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BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2016

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

6:00 P.M. **Call to Order** Lee J. Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectman Paul G. Sadeck and Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Town Administrator Jack Healey. Selectman Baumgartner reads the Agenda aloud.

Selectman Pacheco says the highway dept has done a great job this weekend on this past snowstorm.

Weekly Public Discussion

6:05 P.M. **Discussion with Town Counsel Richard Holland relative to:**

- Approving & Signing Amended Intermunicipal Agreement with Regional School District – Atty Holland explains the solar company NRG will give the Town coupons (energy credits). The Town purchased more than it could use and they in turn would send those credits to FES. This is the IMA with the District. This is sold at cost. The Town is 33% and the District is 66%. The purpose of the IMA is to sell the credits to the district. The price is \$.11. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the agreement between Town of Freetown and the Regional School FES. Selectman Sadeck wants to make sure that we will be getting the amount back from the schools. Kim Fales, Town Accountant, says yes we will. Passed unanimously.
- Approving & Signing Agreement with W. Robert Patterson & Associates. This is for the consultant to assist Mr. Healey for the first year to review the invoices to ensure that the proper invoicing is happening, and he will so Mr. Healey how to do it if necessary. The total cost is \$8,800 for the whole year. Mr. Healey says there are different elements of this: the project implementation of it is \$1,200, the monitoring/record keeping is \$4,000 and then \$400 per month. Mr. Holland says that cost would be split up between the Town and the district. Ms. Fales says Patterson will bill each entity separately. Selectman Sadeck says the Town will pick up \$3,000 roughly. Mr. Healey says the net result will be a savings to the Town of \$23,000 a year over the life of the agreement for a total savings of \$423,000. Freetown Elementary School will save \$45,000 a year and \$896,000 over the life. Selectman Baumgartner asks who will do the invoicing once Mr. Healey isn't here. Mr. Healey says it will be easy to comprehend. Selectman Pacheco notes Mr. Healey will be out, so Ali Golz, Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant, will need to be part of the training. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the agreement. Passed unanimously.

6:30 P.M. BOH Variance 22 Buena Vista Ave.

Kevin Bernardo, Board of Health Agent, says this was approved on 12/15 but the green cards didn't come back. Now we have all 3 green cards again. Selectman Baumgartner reads all the greens cards aloud. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:**Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Approve/Sign Reserve Fund Transfer request as submitted by Jack Healey, Town Administrator. This is to reaffirm the vote taken on January 20th. Motion is reaffirmed. (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Approve/Sign Reserve Fund Transfer request as submitted by Scott Barbato, Building Inspector. Selectman Pacheco asks how much was budgets. Ms. Fales says \$16,080. Selectman Pacheco asks how many more inspections. Mr. Barbato explained this would be for the rest of the year; last year 379 inspections were executed, and so far this year, we have executed 280. They go out 3 times per solar. The work load is up. Selectman Pacheco says the \$20,000 is a lot to ask for at once. Mr. Barbato says last year we asked for it and we had to come back, wondering if they could half the figure. Selectman Baumgartner agrees with that. Selectman Sadeck agrees as well. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve \$10,000. Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco would like Mr. Barbato to look at the neighboring fees.
- Approve/Sign Reserve Fund Transfer request as submitted by Board of Selectmen. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Schedule for New Cruiser lease. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report.
 - Massachusetts Municipal Association - Mr. Healey went to 2 workshops, the first on zoning updates and the second on new public records laws. The Town received awards at both workshops. Also municipal finance government, the Governor would like us to get behind this and also a challenge to lead in the fight against the Opioid addiction. It shows how all communities can take steps to cover it.
- Sign Warrant for Presidential Primary and Annual Local Election, as submitted by Jacqueline Brown, Town Clerk. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Memo from Interim Treasurer/Collector Jeff Cannon regarding bank account. Mr. Cannon says our Stabilization Fund which has just shy of \$3 million is in Rockland Trust and it earns .05% interest, which is "horrible". Mr. Cannon has met with many banks that Freetown does business with over the past couple of weeks, along with Harbor One. He recommends that the Town moves to Harbor One, which is graded as an excellent bank. The entire account would be insured for the full amount. Selectman Sadeck notes that he believes the Sundry Trust fund was spread out to many accounts,

and that is why the accounts were like this. Mr. Cannon again recommends a move to Harbor One. The Board thanks Mr. Cannon for discussing this move with them.

- Annual renewal of Class II and Class III by the Board of Selectmen:
 - Class III Motor Vehicle License: DM Auto Enterprises, Inc. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
 - Class II Motor Vehicle License: Ray's Garage. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Pacheco suggests that Mr. Healey have an Insurance Advisory Committee Meeting because of the Health adjustment with MIIA. She would also like Mr. Barbato to contact both the Bristol County Sheriff Department and the Historical Society about painting the Town Hall. She wants him to get on the Sherriff's Dept list now ahead of time.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:.

- Appoint Travis Bowie and Manuel Arruda, Jr. as Election Worker, effective January 25, 2016, as submitted by Town Clerk Jacqueline Brown. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgarnter) to appoint Manuel Arruda. Passed unanimously. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgarnter) to appoint Travis Bowie. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for James Gonneville for Call Firefighter/Paramedic, as submitted by Chief Silvia, effective January 11, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgarnter) to appoint. Passed unanimously.
- Accept Letter of Resignation for Julie Thibodeau, Public Health Nurse, effective December 28, 2015. Lisa reads the letter aloud. Passed unanimously. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve COA driver leave of absence. This is on hold until the next meeting.
- Approve Building Inspector Scott Barbato vacation time. Selectman Pacheco spoke with Town Council Joe Fair and he stated that the Board has the approval to do what they would like to do what they want to approve. She feels that they have done what they wanted to do, that the language needs to be cleared up. Per Mr. Fair, no vote needs to be taken, we have approved this in our negotiations with Mr. Barbato. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to affirm the action entitling Mr. Barbato to 3 weeks vacation when he was hired. Passed unanimously. Motion to work with Mr. Fair to tighten the language and have Mr. Healey do that.

- Mr. Healey says he met with the principals of Churchill and Banks and they are anxious for the town to come to an agreement. Selectman Sadeck asks if he has spoken with our counsel. Mr. Healey says he is working on it.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, February 8th, and February 22nd, March 7th, March 21st, Tuesday April 5th, Tuesday April 19th, May 2nd, May 16th, Tuesday May 31st.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement
- Work on language for Personnel by-law.

Executive Session: M.G.L. c30A, Sec.21(a)

Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to go into Executive Session at 7:04p.m and not go back into open session after for reason of in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel, Interim Treasurer/Collector Jeffrey Cannon

Respectfully Submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant