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TOWN OF FREETOWN

Finance Committee

Minutes of meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Meeting called to order: 6:04 PM

Present: Katie Calheta, Bob Alderson, Margaret French, and Christine Dupras

Also present: Kim Fales (Town Accountant) and Deb Pettey (Temp Town Administrator)

Excused: Emily-Anne Dors, Kent Wilkins and Gary Martin

1, Discussion and vote to approve Minutes from 4/14/2022

Motion to approve as written: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Minutes approved

2. Discuss and vote on Budget Transfers:

a. Increase to Revolving Fund \$12,690.17

Motion to approve: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Transfer approved

b. From the Reserve Fund to Water & Sewer \$50,000

Motion to approve: Katie Calheta, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Transfer approved

c. From FLRSD Debt – Middle School & FLRSD Debt Athletic Facility to FLRSD Debt – GRAIS & FLRSD Debt – Pool Area

Motion to approve: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Transfer approved

d. From Town Ins to Liability Ins

Motion to approve: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Transfer approved

e. From Town Prop Uniform Allowance to Town Prop Custodial Overtime

Motion to approve: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Transfer approved

3. Special Town Meeting Warrants:

Article 1: Management Information Systems Upgrades - \$55,000

Motion to recommend: Katie Calheta, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 2 : Funding of Tasers for Police Station - \$90,002

Motion to recommend: Katie Calheta, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 3: Capital Project to Fund from Free Cash

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 4: Reallocate Funds Appropriated for Police Station Building - \$400,000

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie CalhetaKatie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 5: Purchase of Equipment to Improve Public Safety Communication - \$800,000

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

3 – 0 – 1: Recommendation passes

Article 6: Tower Leases for Public Safety Communications

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 7: Possible Purchase of 2 South Main St - \$151,000

Bob Alderson recused from vote – no quorum for vote

Article tabled until next meeting 5/16/22

Article 8: Fund the Installation of a Parking Lot 2 S. Main St. - \$20,000

Bob Alderson recused from vote – no quorum for vote

Article tabled until next meeting 5/16/22

Article 9: Transfer from Health Insurance Budget line to OPEB Fund - \$22,950.49

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 10: Evaluation of Town Campus on Chace/Memorial Rd - \$75,000

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 11: Feasibility Study for Town Buildings - \$50,000

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 12: Repair of Restoration of monuments in various cemeteries - \$7,500

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

3 – 1 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 13: Adding Funds to Conservation Land Fund - \$15,635.57

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 14: Repurpose Monies for Infrastructure Needs – Freetown Elementary School - \$53,969.81

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 15: Chipaway Pump Station backup generator - \$50,500

Motion to table until next meeting 5/16/22: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Tabled until next meeting passes

Article 16: Replacement of three fire hydrants - \$15,000

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 17: Addition of Employment Positions to By-laws

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 18: Supplement to the Capital Stabilization Fund

Motion to recommend transferring available funds: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Annual Town Meeting Warrants:

Article 1: Town of Freetown Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget

Tabled until next meeting 5/16/22

Article 2: Salary & Compensation of Elected Officers of the Town of Freetown

Table until next meeting 5/16/22

Article 3: Operating Budget of the Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund - \$1,353,941

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 4: Establish a Vaccine Revolving Fund - \$5,000

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 5: Spending Limits for Assorted Revolving Funds

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 6: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) study - \$7,200

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 7: Maintenance and improvements at the Assonet Burying Ground - \$2,500

Motion to recommend: Katie Calheta, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 8: Maintenance of Veterans graves - \$500

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 9: Cable Fund Appropriation - \$135,000

Motion to recommend: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 10: Purposed By-law change 1.1 Posting of Warrants

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 11: Veterans Tax Exemption When Home in a Trust

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 12: Petition: Transfer Station Sticker Fees

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Bob Alderson

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 13: Petition: Town Beach Sticker Fees

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 14: Addition of Juneteenth Day to paid holidays

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

3 – 1 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 15: Continuing Police Cruiser Lease Purchases Program

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 16: Approve Dump Truck Lease Purchase Agreement

Motion to take no position: Katie Calheta, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 17: By-law Change – Parking ticket Penalties

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 18: Parking Violation Fines and Enforcement

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 19: Retired Freetown Police Officers to be appointed Special Police Officers

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

3 – 1 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 20: Name Change form Easthill Road to Birch Road

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 21: Board of Health to be Elected Independent of the Board of Selectmen

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 22: Board of Health to be Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 23: Amend the Town of Freetown's Zoning Map

Motion to take no position: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

Article 24: Funding to the Capital Stabilization Fund - \$200,000

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 25: Funding the Stabilization Fund - \$300,000

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, seconded: Christine Dupras

4 – 0 – 0: Recommendation passes

Article 26: Amend Personnel By-Law 3.1 (C) Town Administrator

Motion to recommend: Bob Alderson, no second, motion does not continue

Motion to take no position: Christine Dupras, seconded: Katie Calheta

3 – 1 – 0: Motion to take no position passes

4. Motion to adjourn: Bob Alderson, seconded: Katie Calheta

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Meeting adjourned 8:01