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MINUTES OF MEETING OF TUESDAY APRIL 05, 2016

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Selectman Lisa Pacheco calls meeting to order. Those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Robert Jose and Town Administrator Jack Healey. The meeting is being recorded by MCCAM.

6:00 P.M. Reorganize the Board
Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to nominate Selectman Sadeck as Chairman of the Board of Selectman. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to nominate Selectman Jose as Board of Health Chair. Passed unanimously. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to nominate Selectman Pacheco as Personnel Chair. Passed unanimously.

Weekly Public Discussion

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Award Bid for Board of Assessors for FY17, FY18, FY 19 Certification of Values.
 - Karen Mello and Sue Parker are present. Ms. Mello describes the bid process. pkValuation Group entered a bid of \$94,500 total for FY17-19. Motion to approve (Pacheco/Jose) to accept bid of \$94,500. Passed unanimously.
 - Selectmen Pacheco asks if residents should let valuers in to assess, Ms. Parker says she'd encourage residents to let them in for an accurate assessment. Ms. Mello further explains the assessment process, saying that an accurate assessment saves time in the long run. If the assessor isn't allowed in, the assessment would only be a guess, an estimate. Selectmen Jose points out that it could go both ways, hiding a true valuation from the assessor. Ms. Mello notes that visitors would have picture ID and a letter from the Board of Assessors office, and that the police have a record of anyone who would be visiting residents. Residents can call the police station if they have any concerns. Selectmen Sadeck also says that residents should let them in, saying it's all about paying your fair share.
- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from March 21, 2016.

- Jose abstains. Motion to accept (Pacheco/Sadeck). Selectmen Pacheco wants minutes to clarify a section that said she was “confused” about a point in the Solid Waste options. She would like the following added: “meaning as to why it is significantly higher”. Passed. Jose abstains.
- Discuss setting up a meeting with the Building Committee.
 - The building committee needs to meet, regarding a new police station. Selectmen Pacheco asks when a meeting would be scheduled. Selectmen Sadeck says before the end of the month for sure. Selectmen Pacheco says a list of priorities needs to be decided before a new police station is decided on, as the committee hasn’t decided that before. Selectmen Sadeck notes that the Building Committee exists to examine the building needs of the town, and that a police station should be at the top of that list. He goes on to list all the reasons the existing police station is inadequate, especially leaking issues this winter and the fact that it just doesn’t fit our police force anymore. Selectmen Pacheco doesn’t disagree, but re-affirms that the building committee should decide what building needs to be built, not the Board of Selectmen. She acknowledges that she too knows what needs to be done, but the committee should decide with the Board’s guidance. Selectmen Jose agrees. Selectmen Sadeck says the building isn’t useless, it can still have a use. Selectmen Sadeck suggests the third week of April for the meeting, and Selectmen Pacheco says that would be good. Selectmen Jose asks who is on the committee, and it’s decided they should be reached out to. Selectmen Sadeck asks if April 20th would work for the date, and after a discussion, it’s decided it would be at 6pm on that night, at the COA.
- Approve/Sign Road Opening Permit for Morey Ave.
 - Maintenance of existing gas line, submitted by Eversource. Motion (Pacheco/Jose), passed unanimously.
- Discuss deadline for Article submission for Special/Annual Town Meeting and announce date and location of Special/Annual Town Meeting.
 - The warrant will open on Wednesday, April 6, and will close at noon on Wednesday, April 14. This will provide time for town counsel to review submitted articles, so they can be voted on no later than the May 2 Board of Selectmen’s meeting. After a discussion about previous information Selectmen Pacheco missed at prior meetings and who the Board will need to meet with before the articles are voted on, it is decided that the submitted articles will be discussed and voted on at the regularly-scheduled Board of Selectmen’s meeting on April 19, which will start at 5:30. The discussion will carry over to April 20 if necessary. Motion to open the warrant from Wednesday April 6 to Wednesday, April 14, as noted (Pacheco/Jose). Passed unanimously. Selectmen Sadeck then announces that the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, June 6, with a Special Town Meeting taking place immediately before it.
- Discuss/Sign Renewal Proposal for MIIA Health Benefits, as recommended by the HIAC.

- Selectmen Sadeck opens discussion by recapping a meeting held by Health Insurance Advisory Committee, reading minutes from that meeting. As a member of the committee, Selectmen Sadeck speaks for committee, detailing the committee's recommendations. The committee recommends that all existing coverage increase by 6.4%. Motion to adopt the committee's recommendation (Pacheco/Jose). Passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report.
 - Town Administrator Jack Healey reads his Town Administrators Report.
 - Most of Mr. Healey's time has been spent writing the Trash and Recycling Request for Proposals. with help from Counsel, Ali Golz, Nadine Dimond, Kevin Bernardo and Timm McIntosh. He thanks everyone for their assistance. Mr. Healey also responded to citizen calls on Algonquin's plans and electric bill issues. Also, on Friday, April 1, Mr. Healey accompanied Bob Parker and Selectmen Sadeck on a visit to the Stop & Shop facility to tour their new anaerobic digester operation. Finally, Mr. Healey received board approval to file a reserve fund transfer request for \$20,000 for Legal Services. The week finished with a conference call with town counsel on the pending water contract.

Board of Health:**Personnel Board:**

- Reappoint Mary Bowen to Registrar, as submitted by Jacqueline Brown, effective March 31, 2016. Motion to re-appoint (Sadeck/Jose), passed unanimously.
- Approve/Sign Change of Status form for Sgt. Elton Ashley, as submitted by Chief Abbott, effective March 19, 2016. It is noted that this change is because Lieutenant Steven Abbott is once again healthy and back at work. The Board is very happy to hear this news. Sgt. Ashley had been acting lieutenant in Lieutenant Abbott's absence. Motion to approve (Jose/Sadeck). Passed unanimously

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, Tuesday April 19th, May 2nd, May 16th, Tuesday May 31st.
 - The board will also be meeting on April 8 at 10am, April 15 at 10am and April 20 at 6pm. All meetings will be posted. Selectmen Jose notes that he will not be present at the meeting on May 31st.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement
 - Selectmen Sadeck details meeting with Town Counsel and Mr. Healey about adjustments to agreement. Counsel will discuss these changes with Fall River. At this point, the Board is just awaiting final documents.
- Regional Finance Committee Meeting

- The Superintendent is presenting the newest proposal tomorrow night. Based on those figures, Lakeville is at \$800,000, Freetown is at \$250,000. Lakeville said no to these figures. The regional finance committee wants cuts to \$1.7M, while we are currently at \$1.5M. Selectmen Sadeck has issues with the word “cuts” in this sense, because says there aren’t cuts, it’s an increase: we are cutting at the proposals not the budgets. The figures represent an increase of about 2.5% increase from this year’s budget. Selectmen Sadeck says the still need figures from Old Colony and Bristol Aggie. Kent Wilkens was in attendance at the Regional Finance Committee meeting as well, and he backs up Selectmen Sadeck’s assessment. Committee will hear new budget tomorrow and we’ll go from there.
- Work on new language for Personnel by-law

Motion to adjourn (Jose/Pacheco) at 6:45pm. Passed, with Selectmen Sadeck joking that he wanted the meeting to continue.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timm McIntosh