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BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MEETING OF MONDAY MAY 19, 2014

**COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Selectman Lisa Pacheco those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Lee Baumgartner. The meeting is being recorded by MCCAM and Selectman Sadeck.

Selectman Pacheco would like to congratulate all the college graduates of Freetown and also would like to commend all the Council on Aging Volunteers especially the people who were present at the lunch today.

Selectman Pacheco would like to inform people that the Town's Annual and Special Town Meetings have been postpone and will be held on June 16th in a decision made by the other Board members.

Selectman Pacheco reads aloud the Agenda and Mr. Denault would like to make sure that during the bike tour they don't ride side by side.

6:05 P.M. Pole hearing relative to VERIZON/NSTAR for location of 1 pole on South Main Street to provide service to 66 South Main Street. Abutters have been notified via certified mail. Mrs. Carolyn McCarron stated the pole on South Main will service an 8 unit strip mall. Selectman Pacheco asks if there are any abutters present. Mary Rezendes-Brown is present for Mare Corporation. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve the pole location. Passed unanimously.

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

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Review/Approve One Day Liquor License for Crystal Springs on June 4, 2014. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously. Dennis Farias of Crystal Springs states that they have had this event for the past ten (10) years. He announces to the camera when and where this event is taking place.

- Vote layout as a public way a roadway entitled Kayla Way in its entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements for length of 505.38 ft., or take any other action relative thereto. Selectman Pacheco asks if any abutters are present. None are. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) vote to layout Kayla Way as a public way. Passed unanimously.
- Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber, relative to Chapter 90, Project Request for Crack sealing Various Roads; Project Request for Drainage Improvements on Pleasant Street \$8,500.00; Project Request for Shimming Chipaway Road Motion \$34,405.00; Project Request for Shimming Chace Road \$34,405.00 and Project Request for Shimming Long Pond Road \$13,890.00 We have approximately \$91,000 and we still have a balance of \$19,000 left. We are getting back \$403,000. Selectman Sadeck states if you seal the roads that are mentioned then you will do the whole road. Chuck asks about Mr. Belmore's driveway Selectman Sadeck says to ask Mr. Brown. Chuck says he will have Gil-Den do it and it will be about \$1,200-\$1,500. Selectman Sadeck says as well as Selectman Pacheco they think that there is money set aside. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve crackseal, Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Chipaway shimming. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Long Pond Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Chace shimming, Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Drainage.
- Discuss 4 South Main Street with Mary McNeil – The property was brought to the Building Department by a complaint and she sent this to the Board as well as the Historical Commission. The structure itself is not structurally sound. One side is ready to implode on it. Please do something on this. Selectman Pacheco says this has never been properly turned over to the Town to do it correctly it needs to go to a Town meeting vote. Mary Brown states that they Historical Commission has looked at this building and we have lost at least 6-7 buildings throughout the years and we were not aware of the procedure of this. The material that she looked implies it has been going on for 20 years. We ask the Historical Commission work with us to evaluate what we can do and since it was been that many years and many residents have contacted us with interested this building is on the National Register. Historical Commission is glad something is being done and this building is mid 18th century. This was a market and prior a residence. When it was sold to the last owner it was a gift shop and a residence on the second floor. One person had been to Town Hall a long time ago and he couldn't get anywhere. Another person is also interested in it. We would like to encourage the fixing of this and they do understand the liability of this. The private use of this would bring in taxes. They ask that the Board works with the Historical Commission on this. Selectman Sadeck asks if the person that is interested would like to buy the property? Mary Brown says yes they want to purchase it. Mary Brown gives the Board some pictures. Selectman Pacheco states her understanding is that this land is held by tax custodial now and we need to go to a Town Meeting. Selectman Sadeck says that he believes this property is still owned by the Town because it was foreclosed on. If we do the Tax Collector is the Custodian then we may be about to sell it at auction. Selectman Sadeck asks if they the Historical Commission can control the rehab of the building. Mary Brown can check with MA Historical. The Historical Commission would like some control. Mary Brown says they can put a Preservation Restriction on this property. Selectman Sadeck says however if this is done and then the people who are interested then become no longer interested. Selectman Baumgartner says that a particular person needs to be found to purchase this property. Selectman Sadeck says what happens if someone comes in and out bids this person.

Selectman Pacheco says let me find out if we have an outright buyer would we have to go to auction also we can't let this stretch out too long. Selectman Baumgartner says he does believe that and agree with finding out how this should play out. Mary Brown says if you look at some of the old building in other Towns this person could make this look nice. Selectman Pacheco says if you have any questions please send those to Richard and/or Mary.

- Building Commissioner, Mary McNeil, to discuss Pond Levels. April 30th a letter was sent to the Town Administrator. Mary wants to know if the Board would still like to have measurements. The Board is in agreement. Selectman Sadeck asks can we put this at both places. Mary thinks that ramp would not be a good place for this. Mary thinks one is enough. She needs approval from the Board to contact Town Counsel for an agreement. One at Boat Ramp and One at Cathedral Camp another thing is to look at keeping them in all year or not. The Board thinks to keep them in all year long. Selectman Baumgartner says the ditch wouldn't be a bad spot. The commission recommended the Beach and Heaven Heights. The Camp has a bridge as a permanent structure. This will cost some money. Selectman Baumgartner is in favor of some gauges. Selectman Pacheco says we will think this through and revisit it. Selectman Baumgartner would say the state of New York puts galvanized pipes.
- Approve/Sign Regional Lockup Memorandum of Agreement, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott. Chief Abbott states the Agreement before you will be between the Town of Freetown and Bristol County Sheriff's Office the change is from \$60 - \$75. There is a savings as well as a reduction to liability. Our annual inspection says our liability for suicide is extremely high. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes from January 2, 13, & 27, 2014. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Request from The National MS Society to conduct a charity bike tour through a section of the Town of Freetown on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Line Item request from Town Clerk Jacqueline Brown. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Reserve Transfer Request from Board of Selectmen regarding Town Administrator's budget. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Freetown Elementary School Lease. Selectman Sadeck says under Capital Repair line the amount that Freetown is responsible for is \$5,000 he would like that to go to \$15,000. Selectman Pacheco says we can have him look into that. Selectman Pacheco thinks that the building is pretty new. The only issue is a walk-in fridge. This is 20 years. Selectman Pacheco says this could be a shorter lease. Amount of years of the agreement needs to be looked at like 5 years.
- Discuss Street Light on Chipaway Road. – Selectman Sadeck says at a prior meeting Selectman Pacheco suggested to do this. Selectman Pacheco says if we just put the light

back on to renew service at Chipaway Road. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to put light back on and also remove the Petition article from the Warrant. Selectman Sadeck asks that someone call the Petitioner to let them know of this. Passed Unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Request from Diane Lawless to carry over 3 days of unused vacation time from FY14 into FY15. No action is being taken.
- Janice Boucher is ready to sign her contract.
- Accept Letter of Resignation from Dana Bessette. Selectman Sadeck reads letter from Dana. Selectman Pacheco asks if Selectman Sadeck will speak with him. Selectman Sadeck went to the Transfer Station this weekend and per Vicki he has not been happy working there. Vicki is in a predicament because she was not allowed to take her vacation last year. This morning he spoke with Joe Correia regarding Vicki's vacation time. Selectman Baumgartner asks if you can extend her vacation time? Selectman Sadeck says in the future we need to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept the resignation and send a letter. Passed unanimously.
- Email from Mr. Brown. Selectman Pacheco says as of June 30th Mr. Brown will no longer be employed with the Town of Freetown and there is no ill will on either side. It was a mutual decision.
- Friday May 30th there is a session 10-11:30 and 1:30-3:00 regarding the Health Insurance changes.

We need an exit plan from Mr. Brown as to what we need from him. What he has been working on and what he is in the middle of.

Mr. Denault would like Chace Rd. to have a left hand turn added to it. Selectman Pacheco states someone would need to speak with Chuck and Chief Abbott.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday June 2nd Special Town Meeting 7:00pm and Annual Town Meeting 7:30pm at Freetown Elementary School, Monday June 16th, Monday July 14th, Monday July 28th.

Old Business:

- Action taken on debt owed by town employee.
- Status of Feasibility study.
- Status of police grievance.
- Rochester/Acushnet/Freetown missing town bound. -

- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.
- Pending report of South Main Bridge scheduled for October 2014.
- Pond Level.
- Status of water and sewer agreement with Fall River.
- Status of frost heave issue in front of 4 Kevin Drive.
- Report on Mr. Belmore.
- School Fuel usage.

Executive Session:

Adjournment of regular meeting Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) at 7:17. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant