



## TOWN OF FREETOWN

### Police Sub-Committee

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### Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 8, 2018

A meeting of the Police Sub-Committee was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m., at the Council on Aging, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown.

**PRESENT:** Lisa Pacheco, Chairwoman, David DeManche, Town Administrator, Carlton Abbott, Chief of Police, Sgt. Benjamin Levesque, Officer Mark Fornaciari, Mary Rezendes-Brown, and Paul Sadeck. Robert Jose, Charlie Sullivan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Taylor MacDonald, Rick Pomroy (Pomroy Associates), Andy DiGiammo (CGA) and Kimberly Fales

**ABSENT:** Mary Rezendez-Brown

This meeting was recorded by FREECAM

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ms. Pacheco.

**TOPIC:** Advertising for Project

Sgt. Levesque states they have received another shipment of 100 signs, workings on getting them posted. The Mailer has also been sent.

**TOPIC:** Town Meeting

Ms. Pacheco states Mr. Demanche and Ms. Fales have gone over the numbers and regardless of what the Finance Committee has previously stated, it is not feasible. Mr. DeManche and Ms. Fales will be writing an impact statement for the Town Meeting.

Chief Abbott states the moderator is controlling which information can be delivered at the beginning of the Town Meeting. Ms. Pacheco states we should start off with the Video presentation, along with the additional information from Mr. DeManche and Ms. Fales, then proceed into a Motion. The impact statement would show that a straight budget is not the way to finance this project.

Ms. Fales states the moderator will most likely put forward the recommendation of the Finance Committee prior to this Committee having a chance to make a Motion.

Mr. MacDonald states these type of meetings usually begin with opening remarks from the Town Administrator, followed by the Chair of the Building Committee, the Chief of Police, and he and Mr. DiGiammo would also be present to answer any questions.

Ms. Pacheco states the Finance Committee is proposing to pay off the 6.5 Million over the course of 10 years. Ms. Pacheco stated that in the course of a 20 Year Plan, the first year pay off would be in the amount of \$585,000, followed by 300,000 per year, but the 10 Year Plan would be a million in the first year alone, followed by \$600,00 per year. Ms. Fales states the 10 Year plan is impossible.

Mr. Pomroy questions if it would be a good idea to show both the Ban and the Debt Exclusion and also show the impact on the budget without the Debt Exclusion. Mr. Pomroy states the Finance Committee is committed to this project by virtue of the writing, but they are proposing a different way to finance it, but he does not see how it is possible to bond off of anticipated revenue and most importantly, it is the fiduciary responsibility of the Finance Committee to find the correct financing for this project.

Mr. MacDonald states the construction contract must be signed with the funds in place and cannot be signed on anticipated revenue as the Town Accountant has to sign off on all payments.

Mr. Sullivan suggests adding the daily/monthly cost of the project (.33 cents per day/\$10 a month) for the average homeowner, of a \$309,500 home. It would clearly illustrate the cost of the new police station is very little.

Mr. Sullivan states that in anticipation of the questions, he has received comments about the Community Room, the total square footage of the building and the Workout Room for the Officers. Mr. Sullivan stated he has received positive feedback regarding the Community Room, but the square footage was questioned to be too much and an Officers Workout Room seemed unnecessary.

Ms. Pacheco states the square footage was program dictated. Chief Abbott states the Gym is an empty room, and the Police Association will pay for the gym equipment, and under no circumstance would an officer be paid while they are in the Workout room, it would strictly be before or after an Officers shift.

Ms. Pacheco states she will extend an invitation to the Finance Board to attend the Police SubCommittee Meeting @ 6p.m., prior to the Town Meeting @ 7 p.m..

**TOPIC: Other Business**

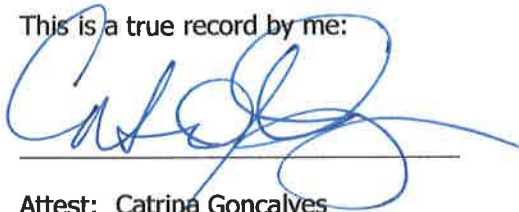
Mr. DeManche questions if the Order of Conditions will be filed and by whom. Mr. MacDonald stated Mr. DiGiammo's engineer will be taking care of the filling and a Site Plan Review is needed, as the project is over 10,000 square feet. The coordination of the getting the Site Plan Review in place has started.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion made by Mr. Jose to adjourn, Seconded by seconded by Officer Fornaciari.  
Unanimously approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.**

This is a true record by me:



Attest: Catrina Goncalves  
Recordings Clerk