



TOWN OF FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2019, 6:00pm
Freetown Elementary School Auditorium
43 Bullock Road, East Freetown

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6:00 P.M. Call to Order Chairman Charles B. Sullivan calls the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Selectman George L. Grunwald is present, but Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco is not present. Also present: Town Administrator David DeManche, Town Counsel Atty. Mark R. Reich and Administrative Assistant Timm McIntosh. The meeting is being recorded by FREECAM.

Board of Selectmen – Discussion and/or action on the following topics/items:

1. Memorandum of Agreement with Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA (Clerical/Library Bargaining Unit)
This agreement will add a principal clerk and pay chart to the Clerical/Library Collective Bargaining Agreement, with Ms. Nadine Dimond and Ms. Pamela Sousa being placed at step 3 of the pay chart effective July 1, 2019, with that being considered their new anniversary date.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept, passed unanimously.

2. Memorandum of Agreement with Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA (Highway Bargaining Unit)
This agreement would change the language in the highway collective bargaining agreement pertaining to uniforms, and will allow for a cleaning allowance for union members. Selectman Grunwald doesn't recall discussions on this; Selectman Sullivan says it was largely handled by the previous Board over the winter.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept, passed unanimously.

3. Agreement with UniFirst for uniforms for Highway Department employees.
This is the agreement for the uniforms referenced in item #2. Selectman Sullivan is ok with this agreement. Atty. Reich asks if there is a provision in the agreement regarding automatic rollover. Selectman Grunwald asks if Town Counsel reviews all contracts; Atty. Reich says some, but not all. Atty. Reich reviews the contract and notes that there is an automatic rollover clause. Mr. DeManche notes that we would be able to get out of the agreement with 90 day notice; Atty. Reich says the automatic rollover makes it a contract greater than three years, so not a permissible contract. Atty. Reich will review this further and we will revisit this agreement next week.

4. South Coast Rail Easement
Paperwork has not been received and no representatives from South Coast Rail are present, so this will be skipped once more. Selectman Sullivan asks Atty. Reich if someone can be able to sign

for the Board; Atty. Reich confirms that the Board can authorize the Town Administrator to sign in their place, as this is a license agreement. Selectman Sullivan recommends that option, as the Board won't be meeting between June 11 and July 1.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to authorize David DeManche to sign for the Board for the South Coast Rail License agreement, passed unanimously.

Mr. DeManche says he'd prefer to wait a week and see if Mrs. Fox and the South Coast Rail people will be able to attend next week.

5. Reserve Fund Transfer Requests for Legal Services & Board of Registrars

These requests are \$35,000 for current and expected legal services, and \$64.50 for registrars salary for working Town Meeting.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to forward the Legal request to the Finance Committee, passed unanimously.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to forward the Registrars request to the Finance Committee, passed unanimously.

6. Interdepartmental Transfer Request for workers comp to liability insurance

Mr. McIntosh explains that this request would move excess money from workers comp to liability insurance; this will make the liability insurance budget whole, but not necessarily the individual lines.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept, passed unanimously.

7. Request from East Freetown Congregational Christian Church to utilize the Council on Aging for July 19-20.

Selectman Sullivan recaps a letter received from Tim Emery, Fundraising Chair of the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church, requesting use of the Senior Center on July 19th and 20th, as in years past. Selectman Grunwald asks if this is ok with the Council on Aging; Selectman Sullivan says the request was forwarded from them and this is an annual request, so he imagines they have no problem with it.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept, passed unanimously.

8. Chapter 90 Purchase Request

Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber is present. He is proposing purchasing a curbing machine for \$8,800. Selectman Grunwald asks what that is; Mr. Macomber explains it is a piece of machinery that molds and forms asphalt in the form of a berm. This is equipment the department has wanted for a long time, and that the state has approved using chapter 90 funds for this, and they are just awaiting the paperwork.

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept, passed unanimously.

9. Minutes: May 13, 2019

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept, passed unanimously.

10. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. DeManche has no report beyond that he attended the annual MMA Conference last week, which he says was a great networking and idea sharing opportunity.

Personnel Board: – Discussion and/or action on the following topics/items:

11. Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk

VOTE: Motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to accept and post, passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

With Selectman Pacheco not present and Selectman Sullivan recusing himself from all matters involving Excel Recycling, the Board does not have a quorum to enter into executive session under the following exemption.

12. M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Excel Recycling, LLC vs. Town of Freetown

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, June 10th; Monday, July 1st; Monday, July 15th; Monday, August 5th; Monday, August 19th; Tuesday, September 3rd; Monday, September 16th
- Special Town Meeting: June 3, 2019 at 7:00pm, Freetown Elementary School Auditorium
- Annual Town Meeting: June 3, 2019 at 7:30pm, Freetown Elementary School Auditorium

At 6:22pm, motion (Grunwald/Sullivan) to adjourn, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Timm McIntosh
Administrative Assistant

List of documents/exhibits used in this meeting, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(a)

- Draft memorandum of agreement between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA (Clerical/Highway Union)
- Draft memorandum of agreement between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA (Highway Union)
- Draft agreement between the Town of Freetown and UniFirst for uniform services

- Letter from T. McIntosh re: License regarding paperwork not being received for the South Coast Rail Easement / License matter
- Letter from M. McCue, Cemetery Commission Chairman, re: South Coast Rail License request
- Draft Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund for Legal Fees
- Draft Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund for Registrars-Salaries
- Draft Request for Appropriation Transfers Between or Within Departments from Police & Fire Accidental budget to Law Enforcement – Town budget.
- Letter from T. Emery of East Freetown Congregational Christian Church re: use of Senior Center on July 19th and 20th
- Draft Chapter 90 Project Request for the purchase of a 2019 Miller Curber
- Draft minutes of meeting of the Board of Selectmen on May 13, 2019
- Draft Notice of Vacancy for Zoning Board of Appeals senior clerk posting