



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2016

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

5:30 P.M. **Call to Order** Lee J. Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectmen Paul G. Sadeck and Selectmen Lisa A. Pacheco.

5:30 P.M. **Board of Health discussion with South Coast Neighbors United** - Roger Cabral, Treasurer of SCNU, does a presentation for the South Coast Neighbors United –

Selectman Baumgartner explains that the Governor of New York vetoed a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in his state recently, which shows that SCNU needs to voice their concerns with the Governor, not the Board of Selectman, because we cannot do anything here. The project is mutually dependant: Freetown is mutually needed for Acushnet. Mr. Cabral voiced a number of concerns about the proposed project, as follows. The property is zoned residential and we are arguing this point. They are clearing a 250 acre site, 40% of that wetlands. What they have on site is an LNG storage tank, shown on the monitor. This is located in a heavily residential area. Eventually, they will have tanks 6 times larger than the tank that you see in Boston now, with the tanks in Everett even larger. If you look at Gillette Stadium it will be 17 yards high. Each of 2 tanks it will be 90 yards across. 25% of New England's storage capacity will be in Acushnet and the rest will be across 35 other facilities. Freetown should care about this because the Acushnet portion of the project doesn't exist without Freetown. The gas lines will be 24" around. Buried 3' down. The lines will be run wherever they want to. They take a 50' easement and you lose that above property and you don't get to use the above property. Please Google the dangers of the pipe lines. There are risks. 94-2013 700 serious incidents of serious incidents with 1100 property damages. Once you have the pipe line running through your property you have the risk. It is more than 1 incident per week. In the US it is cheaper to us Gas but State Senator Stan Rosenberg has different plans to use different things like Solar. They are doing this because they want to export it internationally. We will pay the prices and this has nothing to do with the energy price for New England. This will be the largest LNG storage place and this will be a terrorist target. The only people that will respond will be 911. You have the ability to not have them survey public land. Residents that can refuse the survey, please do that. In all, Mr. Cabral urges the Freetown Board of Selectmen to tell them we don't want this in our Town. Selectman Pacheco states we have already said they could not survey the public land. Wendy Graca said that SCNU wants to know that we have the Town's backing and that is what we are asking. Selectman Baumgartner says that this was a great presentation.

Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) 5 minutes break. Passed unanimously.

Weekly Public Discussion:

- Meghan Corrigan, 9 Beach Street, speaking about South Main Street. Ms. Corrigan says she has gone to the Town Hall and complained about trash along S. Main Street and no one knows if it is MA Highway or Town's job to clean this up. This is a yearly occurrence. Ms. Corrigan also has concerns about Stop & Shop trucks using Exit 8 of Route 24. Selectmen Pacheco and Sadeck say the Town can't force them use that Exit 8B, we can only guide them. We might need to send a reminder to them to use 8B. Ms. Corrigan also says you don't see growth here in the Town. Selectman Pacheco says you may not see the small town growth, but we do have growth here. Selectmen Pacheco says small businesses have a big problem with the sewer line here in Town.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Approve Chapter 90 Final Report for South Main St., Rebecca Road, Dunham Rd., Malbone Rd., as submitted by Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve Rebecca Road in the amount of \$107,522.22. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve Dunham Rd. in the amount of \$62,979.65. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve Malbone Road in the amount of \$45,366.84. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve So. Main St. in the amount of \$107,522.22. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Pacheco asks what is next for Road projects. Chuck is waiting to see what money he receives from MADot that will determine what more he can do.
- Sign Agreement for use of Lakeville Animal Shelter for 2016. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Please ask Lakeville to add Animal Control Officer Lisa Podielsky's signature to the document. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Senior Work Program Participants. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Abatements for Month of January 2016 as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve in the amount of \$39,715.33. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/signing of Annual Patriot Half Triathlon from Sun Multisport Events for June 18th, 2016 for Route 105 and Route 18; also approve a donation from Sun Multisport to the Town. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the donation. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/signing of 15th Annual Cranberry Trifest for August 20 & 21, 2016 through town. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/signing of 1st Annual "Tour de Crème" for May 22, 2016 through town. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Building Committee. Selectman Pacheco thinks we need a separate meeting for this, but it is a busy time right now. Selectman Sadeck would like to assemble the Building Committee for the purpose of developing a Police Station, to meet in sometime in April, after the next town election.

Board of Health:**Personnel Board:**

- Reaffirm - Approve/Sign Change of Status form for Thomas Ashley, as submitted by Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber, effective February 16, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Edward Orlowski, Rhonda Porawski and Melony Parris as Election Workers, as submitted by Jacqueline Brown effective February 22, 2016. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to appoint. Approved unanimously.
- Reaffirm- Appoint/Approve Change of Status forms for Steven Chandler and Timmothy McIntosh, as submitted by Town Administrator Jack Healey, effective February 16, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Reaffirm - Approve Change of status form for Steven Chandler, as submitted by Water Department, effective February 16, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Change of Status forms for Patrick Lee and Thomas Long, as submitted by Chief Abbott, effective March 11, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/Sign Change of Status form for John Pye, Jr. for Van Driver, as submitted by Barbara LaFleur, effective January 14, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint George Grunwald to Finance Committee. Effective February 8, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Linda Fournier to Library Planning Committee, effective February 8, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint. Passed unanimously.
- Accept Michael Pillarella's Letter of Resignation, effective February 4, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to accept. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/Sign MOA with Highway/Clerical/Library Union. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/Sign Change of Status for Jessica Thomas, as submitted by Interim Treasurer/Collector Jeff Cannon, effective February 15, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, March 7th, March 21st, Tuesday April 5th (work meeting, nothing on Agenda) - Tuesday April 19th, May 2nd, May 16th, Tuesday May 31st.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement
- Work on new language for Personnel by-law
- Town Clean up day
- 2 miscellaneous correspondence read from the packet.

Executive Session: - M.G.L.c30A, Sec.21(a) Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) To go into Executive Session at 6:40 pm and not to come back into open session with the Water Department to discuss strategy with respect to possible litigation with the City of Fall River if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body as Chairman Baumgartner declares it does. Roll Call. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully Submitted

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

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant