



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY MARCH 07, 2016

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

6:00 P.M. **Call to Order** Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectman Paul G. Sadeck. The meeting is being recorded by FREECAM.

7:00 P.M. **Meet with Finance Committee and Cemetery & Highway, Library, Treasurer/Collector, Veterans Agent and Animal Control Officer to discuss budgets.**

Weekly Public Discussion

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss Solid Waste Options. Selectman Sadeck explains the 3 years agreement is coming to an end with our Hauler and we have some interested candidates that would like to come up with some bids even though it doesn't need to be bid. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to put off until March 21st Agenda.
- Sign agreement with Stop & Shop to use the Bypass road for line-up of 4th of July parade. Motion (S/B) Passed unanimously.
- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from November 2015, December 2015 and January 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve all minutes. Passed unanimously.
- Sign/Approve Sunday Entertainment License for St John Neumann Church on Sunday May 29, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Signing of Event Notification form for Saturday May 27, 2016 - Monday May 30, 2016 for St. John Neumann Church, Lakeside Family Festival and Motorcycle Run. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Abatements for Month of February 2016 as submitted by Chief Silvia. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve in the amount of \$33,129.64. Passed unanimously.

- Approve Richmond Road change order and contract amendment as submitted by Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber. Chuck Macomber says the Richmond Road Bridge will be \$759,879.21. The overage will be \$14,109.21. Selectman Baumgartner and Selectman Sadeck said they did a great job there. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve the change order and contract amendment. Passed unanimously. Sadeck asks about the Greenman-Pederen, Inc project. Mr. Macomber says the GPI project will be paid through the chapter 90 and Kim Fales, Town Accountant, said we do have more left in Chapter 90 to pay for the overage in the AETNA.
- Approve Renewal of Class II Motor Vehicle License for Chopperhead Kustom Cycles. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve for motorcycles only. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Approve Change of Status form for Lisa Podielsky, effective February 28, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Approve Change of Status form for Samuel S. Finney, as submitted by Fire Chief, Gary Silvia, effective March 1, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Change of Status forms for Kara Pigeon, Phillip Pine, John Pina, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective March 11, 2016, March 13, 2016 and April 11, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve change of status. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Sign letters of conditional offers of employment, as submitted by Chief Abbott. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to sign conditional offers. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Recruit reimbursement Agreement for John Pina, as submitted by Chief Abbott. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to sign. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Change of Status forms for Jordan Costa as submitted by Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber, effective March 21, 2016. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.

New Business

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

Old Business:

- Water Agreement – Selectmen Sadek said he met today with Fall River and the Water Commissioner Bob Parker and we are on the right track to a water agreement with Fall River.
- Work on new language for Personnel by-law – Our Attorney is working on this and we will fix this at our next Annual Town Meeting.

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Cemetery 491 –Requested \$20,380. Keven Desmarais says they sent bids out and that accounts for the increase. Mr. Desmarais's understanding is that they would like the Highway Dept to do the mowing of all the Cemeteries. Mr. Macomber says they just got the highway dept to a full work force and he would not like to take people that he just got and take that away from highway dept. Sadeck asks about the \$5,000 for mapping. Michael McCue says this mapping will go on for another 5 years and this needs to be done for another couple of year and be done by 2018. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to allow this budget of \$22,155.00. The bidding is going up because of the insurance requirement. The mapping is needed so we don't sell plots twice.

Libraries 611- Requested \$122,470 and an additional staff person. Libraries Director Dorothy Stanley-Ballard is asking for another person for 10 hours a week for the Hathaway Library and for coverage at the White Library, as they lost a person in 2007. Selectmen Sadeck asks when the libraries are open and when people are staffed. Ms. Stanley-Ballard says 2 people are on weekdays during the day, and Saturday, only one. Selectman Sadeck asks about the process to hire. Ms. Stanley-Ballard says they would advertise within the library and on the Town's website. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve the budget. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer/Collector – Selectman Sadeck asks what Interim Treasurer/Collector Jeff Cannon means with the clerks staffing and can he explain it. Mr. Cannon feels he needs 4 full-time people in the office as well as the Treasurer/Collector. Selectman Sadeck thinks a full time Treasurer/Collector and then 2 in Collectors Office and 1 in Treasurers Office is sufficient. Mr. Cannon says after Tina left, the Assistant Treasurer/Collector position was combined and he would like to see that split again. Selectman Sadeck asks what Ms. Fales's opinion is. Ms. Fales says the Town should have the centralized collections. Selectman Sadeck says a Treasurer/Collector and then 3 people within the department: 2 Senior Clerks and an Assistant Treasurer/Collector. Mr. Cannon's preference would be an Assistant Treasurer, an Assistant Collector and a Senior Clerk. Ms. Fales says this is budgeted correctly except the Treasurer/Collector contracted position.

Veteran's Agent – Selectman Baumgartner says it appears you are looking for a \$7,000 raise. Selectmen Sadeck asks him to explain this raise. Veteran's Agent Robert Klevecka says currently the Town of Freetown is well below other Town's Veteran's Agents, that his work load demands it. Mr. Klevecka says he is roughly \$8,000 below the surrounding towns. Selectman Sadeck says this is a very substantial increase and asks how many clients do Mr. Klevecka has. Mr. Klevecka says 16, down from 20 when he started. There is maintenance to do, twice a month. Selectman Baumgartner says he can't give him a raise of \$7,000 when the average person doesn't make that raise normally. Mr. Klevecka works an average of 30 hours per week. Selectman Baumgartner says the toughest job is to sit at the Selectmen's table and do the job. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to raise it to \$11,500.00. Passed unanimously.

Animal Control Officer – Requested \$41,901.00 and an increase in hours to 32 hours. Animal Control Officer Lisa Podielsky says the job has changed because the state laws have changed so much, and she puts in more than her 28 hours. Ms. Podielsky says she applies for grants when she can. Ms. Podielsky says she is trying to do things with cats now as well. She has purchased equipment for EMS as well because domestic pets need to be able to go. Selectmen Sadeck says if you get the 32 you are not allowed to go over the 40 hours. There is no overtime allowed. Selectman Baumgartner says he is happy with her job she does. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve the increase in her hours. Passed unanimously.

Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to adjourn at 8:18p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant