

Freetown Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 28, 2022, 5:00pm  
Police Station Community Room  
15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown, MA 02717

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*Cheryl A. Delaney*

### Call to order

Selectmen Trevor Matthews call to order the meeting at 5:01pm. In attendance were Selectmen George Grunwald, Interim Town Administrator Deborah L. Pettey, Executive Assistant Lu-Ann Souza and Administrative Assistant Lola Furtado. Selectmen Jared Zager was not in attendance. Attorney Pucci via telephone.

Selectmen Matthews noted we will be going into Executive Session and will return to open session. We are going into Executive Session for the following reason.

### Executive Session

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

1. 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.
  - Motion to go into Executive Session made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews
  - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
  - Vote: Selectmen Grunwald – yes, Selectmen Matthews – yes.
  - Selectmen Matthews stated we are out of Executive Session and back into Open Session at 5:25pm.

In attendance were Alex Magalhaes, Superintendent and Nadine Rose, School Business Administrator of Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School, Richard Medeiros Superintendent of Freetown Lakeville Regional Schools, Jean Fox and William Sienkewicz of Freetown School Committee and Ross Bilodeau of Verizon.

### Personnel Board

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

2. Approve the following appointments:
  - a. Deborah L. Pettey to Tax Increment Financing Board effective 3/28/22-6/30/22.
  - b. Deborah L. Pettey to Chief Procurement Officer, Ethics Commission Liaison, Interim Town Administrator, Economic Development Committee, EMA Public Safety, Health Insurance Advisory Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Community Aggregation Delegate, SEMASS Committee, SRPEDD

Regional Economic Strategy Committee, By-Law Committee, SRPEDD  
Commissioner, SRPEDD Joint Strategy Committee, SRPEDD Joint Transportation,  
Building Committee, effective 3/28/22-6/30/22

- Motion to approve the appointments a-b was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

### **Board of Selectmen**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

3. Approve the meeting minutes from 3/7/22.

Selectmen Grunwald noted that he did not have time to review the minutes and therefore was not ready to vote to approve these minutes.

4. Presentation on Freetown becoming a member of Bristol Plymouth Technical High School from Superintendent Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes.

Superintendent of Bristol-Plymouth Technical High School Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes gave a presentation on the entrance of Freetown into the BP school district. Dr. Magalhaes presented the costs and process of Freetown joining the district. He also showed the plans for the new campus being built.

5. Approve the weekly warrants 041-056.

- Motion to approve the weekly warrants 041-056 was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Discussion, and vote on The Boy Scouts request to hold a fishing derby at the Town Beach on 4/10/22.

- Motion to allow the Boy Scouts to host a fishing derby at the Town Beach on 4/10/22 was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Vote to close the Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting warrants for submissions effective 3/28/22.

- Motion to close the Annual Town Meeting & Special Town warrants for submission was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

8. Discussion, and vote to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Mid City Scrap Iron & Salvage Co., Inc.

- Motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Mid City Scrap Iron & Salvage Co., Inc. was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

9. Discussion, and vote on labor and material proposals from BBS Tech for Police Station.

- Motion to approve the labor and material proposals from BBS Tech for Police Station was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

10. Discussion, and vote to amend the Fuel Storage License with Devcon Innovation Way, LLC to change the address from 0 Innovation Way, Plat No. 236, Lot 6.02 to 36 Innovation Way, Assonet, MA 02702.

Selectmen Matthews noted that the Assessor's office has assigned a new physical address for Devcon Innovation Way, LLC and this new address would need to be reflected on their license.

- Motion to amend the Fuel Storage License with Devcon Innovation Way, LLC to change the address to 36 Innovation Way, Assonet, MA 02702 was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

11. Discussion, and vote on Transfer Station hours.

Selectmen Matthews discussed the agreement on the transfer station seasonally weekend hours. New hours will be Tuesday 8am to 6pm, Wednesday through Friday 8am to 4pm, Saturday 8am to 6pm, and the plan is to also add Sundays, 8am to 12pm in July 2022.

- Motion to approve the new Transfer Station hours made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

12. Discussion, and vote on auctioning the property at 106 N. Main Street.

No vote or action was taken on auctioning the property at 106 N. Main Street

13. Discussion, and vote on Health Insurance rates for fiscal year 2023.

Deb Pettey explained MIIA gave us the renewal rates for the employees of the town. The Town pays 75% and the employees pay 25% on most of it, so it can be a little different on the PPO. The rates went up 2.76%. The Health Insurance Advisory Committee looked at different alternatives and voted to recommend the Selectmen keep the same Health Insurance plan options with the increase of 2.76%. The rates will be under the HMO Blue Plan for the individual plan \$943.63 per month for family plan \$2472.39 per month. Our PPO plan Blue Care Elect Preferred individual \$1273.46 per month and the family plan \$3165.90 per month.

- Motion to approve the Health Insurance rates for fiscal year 2023 made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Grunwald.
  - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
14. Discussion, and vote to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Morgan Records Management for digitization of Water & Sewer & Planning maps and plans.
- Motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Morgan Records Management for digitization of Water & Sewer & Planning Maps and plans was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
  - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
15. Discussion, and vote on the Host Community Agreement between the Town of Freetown and Green Collar Cannabis.
- Motion to accept the Host Community Agreement between the Town of Freetown and Green Collar Cannabis was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
  - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
16. Discussion, and vote to award the Fire Station Boiler replacement bid.

Selectmen Matthews gave an overview of the bids received for the Fire Station Boiler replacement bid and noted that Performance Plumbing and Heating was the lowest bid at Twenty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Four Dollars.

- Motion to award the Fire Station Boiler replacement bid to Performance Plumbing and Heating was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
  - Vote: was approved unanimous roll call vote.
17. Discussion, and vote to approve the agreement between The Town of Freetown and Performance Plumbing and Heating.
- Motion to approve the agreement between The Town of Freetown and Performance Plumbing and Heating was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
  - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
18. Discussion, and vote to declare the following items as surplus:  
These items will go to scrap:
- a. 3 water hydrants
  - b. 100 old water meters
  - c. Old metal tools
- In addition - The Board of Selectmen authorize the Water & Sewer Commission staff to clean out the space at the Highway Department as well.

- Motion to approve the scrapping of 3 water hydrants, 100 old water meters, old metal tools and the clean out the space at the Highway Department was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Board of Health**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

19. Discussion, and vote to approve and sign the Agreement and Amendment between the Town of Freetown and University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School for acquiring vaccines and billing services effective 2/1/22-2/1/23.

Deb Pettey explained that the Public Health Nurse is looking to have vaccine clinics and vaccines for the homebound and this agreement and amendment would allow for the town to working with the UMASS Chan Medical School to obtain vaccines and to invoice insurance companies on behalf of the Town. Selectmen Grunwald had further questions. The Board decided to postpone the vote on this topic until the next meeting and would like the Public Health Nurse to attend to answer further questions.

#### **Board of Parks Commission:**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

20. Discussion, and vote on payment system to utilize at the Boat Ramp.

Selectmen Matthews noted he had reviewed the kiosk options. Deb Pettey noted previously the Board voted to do a pay by phone option. Upon further investigation we would need electricity and Wi-Fi for the pay by phone kiosk. She continued that we met with the representatives of a parking kiosk that is battery operated, prints a ticket to be displayed on purchaser's dashboard. The Board agreed that going with the later kiosk was a good decision. Looking into leasing the kiosk instead of paying outright.

- Motion to approve the payment kiosk at the Boat Ramp was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
  - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
21. Discussion, and vote for the Town Administrator to approve and sign documents regarding the kiosk at the Boat Ramp.
    - Motion to approve Town Administrator to approve and sign documents regarding the kiosk at the Boat Ramp was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
    - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
    - A motion for a 10-minute recess made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews
    - - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
    - Motion to leave recess and come back to Open Session was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.

- - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Town Administrators Report:**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

Selectmen Matthews read the Public Hearing notice below.

- Motion to open the public hearing was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews at 7:00pm.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

## **Public Hearing 7:00pm**

### **TOWN OF FREETOWN PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that NSTAR Eversource d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

Ridge Hill Rd:

To place (1) jointly owned pole on Ridge Hill Rd., opposite #24 Alexandra Way, southeast of existing Pole 89/0.5 to support the installation of additional electric company equipment.

NECESSITY – Pole placement to support the installation of additional electric company equipment.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked-VZ N.E. Inc. Plan No MA2022-074 dated February 4, 2022.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and building as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioners agree that space shall be reserved and maintained for the limited purpose of attaching one-way low voltage fire and police signaling wires owned by the municipality or governmental entity for public safety purposes only.

A hearing to consider the above will be held on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Police Station Community Room, 15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown, Massachusetts.

22. Discussion, and vote to approve or deny the request from Eversource Energy to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across Ridge Hill Rd as described in the Public Hearing notice above.

Ross Bilodeau from Verizon presented the scope of the work being done on this project. He noted Verizon would be setting the poles for this project. Deb Pettey asked if they would be digging up the road as the documents supplied state that they would be laying conduit etc. underground. Mr. Bilodeau stated that they just put that into every agreement so in the event they needed to dig they would be able to but in this situation that does not seem likely.

- Motion to close the public hearing was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews at 7:20pm.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
  
- Motion to approve the request from Eversource Energy to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across Ridge Hill Rd as described in the Public Hearing notice above was made by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

Selectmen Matthews thanked Selectmen Grunwald for his service to the Town and noted this was his last meeting.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:22pm by Selectmen Grunwald and seconded by Selectmen Matthews.
- Vote: approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

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 Building
- Host Community Agreements
- Boat Ramp and Town Beach

Respectfully submitted,



Lola Furtado

**List of Documents/Exhibits used by the Board during this meeting**

- Agenda
- Certificate of Appointment – Deborah L. Pettey
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- Agreement with Respect to the Establishment of a Vocational Regional School District
- Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022
- Memo - Boy Scout Fishing Derby Request
- Mid-City Scrap Iron and Salvage Co. Inc.
- BBS Tech Proposal
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts License - 0 Innovation Way
- Transfer Station Sunday Staffing Plan
- E-mail on Property Auction of 106 N Main St.
- Morgan Records Management Project Summary & Agreement
- Town of Freetown and Green Collar Cannabis LLC. Host Community Agreement
- Fire Station 3 Boiler Replacement Bid Opening and Agreement
- Letter from Water & Sewer Department
- Amendment to Municipal Contract for COVID related items
- Agreement By and Between Freetown and University of MA Chan Medical School
- Kiosk Information - Real Lease Municipal Lease Purchase Proposal
- Memo – Town Administrator to approve and sign documents for parking kiosk at Boat Ramp
- Town of Freetown Public Notice – NSTAR Elective d/b/a/ Eversource Energy - One New Pole