner would like this to capped at 90. Selectman Pacheco said she doesn't know if you can do this maybe we can fund only 90 students. Motion to fund only 90 students (Pacheco/Sadeck) to reach out to the superintendent.

Board of Health: Selectman Sadeck explains the Board of Health is going a great job helping people. The Flu Clinic 9-12.

Personnel Board:

- Sign Change of Status form for Kimberley Fales, effective November 1, 2015. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint/Sign Change of Status for Jeff Cannon, Interim Treasurer /Collector, effective October 27, 2015. Selectman Pacheco says she wasn't there and asks how it was. Selectman Sadeck says he was a nice individual. Jack did reference check after the fact and they came back okay. Baumgartner says he is good with this. Selectman Pacheco says this is for 6 months, can we do the first at 3 months. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint and approve. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, Annual Town Meeting October 27th November 2nd, November 16th, December 14th
- Selectman Pacheco says Amazon broke ground today and also South Main St should be done 2 weeks early.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement
- Town Hall Painting Selectman Baumgartner spoke with Scott and he said he had a guy that was willing to do this and now he is moving forward on this. Selectman Pacheco says have him talk to Mary about that too.
- We should set a meeting with the Lakeville BOS soon regarding budgets.

Executive Session: M.G.L. c30A, Sec.21(a) Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) at 7:22p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining the 911 Signal Operators Union and Police Union, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. All members voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant