



**TOWN OF FREETOWN**

**Finance Committee**  
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**Minutes of**

**MEETING: 4:00 PM Wednesday May 8th, 2019**

**Freetown Town Hall – Assessor's office**

**3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA 02702**

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Call to order 4:07PM

Present: Katie Calheta, Gary Martin, Huguette Lord, Kent Wilkins, Robert Alderson, Carol Woldorff, Craig Rosen, and Aleesha Freire (Clerk)

Topic	Discussion	Conclusion/Action	Vote
Approve minutes of meeting held 4/17/19 and 4/24/19.	Committee agreed minutes were written accurately.	N/A	Robert motions to approve minutes of 4/17/19, Carol seconds, all in favor, unanimous. Robert motions to approve minutes of 4/24/19, Carol seconds, all in favor, unanimous.
Sign payroll	N/A	Committee signed payroll.	N/A
Discuss FY20 Omnibus Budget	Robert suggested the town should have a cap on annual increases for each department, including the school budget.	Finance Committee - At some point we will need to create a policy for mailings and printings	Town moderator -- agreed Selectmen -- agreed Town administrator -- agreed Finance Committee - agreed Town Accountant -- Still in review Town audit -- agreed

			Assessors- agreed Town Treasurer – Hold Legal Fees – agreed Management Info. Systems – Hold Tax Title - Agreed Town Clerk – Agreed Primaries and Elections – Agreed to raise everyone to minimum wage Primaries – ^same Registration – ^same Conservation Commission – hold Planning board – hold Zoning board of appeals – agreed Soil board – agreed Economic Development – Revisit breakdown Public Building and Property Maintenance – agreed Property Insurance – OK Town Report – OK Hazmat – OK Police - Hold Communications - OK Fire - ok Building - OK Gas - OK Plumbing - OK Weights and measures - OK Electrical – OK Civil Defense – OK Animal Control Officer – Ok Forestry - Ok Harbormaster – Ok
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			<p>School Committee Stipends – Ok Regional School Assessments – Hold on Bristol Co. Agric. School Assessment Hold</p> <p>Highways and streets – Hold Snow and Ice Removal – Ok Street lighting – OK Trash Collection and Disposal – OK Transfer station – OK Cemetery – OK Health inspection services – Hold Council on Aging – OK Veterans Services – ok Memorial and Veteran’s Day – OK Library – OK J White Library – OK Arts and Cultural Council – OK Historical commissions – OK Parade and Fireworks – OK</p> <p>Capital Equipment – Existing police cruisers – New police cruisers Equipment purchases – 9 defibrillators – No objections - OK</p> <p>Fire/EMS – existing – OK New – OK</p>
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			<p>Highway vehicles and Equip. – existing – and new OK OK for all</p> <p>Capital building and other property improvements – ok with all</p>
Discuss Warrant Articles		N/A	<p>1-28  1 – Hold until complete  2 – OK  3 – OK  4 – OK  5 - OK  6 - OK  7 – OK  8 – Clarification of funds source  9 – Clarification of funds source  10 - OK  11 – Vote of No stands  12 – Hold to review the project bids  13 - OK  14 – OK  15 - Hold  16 - OK  17 - OK  18 - OK  19 – Robert votes no, Craig seconds, all in favor of not recommending unanimous  20 - OK  21 –Hold for explanation from planning board  22 – OK  23 – OK</p>

			24 – Hold for explanation from planning board 25 – Kent motion to approve, Katie seconds, all in favor except Robert abstains 26 – Hold 27 – Hold 28 - Hold
Approve Transfers	N/A	N/A	N/A
New business	Craig would like to resign from being the Freetown Finance Committee's representative for the Regional Finance Committee. The committee went over the logistics of the opportunity.	Katie volunteered to replace Craig.	N/A

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Carol, Craig seconds, all in favor, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 5:41 PM

This is a true record by me.

Attest: Aleesha Freire

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

- Town of Freetown Omnibus Budget Fiscal Year 2020
- Town of Freetown Warrant for the Special Town Meeting Monday June 3, 2019 at 7:00PM
- Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting June 3, 2019 at 7:30PM