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Freetown Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2021 – 6:00pm

Freetown Lakeville Middle School

96 Howland Road, Lakeville, MA

Call to Order

Selectmen Trevor Matthews call to order the Monday, October 18th, 2021, Board of Selectmen Meeting at 6:00pm at the Freetown Lakeville Middle School.

In attendance are Interim Town Administrator Deborah Pettey, Selectmen George Grunwald, Selectmen Trevor Matthews, Selectmen Jared Zager, Administrative Assistant Lola Furtado. Resident Mark Rosofsky.

Personnel Board

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

1. Rescind the appointment of Jessica Thomas as Taxation Aid Committee member, Custodian of Tax Possessions, Health Insurance Advisory Committee, and Public Records effective 10/1/20/21.
 - Motion to rescind the appointment of Jessica Thomas as Taxation Aid Committee member, Custodian of Tax Possessions, Health Insurance Advisory Committee, and Public Records effective 10/1/20/21 made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
2. Accept the resignation of Althea Brady from the Assawompset Pond Complex effective 10/12/2021.
 - Motion to accept the resignation of Althea Brady from the Assawompset Pond Complex effective 10/12/2021 made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
3. Appoint Patricia Rodrick at Taxation Aid Committee member, Custodian of tax Possessions, Health Insurance Advisory Committee, and Public Records effective 10/4/21-6/30/22.
 - Motion to appoint Patricia Rodrick at Taxation Aid Committee member, Custodian of tax Possessions, Health Insurance Advisory Committee, and Public Records effective 10/4/21-6/30/22 made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

4. Appoint Donna Motta to the Cultural Council effective 10/18/21-10/18/24.

- Motion to Appoint Donna Motta to the Cultural Council effective 10/18/21-10/18/24 made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

5. Discussion, and vote on adding additional hours to Interim Town Administrator.

Interim Town Administrator is currently scheduled working are 19 hours. ITA Pettey stated she has been working 40 hours a week. Selectman Matthews stated there is more work to be done than anticipated. Selectmen Grunwald stated It is a full-time job. Selectmen Zager stated we need to pay people the hours they work. ITA Pettey and Selectmen Grunwald will discuss it once the contract comes in.

- Motion to increase Interim Town Administrator Deborah Pettey hours to 40 hours a week made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

Board of Selectmen

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

6. Approve the meeting minutes from 9/27/2021.

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/27/2021 made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

7. Discussion, and vote on the contract between the Town of Freetown and Comcast to add internet/wi-fi to Fire Stations #1 & #2.

- Motion to approve the contract between the Town of Freetown and Comcast to add internet/wi-fi to Fire Stations #1 & #2 made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

8. Discussion, and vote on approval of the Ambulance Abatements in the amount of \$74,261.20 and Write Offs in the amount of \$2,018.80 totaling \$76,280.00 for the month of September.

- Motion to approve of the Ambulance Abatements in the amount of \$74,261.20 and Write Offs in the amount of \$2,018.80 totaling \$76,280.00 for the month of September made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

9. Discussion and vote to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024.
- Motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024, made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
10. Special Town Meeting Warrant Review – consideration of and vote on all warrant articles, including recommendations to support, refer for further study or other action, or pass over.

Selectmen Matthews suggested reading the articles and deciding recommendations.

Article 1: Engineering for the stormwater management plan. Selectmen support this.

Article 2: Purchase of 0 Elm Street Tisdale Pond Dam and water line. Postponed

Article 3: Design Services, Project Mgt and Bidding for Renovation/Remodel of Council on Aging.
Selectmen support this.

Article 4: Purchase of New Riding Lawn Mower for Highway Department. Selectmen support this.

Article 5: Funding for Union Contracts for Dispatchers. Selectmen support this.

Article 6: Funding for Union Contracts for Firefighters Association. Selectmen support this.

Article 7: Funding for Union Contracts for Clerical Union. Selectmen support this.

Article 8: Funding for Union Contracts for Freetown Highway Union. Selectmen support this.

Article 9: Funding for Union Contracts for Police Association. Postponed

Article 10: Supplemental Department Expense Budgets. Selectmen support this.

Article 11: Supplementing the Department Personnel Budgets. Selectmen support this.

Article 12: Highway Surveyor Salary Increase. Selectmen support this.

Article 13: Conex storage boxes for Highway and Fire Departments Selectmen support this.

Article 14: Water & Sewer Enterprise Supplement to General Fund. Postponed

Article 15: Supplement to Board of Assessors and Health Insurance. Selectmen support this.

Article 16: Replacement Shed for Cemetery. Selectmen support this.

Article 17: Air Conditioning at Town Hall. Postponed

Article 18: Addition of funds to supplement the Tree Warden Budget. Selectmen support this.

Article 19: Board of Health to be elected independent of the Board of Selectmen. Postponed

Article 20: Add to Ballot to Appoint a Board of Health. Postponed

Article 21: Availability of Articles to the public. Selectmen support this.

Article 22: Posting Warrants. Postponed

Article 23 Standing Vote. Selectmen support this.

Article 24: Standing Vote 2. Selectmen support this.

Article 25: Special Town Meeting Quorum Increase. Selectmen support this.

Article 26: Establish a By-Law Committee. Selectmen support this.

Article 27: Zoning By-Law change to allow Veterinary office in Village Business District. Selectmen support this.

Article 28: Measurer of Wood, Bark and Lumber. Selectmen support this.

Article 29: Parcel of land from Board of Selectmen to Conservation Commission. Selectmen support this.

Article 30: Amendment of Town of Freetown Zoning Map. Postponed

Article 31: Authorize Board of Selectmen to appoint parking control officers. Selectmen support this.

- Motion to support # 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 made by Selectmen Zager seconded by Selectmen Grunwald
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

- Motion to postpone #2, 9, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 30 made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

11. Discussion, and vote on the Transfer Request from the Moderator for \$50.00 to fund attending Fall Meeting for the City and Town Clerks Association of Plymouth, Bristol, and Norfolk Counties.

- Motion to approve the Transfer Request from the Moderator for \$50.00 to fund attending Fall Meeting for the City and Town Clerks Association of Plymouth, Bristol, and Norfolk Counties made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

12. Attend Special Town Meeting

- Motion made to adjourn at 6:56pm made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

Board of Health

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

No topics for discussion

Board of Parks Commission

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

No topics for discussion

Town Administrator's Report

Please note: The Board may take up any other business to properly come before the Board that was not reasonably anticipated 48 hours before this meeting.

Old Business:

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

- Council on Aging Facility and Staffing

Documents and Exhibits used by the Board during this meeting

- Agenda
- E-mail - Assawompset Pond Complex
- Certificate of Appointment of Patricia Rodrick
- Memo – Appointment Donna Motta
- Meeting Minutes from 9/27/2021
- Comcast Business - Freetown Fire Dept. Service Order #1 and #2
- Ambulance Abatements and Write-Offs
- MOA Town of Freetown & Public Employees Union CBA Clerical/Library Union
- Warrant for the Special Town Meeting
- Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund – Moderator Meeting and Training Seminars

Respectfully Submitted,



Lola Furtado

Administrative Assistant