

Freetown Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 26, 2022 – 3:00pm
Town Hall, 1st Floor
3 N. Main St, Assonet, MA

Call to Order

Selectmen Matthews called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Selectmen Lopes, and Executive Assistant Lu-Ann Souza were also present. Selectmen Zager was not in attendance. Selectmen Matthews noted the meeting will be going into Executive Session for reason #1 below and the meeting would be returning to open session.

- Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Selectmen Lopes and seconded by Selectmen Matthews at 3:01pm
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
- Vote: Selectmen Lopes – yes, Selectmen Matthews – yes

Executive Session

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

1. G.L. c. 30A, sec. 22(g)(2) - Upon request by any person to inspect or copy the minutes of an executive session or any portion thereof, the body shall respond to the request within 10 days following receipt and shall release any such minutes not covered by an exemption under subsection (f); provided, however, that if the body has not performed a review pursuant to paragraph (1), the public body shall perform the review and release the non-exempt minutes, or any portion thereof, not later than the body's next meeting or 30 days, whichever first occurs. A public body shall not assess a fee for the time spent in its review. (Attachment A)
- Motion to adjourn Executive Session and enter open session was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Lopes at 3:02pm
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
 - Vote: Selectmen Lopes – yes, Selectmen Matthews – yes

Board of Selectmen

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

2. Discussion, and vote whether to approve, not release, the Executive Session minutes from 8/22/2022.
- Motion to approve, not release, the Executive Session minutes form 8/22/22 was made by Selectmen Lopes and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

3. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI).

There was a discussion noting this was road repair work along Quanapoag Rd near the Cranberry Bog.

- Motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (GPI) was made by Selectmen Lopes and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
4. Discussion, and vote whether to approve release of Executive Session Minutes with redactions to fulfill public records request for Patrick Higgins in Attachment A.

Board of Health

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

- No topics for discussion.

Personnel Board

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

5. Acknowledge the resignation of Alfred "Sonny" Barros from the Building Committee and Council on Aging Board effective 8/23/2022.
 - Motion to acknowledge the resignation of Alfred "Sonny" Barros from the Building Committee and Council on Aging Board effective 8/23/2022 was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
6. Approve the following appointments:
 - a. Aiden Flood as Seasonal Part-Time Parking Control Officer effective 9/11/22-10/30/22.
 - b. Christopher Lake as Local Emergency Planning Committee representing ISP effective 9/6/22-6/30/23.
 - Motion to approve appointments a & b was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
7. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the re-appointments of Election Workers in Attachment B effective 8/16/22-8/15/23.
 - Motion to approve the re-appointments of Election Workers in Attachment B effective 8/16/22-8/15/23 was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

8. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA Public Safety Dispatchers.

Selectmen Matthews noted this was approved at last meeting what was the change. Lu-Ann Souza noted that the Union requested a sunset of this MOA to end when the next round of negotiations for new collective bargaining agreement was done in 2024.

- Motion to approve the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA Public Safety Dispatchers was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

Board of Parks Commission

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

- No topics for discussion.

Town Administrator's Report

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

Old Business:

Potential discussion on pending items – action will not be taken at this meeting:

- Town Buildings

Public Input

- Motion to adjourn was made by Selectmen Lopes and seconded by Selectmen Matthews at 3:08pm
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

Respectfully Submitted,
Lu-Ann Souza
Executive Assistant

List of Documents/Exhibits utilized by the Board during this meeting:

- Agenda
- GPI Agreement
- Appointment slips, Aiden Flood & Christopher Lake
- Memo from Town Clerk re-appointment election workers
- MOA Public Safety Dispatches