



TOWN OF FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 5:00pm

Council on Aging (Lower Level)

227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA 02717

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5:00 PM **Call to Order** Chairman Charles B. Sullivan calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco is present; Selectman George L. Grunwald is absent. This meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019, but was postponed and re-posted accordingly. Also present: Town Administrator David DeManche and Administrative Assistant Timm McIntosh. The meeting is not being recorded.

NOTE: In Selectman Grunwald's absence, the Board will only act on a few matters that are time sensitive (agenda items number 2 and number 6) and will add an extra meeting next week to act on the remainder of the agenda.

Executive Session:

1. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Public Employees Union, Local 1144 LIUNA (Highway Bargaining Unit) because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

The Board does not enter into executive session on this subject, due to the absence of Selectman Grunwald. This will be discussed next week.

Board of Selectmen:

2. Change Order No. 4, Rehabilitation of S. Main Street and Locust Street Bridges Project
This has come before the Board on previous occasions. Selectman Sullivan says if we sign this, we will receive a credit. Mr. DeManche says that's not entirely accurate; it merely reduces the final contract amount. Selectman Pacheco understands this change order. Mr. DeManche recommends the Board vote to approve this tonight.

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to accept change order #4 to reduce the total amount to \$804,895.48 as presented by the Town Administrator, passed unanimously.

6. Award Bid for Lease of Space at New Police Station Site for Telecommunications System Purposes – US Wireless, Inc.
Selectman Pacheco says this will allow us to negotiate with the company, and it has already been approved at Town Meeting. Mark Rosofsky, 115 Chace Road, asks how much the Town will be receiving; Selectman Pacheco says that is what we will be negotiating. Mr. DeManche says we will be negotiating more favorable terms on a number of items. Selectman Pacheco says this will come before the Board again following negotiations to sign the agreement.

VOTE: Motion (Pacheco/Sullivan) to award the bid to US Wireless, Inc., passed unanimously.

As previously noted, the Board will not act on the below agenda items:

Board of Selectmen:

3. Chapter 90 Final Report for Oaklawn Road and Cliff Drive
4. Seasonal Population form from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission
5. Annual Renewal of Licenses Issued by Board of Selectmen's office
 - a. Class II Motor Vehicle Licenses – Clermont's Auto Sales; J.M. Auto Sales; Chipaway Auto Sales; John's Auto Body & Sales; Evolution Auto Sales, Inc.; Beech Bluff Auto Sales; Bob's Motor Works; C.J. Auto Sales; Miller's Auto Sales; Ray's Garage; Herb's Auto Body, Repair & Sales; Boehler's Garage; P.J.'s Tire, Inc.; San-Man Auto Sales; DPF Enterprises; Choppahead Kustom Cycles; Basic Equipment Inc. Basic Used Cars, Trucks & Equipment
 - b. Class III Motor Vehicle Licenses - J&T Auto Salvage; East Freetown Auto Salvage, LLC; Westgate Auto; C.S.A Auto Parts; Bugs Stevens' Freetown Auto; Big Wheel Truck Sales; Home Town Automotive; Millis Industries, Inc.
 - c. Motor Vehicle Graveyard License - Millis Industries, Inc.
 - d. Auctioneer License - J&T Auto Salvage
 - e. All Alcohol Package Store - Assonet Star Market, Inc.; Circle K; K&E Liquors, Inc.
 - f. All Alcohol Veterans Club - Freetown Memorial Post #6643, VFW
 - g. All Alcohol Restaurant - Independence Harbor, Inc.; The Nephew's Italian American Kitchen, Inc.
 - h. Wine & Malt Package Store - Grandpa's Place, Inc.; Prime Express
 - i. Entertainment License - Independence Harbor, Inc.; The Nephew's Italian American Kitchen, Inc.; Freetown Memorial Post #6643, VFW
 - j. Jukebox Licenses - Freetown Memorial Post #6643, VFW
6. (see above)
7. Award Proposal for Department of Public Works Study
8. Snow Season Procedures for the Highway Department
9. Massachusetts Municipal Association / Constellation Energy Agreement for Municipal Energy
10. Increase in Life Insurance Coverage for Town Employees
11. Purchase and Sale and License Agreements with Eversource for purchase of streetlights
12. Minutes: November 19th
13. Town Administrator's Report
 - a. Update on cable television contract negotiations
14. Police Station Update

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

15. Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks conducted by the Town of Freetown
16. Appointment of Eric Richard as Temporary Working Foreman, effective December 3, 2019
17. Appointment of Robert Jose as Alternate Member, Zoning Board of Appeals, effective December 3, 2019
18. Appointment of Alexandra Golz, Victoria King and Derek Macedo to Preliminary Screening Committee for the Purpose of Filling an Assistant Transfer Station Attendant Vacancy, effective December 3, 2019
19. Disbandment of Preliminary Screening Committee for the Purpose of Filling a Truck Driver Vacancy in the Highway Department

Executive Session – Possible topics, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws as noted. Please note: if the Board enters into executive session, they will adjourn to a meeting space on the upper level of the Council on Aging.

20. 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

Before adjourning the meeting, Selectman Pacheco, in preparation for the license renewals next week, asks Mr. McIntosh to double check with the Board of Health and Building Department office to ensure there are no outstanding issues with the businesses renewing their licenses. Mr. McIntosh will circulate a sign off sheet.



At 5:06pm, motion (Pacheco/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 Change Order No. 4 for Rehabilitation of Two Bridges project
-  Proposal Opening Minutes - RFP for Lease of Space at New Police Station Site for Telecommunications System Purposes