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MEETING OF TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2016

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Selectman Lee Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey.

Weekly Public Discussion

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Approve/Sign Agreements for South Main Street Bridge and Locust Street Bridge. Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber explains that these agreements are for the bridge work that needs to be done that was voted on in the fall. So, Main Street won't have any detour and Locust will have a detour but that won't affect many people. The detour will be a quick detour. Selectman Baumgartner said this will put us in good shape and Richmond Bridge was very nicely done. Mr. Macomber said that was a 2% overrun. This project should be done by September, costing \$138K for South Main Street and for Locust Street. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to sign agreements. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve/Sign South Main Street speed zone study. Mr. Macomber says this is between Stop & Shop and Brightman Lumber. The reason for this is because the road was improved and people are going faster. Chief Abbott has a speed study done in 1974 and the road has changed since then. The only way to legally post the road is to do a new study now, at the cost of \$4,960. Selectman Sadeck asks Mr. Healey if we have money to pay for this. Mr. Healey doesn't know, he would need to investigate. Selectman Sadeck wants to know if we can use Chapter 90. Mr. Macomber will ask. Selectman Baumgartner asks what is involved. Traffic count and a radar gun over a set amount of days, handled by GPI. Residents have made complaints about this issue. Mr. Macomber thinks they will come up with 45MPH.
- Selectman Baumgartner asks about the licenses for the highway dept. Jeremy passed one and failed one; he is waiting on a new test. Andy is waiting for a test date. DPH is a tough place to deal with. Mr. Macomber is good with the progress we are waiting for test dates. Selectman Sadeck asks about Catch Basins that were cleaned this year. Mr. Macomber says very few. We have only had a few because he cleaned them himself.

- Town Administrator's Report

- Mr. Healey says he is working on the Net Metering agreements and he will be meeting with the regional school district on Wednesday the 13th. This will allow all the electric utilities to benefit from the purchase of the Solar Credits that was originally purchased on Locust St and moved to Carver. This was a community Solar project at first and we renegotiated, getting an extra penny and the Kiosk in the School. The Kiosk will be made available throughout the whole school system. Each grade level will see how much money is being made by solar credits. We are still working on how we are going to finance this, with a conference call scheduled for Jan 12. We won't be paying as much, as power and administrative costs will be very small. The elementary school is using 66%. The town's administrative cost is \$2,992. On top of this the aggregation we will be benefiting on it. Selectman Sadeck says he wants to make sure this has nothing to do with the regional schools. How will they interact? Mr. Healey doesn't know. Selectman Sadeck wants to know why we will pay administrative costs. Mr. Healey doesn't know but will find out.
 - Mr. Healey talks about the Home Consortium – He wants to let them know Freetown is in the program.
 - Trash program – this is costing us more now to dispose of. He is working with Kevin Bernardo on this. They have meetings with other vendors regarding other options. Previously, the Board voted on GNB and GNB will be voting on accepting on this tomorrow night. Selectman Sadeck asks if we should be getting a reduction on transportation costs. Mr. Healey says yes we should.
 - Mr. Healey says the Police station is still being worked on. They are planning on replacing a water treatment system he is working on this with Scott Barbato.
 - Hathaway Park – They want to put into place tables which will cost \$1900. Selectman Baumgartner would like another article on Town Meeting for \$5-10K.
 - MMA/MIIA – he will be going to the conference and will be bringing information back. And he will also be going to a conference which will be managing conflict in the workplace.
- Approve new IRS rate for mileage. Motion to approve the new mileage rates. (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
 - Approve/Sign Amended IMA with NRG. Passed over. This will be placed on the next meeting Agenda.
 - Approve Abatements from December 2015, as submitted by Fire Chief Silvia to approve in the amount of \$64,373.91 (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously
 - Annual renewal of Class II and Class III Motor Vehicle License and other licenses by the Board of Selectmen:

- Class II Motor Vehicle Licenses: DPF Enterprises, Inc.; Herb's Auto Body; Chipaway Auto Sales; Beech Bluff Auto Sales.
Motion to approve DPF (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
Motion to approve Herb's Auto Body (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed Unanimously.
Motion to approve (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed Unanimously;
Motion to approve Chipaway (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed Unanimously;
Motion to approve Beech Bluff Auto Sales (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed Unanimously.

Board of Health:**Personnel Board:.**

- Approve/Sign Conditional Offer of Employment for Kara Pigeon, as submitted by Chief Abbott. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Shane Kelley, Detective, as submitted by Chief Abbott, effective January 20, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Isabel Ferreira for Senior Clerk, as submitted by Jack Healey, Town Administrator and Water & Sewer Department, effective January 13, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Jessica Thomas for Assistant Treasurer, as submitted by Jeff Cannon, Interim Treasurer/Collector, effective January 22, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously. Selectman Baumgartner says all these people are excellent employees.
- Sign Change of Status form for William Simmons for Mechanic, as submitted by Charles Macomber, Highway Surveyor, effective January 6, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Jordan Demelo for Probationary Call Firefighter/Paramedic, as submitted by Chief Silvia, effective January 1, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Sadeck explains that the FPA is offering a gun safety class on Feb 13th and the Board authorized the use of the hall but it is already filled up and they will be having additional course in the futures. 3 of our officers do excellent jobs.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, January 25th, February 8th, and February 22nd.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement- Mr. Healey is working on this, and has contacted our attorney. Fall River is waiting on the new Mayor to get situated.

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 7:00pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant