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MINTUES OF MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013

**FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- ACTIVITIES ROOM
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

6:00 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chairman Jean C. Fox. Those present: Selectman Paul G. Sadeck, Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Town Administrator Richard Brown

Selectman Fox begins meeting by discussing recent snow issues and commending our town personnel. She says they have done an excellent job. Our Highway Surveyor Chuck Macomber and staff have done an exceptional job. She applauds the highway dept and she would like to convey that appreciation.

Selectman Fox states, as people are aware the town is investigating the building inspector. She requests that the complaints be into the Board of Selectman's office by Friday March 29th, 2013 at 4 pm. She would like everyone to know she will not entertain any public discussion on this subject matter tonight. This is not the proper forum. The complaints should be submitted properly and to the correct people. This is a personnel matter. Selectman Fox asks who is taping the meeting. Mr. Joe Montour and Selectman Sadeck are taping the meeting as well as Freetown is videotaping. Selectman Fox asks if there is any other public discussion. There is none.

**Signing of biweekly payroll/vendor warrants
Weekly Public Discussion period**

Public Hearing - ISP Amendment to License:

6:04 Selectman Fox reads all the green cards and Selectman Pacheco asks if any abutters are present. Howard Hawkins and Michael Brennan of 217 South Main St. and Daniel O'Connell of 229 South Main St., are present abutters. Mr. Morin the Environmental Manger at ISP explains the old license allowed us to store 400,000 Class One A flammables. Now the new license will be more detailed. They need a new amended license to install new tank. The new license will read Class 1A Flammables 10,000 gal., however we have non on site, 1B Flammables which are like ethanol gas 430,000 gal., 1C Flammables 60,000 gal., which are mineral spirits, Class II combustibles 85,000 gal., Class IIIA combustibles 60,000 gal., Class IIIB Combustibles (Glycerin) 450,000 gal., and 200,000 lbs. of flammable solids. These have always been on site. At the request of the Fire Marshal the license needs to be clarified. The only thing we are adding is a new tank. Selectman Fox asks the Chief Silvia to address this issue. Chief Silvia says the new license was from 1964 and when obtaining an Amended License this is part of the process. The old terminology now needs to be clarified. Selectman Pacheco asks the Chief when he goes

to the site. Chief Silvia states he goes there annually and the Fire Marshall goes there as well. Mr. Morin says we have the whole Fire Department come in and have them go through the plant to view the plant so they are familiar with the layout. Selectman Fox asks the abutters if they have any questions. Mr. O'Connell asks about capacity they are increasing. Mr. Morin says he has hand outs that will clarify this all for them. Each tank needs a permit these days. Mr. O'Connell asks where the tanks will be. Mr. Morin says they will be on the north side approximately 400 yards from the property line. Near mother's brook. Mr. Morin says we have switched to natural gas. Selectman Fox says ISP has been a good community partner. Mr. Brennan asked if they have natural gas. Mr. Morin says they do not store it there. It is separated from all the other chemicals. It comes in from a gas line from the north. Everyone seems satisfied with the responses and has no further questions. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the Amended Land License. Passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda**Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2013 and March 11, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve March 6, 2013 minutes. Passes unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve March 11, 2013 minutes. Passes unanimously.

Board of Health:**Personnel Board:**

- Reappoint Lisa M Podielsky, Animal Control Officer/Inspector of Animals. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) to approve. Passed Unanimously.
- Reappoint Jared Darling, Assistant Animal Control Officer/Inspector of Animals. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Alexandra Golz, Parking Clerk. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Appoint Casey Pittsley, Library Technician. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to appoint Casey Pittsley. Selectman Pacheco asks for further discussion to approve to start on April 1, 2013. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve to start on April 1, 2013. Passed Unanimously.
- Reappoint Richard Brown to the SRPEDD Commission and Joint Transportation Planning Group. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Discuss Borrowing/Refinancing. Mr. Brown explains that our fiscal advisor recommends that we engage in a current refunding bond, by doing this we will save \$150,000.00 and the second

item will be to arrange permanent financing for the (3) three bridges based on the reimbursement as well as the \$500,000.00 we will have a \$750,000.00 debt over 10 years. This would not be considered a debt exemption. This needs to be into the banks by the beginning of April and signed by June 2013. While debt exclusion was approved at Town Meeting no vote was taken, we are able to do this without unduly burdening the tax payers. Can I move forward with this? Selectman Sadeck says the schedule we are talking about is the Government school refund schedule. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to have Richard Brown move forward with this. Passed unanimously.

- Discuss Pond Levels - Mr. Brown says he had a discussion with Middleboro Town Manager and they removed one of the boards. They don't think it will help but they did do it. Selectman Sadeck said he looked at it and the level has gone down maybe 1-1 1/2 ". Selectman Fox said a Middleboro Selectman said she would be touch with one of our residents and she was true to her word. She met with our resident and they are now trying to work with us. This is good that we are working together. Rep. Orrell is also working on this. We will continue to watch this.
- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th, and May 20th.

Old Business:

- Water Department-Fall River – Mr. Brown says that our Water commissioner Mr. Walsh has passed away. On the water issue nothing significant.
- Employee Handbook/Safety Committee – Mr. Brown is working on this.
- Borrego Solar Fees – Updated by May 6th meeting

Freetown Screw Site – \$15,000.00 we received for senior housing also \$460,000.00 in addition to help for senior housing.

Selectman Pacheco would like to comment on Borrego Solar's letter. She would like Mr. Brown to look at what other Towns fees are. They are saying we are very high. Mr. Brown would like more time than (2) two weeks. Selectman Pacheco wants to compare apples to apples. She says she would like this due by the first meeting in May.

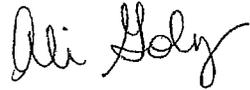
Letter from Mr. Remedis- Selectman Sadeck asked Mr. Brown if he looked into it. Mr. Brown said it isn't easy. You need to do studies. Selectman Fox is addressing crosswalks she says they are not enforceable. Selectman Fox would like written correspondence to Mr. Remedis.

Lang Road – Selectman Pacheco said we need to give Mr. Labelle a response. Selectman Sadeck said we told him a response and he believes he came to a meeting before he purchased the house and we told him then that we would not be paving this road. Selectman Sadeck said this was already submitted at a Town meeting. Selectman Pacheco says he needs an answer to that.

13 Bullock letter submitted by a resident – This letter needs an answer per all Board members. Selectman Pacheco wants a follow up at the next meeting.

Adjournment of regular meeting at 6:36 P.M., Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel contract and approve of Executive Session Minutes from March 11, 2013 and not to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant