



TOWN OF FREETOWN
Finance Committee

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MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

Town Hall - Assessors Office, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA 02702

PRESENT: Gary Martin, Chairman, Katie Calheta, Carol Woldorf, Kent Wilkins, Craig Rosen and Christine Shea Dupras

ABSENT: Robert Anderson, Huguette Lord

ALSO PRESENT: Catrina Goncalves, Recordings Clerk

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

TOPIC: Approval of Meeting Minutes on 1/15/20

MOTION:

Ms. Calheta makes a motion to approve the 1/15/20 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ms. Woldorf; approved 3-0, Craig Rosen and Kent Wilkins abstaining.

TOPIC: Consider possible resignation/Appointment of new member

Kent Wilkins submits his resignation letter to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Martin announces Christine Shea Dupras is interested in becoming a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Martin is submitting a letter to the Personnel Board to recommend the appointment. The Board of Selectman will vote on the appointment at their next meeting.

Mr. Martin announces he has contacted Erynn Gifford, who is also interested in becoming a member, though Mr. Martin has not received a response from Ms. Gifford, her decision to join the committee would be contingent upon the committee meeting after 5 p.m..

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Rosen to recommend appointment of Christine Shea Dupras, seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Unanimously approved.

TOPIC: Report from Katie Calheta on the Regional School Finance Committee

Ms. Calheta announces she does not have a report on the School Finance Committee, as the meeting is being held this evening.

TOPIC: Recommendations on Special Town Meeting Articles

Article 1. ~ Request for the Town to transfer the sum of \$9,500 from the Assessors Personnel Services Budget Line to the Assessor's Expense Budget Line, to cover the consulting fees for hiring a new assessor to replace Karen.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Waldorf to recommend the transfer of \$9,500 from the Assessor's Personnel services Line to the Expense Budget Line, seconded by Mr. Rosen. Unanimously approved.

Article 2. ~ A citizen's petition to see if the Town will create a Freetown Lakeville Lake District to protect Long Pond from invasive species and other environmental nuisances.

Mr. Martin states he was at the joint Selectman's meeting in Lakeville on Monday, and though members agreed it is important to control the weeds and protect the water, no person was in favor in creating a lake district.

Ms. Waldorf states when a private district is created, and only 1600 people are going to be taxed, they are legally bound to come up with covenants for the use of the lake. The premise of the creation of a district is to eventually privatize it. If approved, the district can grant and deny access to the lake and regardless of the amount of taxes collected, it will not cover the cost of an environmental impact study. The Special Town Meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, February 15, 2020.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Wilkins to not recommend the creation of a Freetown Lakeville Lake District, seconded by Mr. Rosen. Unanimously approved.

TOPIC: New business

None

Next Meeting:

To be scheduled when needed

ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion made by Ms. Woldorf to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wilkins.
Unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

This is a true record by me:


Attest: Catrina Goncalves
Recordings Clerk

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

1. Warrant for the Town of Freetown Special Town Meeting, Scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2020