



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY JULY 14, 2014

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

5:30 P.M. **Call to Order** by Selectman Lisa Pacheco those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck, Selectmen Lee Baumgartner and Town Administrator Jack Healey. The meeting is being recorded by MCCAM and Selectman Sadeck.

6:05 P.M. Pole hearing relative to VERIZON/NSTAR for placement of new poles 11/31.5 & 11/33.5 and to relocate Poles 11/22, 11/31, 11/32, 11/34, 11/34, 11/58, 11/66, 11/68, and 1/69 on Braley Rd, East Freetown, MA 02717. Abutters have been notified via certified mail. Rev. Curtis Dias is present. Carolyn from Verizon is present. She states this is to accommodate the Solar Farm that is going in. Rev Dias wants to know if this is the one that is there. Carolyn says yes this is the one that is there. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously

6:10 P.M Pole hearing relative to VERIZON/NSTAR for placement of a new pole and to relocate a pole on East Chipaway Rd., East Freetown, MA 02717. Abutters have been notified via certified mail. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

Selectman Pacheco welcomes back Jack Healey, Town Administrator to Freetown. Selectman Pacheco would also like to say what a fantastic job the Parade and Fireworks Committee did on the 4th of July festivities. We thank them for all their hard work. It makes Freetown look wonderful.

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

Mr. Monteur wants to understand why the Tax bills no longer get paid at the Town Hall? He further wants to know why we still pay a Tax Collector to collect money if we pay for bills directly to Boston. Selectman Pacheco says she still balances books and does various other tasks. This service is now freeing up the Collector to do other things. Mr. Monteur wants to know why this wasn't publicized. Selectman Pacheco says I know you review the videotapes of the Selectmen Meetings and while I feel that the process may not have been done correctly it has

been resolved now. Selectman Sadeck says he had a number of questions from residents at the Council on Aging cookout about this and he told them that yes everyone can go down to the Town Hall and pay their bills. Selectman Sadeck would like everyone to know that. Mr. Monteur says it would have been nice if it was in the paper. Mrs. Monteur said no one else paid their bill in person today; she went to the Town Hall herself and it was empty. Mrs. Monteur says is this something that needed to go out to bid or is this a sweetheart deal? Selectman Sadeck said this is something that we found out about after the fact. Selectman Baumgartner says there was no sweetheart deal made by anyone like Mrs. Monteur referred. Mr. Montour thanked the Board for answering his questions so now he can inform people.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Meeting with Regional School Committee to Discuss/Appoint School Committee members. Richard Medeiros introduces himself to the Board he is the new Superintendent of Schools. Selectman Pacheco explains that this is a joint appointment by the Board of Selectman and the Regional School Committee. Selectman Pacheco reads the letters aloud from the Jean Fox and Derek Gracia. Selectman Pacheco states there are two opening on the Committee. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint Jean Fox and Derek Gracia. Passed unanimously.
- Award bid for Roadway Materials/Services for Fiscal Year 15. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to award bid for Roadway Materials/Services for FY15 as recommended by the Highway Surveyor as follows: Winter Sand to Cape Cod Aggregates Corp \$10 per ton.; Highway Salt to Morton Salt Inc., \$62.39 per ton; Road Stripping to Hi-Way Safety Systems, .0354 per linear ft, water-based and .0384 per linear ft, oil based; Crack Sealing to Crack-Sealing, Inc, \$7.93 per gallon; Cold Patch to Aggregate Industries N.E. Region, \$86.00 per ton; Bituminous concrete, picked up to T.L Edwards, Inc. \$65.00 per ton; Bituminous concrete in place to P.J. Keating Co. \$69.40 per ton; Cold Planning to P.J. Keating Co. \$1.45 per yd; Stone seals- to All States Asphalt, Inc.- Treated- \$2.06 per yd, Double - \$ \$4.10 per yd, 20% Rubber-asphalt-\$4.45 per yd., Shimming/Leveling - \$132.50 per yd., Sweeping - \$.15 per yd. Passed unanimously. Selectman Sadeck asks about the clearing of Storm Drains. Mr. Macomber states he hasn't started yet they will start mid-late August.
- Ambulance Abatements for the Month of June, as submitted by the Fire Chief. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve abatements in the amount of \$30,123.95 for the month of June. Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Line Item Request, as submitted by Fire Chief. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously. Selectman Baumgartner asks what's this for. Chief Silvia says this is going from one line item to another to cover the expense of Drills, this was already appropriated for and it is just moving within my budget.
- Vote/Sign Line Item Request, as submitted by Police Chief. Chief Abbott withdraws this request.

- Vote/Sign Line Item Request, as submitted by Board of Assessors. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Selectman Sadeck asks Ms. Mello to explain. Ms. Mello states that this is a line item transfer of \$48.00 within her budget to pay for salary of an employee. Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Line Item Request, as submitted by Building Commissioner. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Town Administrator Jack Healey explains this is a transfer within the budget to pay the Gas inspector. This is an intradepartmental line item transfer. Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Line Item Request, as submitted by Town Administrator for Town Hall budget. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Town Administrator Jack Healey explains this is to pay for uniform allowances of the town custodian. This is intradepartmental line item transfer. Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Line Item Request, as submitted by Transfer Station. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Town Administrator Jack Healey explains this is an intradepartmental line item transfer and this will pay for overtime incurred to cover vacation taken by the Transfer Station Attendant. Passed unanimously.
- Vote/Sign Reserve Transfer, as submitted by Town Administrator. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve a transfer in the amount of \$7,600.00. Town Administrator Jack Healey explains that this is to cover bills for the month of June and July for services provided by Kopelman and Paige. Passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator Report
 - Action Item –Recording of hours. – Mr. Healey would like to use the Key Fobs as a system for recording the time in and out we can use this as a trial basis as well as using a serial sign in meaning the first person in, signs in and so forth. This will improve on arrival time and departure time. Selectman Pacheco asks if this is an infringement on Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck). Passed unanimously. Selectman Sadeck says if that doesn't work then he may get another computer program that might work.
 - Legal Budget – I came up with a form for each Department Head to fill out prior to contacting Town Counsel. This is a process that Kopelman & Paige encourages us to use. The year before I got to Westport the Legal Bills where above \$100,000 last year it was approximately \$77,000. Selectman Sadeck states that the Board is exempt from this. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to accept this with the exception of the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Pacheco would like to state her opinion saying that she thinks if it is good for everyone then we the Board of Selectman should use this method as well. The other members don't agree. Passed unanimously.
- Sign letter to Bellfree Realty Trust on previously voted right of first refusal land. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to sign letter. Passed unanimously.

- Approve/signing of Annual Discover Assonet 5K Road Race for September 27, 2014 through the Center of Assonet hosted by St. Bernard's Church. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). To approve Road Race. Selectman Pacheco reminds Mr. Plonka from St. Bernard's who is present to remember to clean up the race. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/signing of 12th Annual Cranberry Trifest for August 23& 24, 2014 through town. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve the race. Passed unanimously.
- Accept a vehicle as surplus and allow disposal of vehicle at a proper facility, as recommended by Police Chief. Chief Abbott says we have had a vehicle at a local auto body and I would like it to be listed as surplus and then also allow us to dispose of it. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to list this vehicle as surplus and then allow for the disposal of it. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Pacheco would like Mr. Healey to work on a list of all of the surplus vehicles in Town. Mr. Healey said he will then also recommend an Auction.
- Sign Right of Entry for Abutters for Freetown Screw, 2 County Rd., E. Freetown, MA Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve and sign. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Sign Recruit Training Fee Agreement for Ptlm. Medeiros, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, Jr. Standard Agreement from the CBA. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to sign agreement for Ptlm. Medeiros. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve leave of absence request from Constable Robert Foquette, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, Jr. Selectman Sadeck reads the Chief Abbott's letter aloud. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve leave of absence request. Passed unanimously.
- Approve two Change of Status forms for John Pina, as presented by Police Chief Carlton Abbot, Jr., effective June 24, 2014 and July 1, 2014. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve Change of Status effective June 24, 2014; Passed unanimously; Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve Change of Status form, effective July 1, 2014. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Reappointment forms for FY2015 for Committees, Boards, Special Appointment and Town Employees. Selectman Sadeck would like to address the Zoning Board of Appeals reappointments, Motion (Pacheco) to reappoint Daniel Loranger, no second. Motion is dead. Selectman Sadeck states that he would not entertain that motion because he didn't want to bring it up on camera but needs to now; he will not reappoint Mr. Loranger because he belittled the Zoning Clerk at a public meeting to a point that she resigned. Selectman Pacheco reminds them that she really had no proper training. Selectman Pacheco states that she might

as well second a motion because she won't win here; the reappointment sheet was already done. Selectman Baumgartner states that he has never seen the sheet before tonight. Selectman Sadeck said that he worked on this all weekend. Selectman Pacheco said this is a great sheet. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to appoint Walter Sawicki and Robert Jose to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Passed unanimously. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to appoint Nick Velozo as an Alternate on Zoning Board of Appeals. Passed unanimously. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve as written. Passed unanimously. Selectman Baumgartner says the spirit is being lost in here. He says that Selectman Pacheco is the one that walked out of the May 16th meeting. Selectman Pacheco says she can't believe that they are both still holding onto that, it was almost two months ago. They need to let it go and move on. Selectman Baumgartner ask Selectman Sadeck when he is going to tell Selectman Pacheco to be silent. Selectman Pacheco says they should know they couldn't continue with that meeting because the only thing on that Agenda was one item. Selectman Baumgartner states that as soon as she walked out of the meeting she had Town Counsel on the phone and the bill for that day was \$600.00. Selectman Pacheco states that they also called Town Counsel that day. Selectman Sadeck would also like to bring up the fact that both wanted to attend the meeting a couple weeks ago and they feel that they couldn't do it because it wasn't posted. She told the Clerk who was covering for Ali not to post the meeting. Selectman Pacheco said she absolutely did because if they had bothered to ask, the meeting couldn't be posted because the company didn't want anyone to know they were in talks with Freetown because they may be closing two of their plants and that would jeopardize their chances of coming to Freetown. Selectman Baumgartner again ask that Selectman Sadeck ask Selectman Pacheco to be silent. Selectman Sadeck states that he wanted to attend the meeting and couldn't.

- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to have all the meetings in the future posted so all Selectmen can attend. Selectman Pacheco says they can't make a motion on an item that isn't on the Agenda!
- Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to have anything on the Agenda that they want. Selectman Pacheco reminds them that she is the Chair and she is the one who sets the Agenda.
- Change of Status form for FY2015 Town Clerk, as presented by Jacqueline Brown, effective July 1, 2014. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve the change. Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status form for FY2015 for Electrical Inspectors, as presented by Building Commissioners, effective July 1, 2014. On Hold, Mr. Healey will look into this change.
- Discuss/Appoint EMA Director. Selectman Sadeck states the prior Emergency Management Director was the Town Administrator and before him the Fire Dept. handled it. Selectman Pacheco reminds the Board that she didn't vote to take it out of the Fire Dept. Selectman Baumgartner states that in the discussion the stipend of \$2,600, if Chief Silvia can't make the meetings then he may send one of his employees and he will pull from the \$2,600 to pay the employee. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Appoint Zoning Board Senior Clerk. Selectman Sadeck states we have two applicants Mike McCue from the Highway Dept and Joanne Hardy from the Boat Ramp. Selectman Sadeck asks what Boards/Committees Mr. McCue is on.

Cemetery/Scholarship/Library Trustee. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to appoint Mike McCue. Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco asks that he sit with Lauren to go over how the meetings go and what/when things needs to be done. Selectman Sadeck says that Jonathan Silverstein of Kopelman & Paige has offered to come down and train anyone free of charge. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to make Joanne Hardy be the alternate Senior Clerk. Passed unanimously.

- Request from Karen Robitaille to adjust her work schedule. She won't be working in Board of Assessors from 12-3 on Monday temporarily. Selectman Pacheco says the floater is out straight. Selectman Sadeck asks if this is a temp reduction. Selectman Pacheco would like to know if Karen Mello can handle this. Selectman Baumgartner says someone needs to know what is going on this can't be open ended. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to allow this as long as Mr. Healey looks into this and it is deemed acceptable. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Sadeck says how about a Time Off request form. Selectman Pacheco says we tried that before. Selectman Baumgartner says we need to know. Mr. Healey will work on.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday July 28th, Monday August 11th, Monday August 25th, Monday September 8th, Monday September 22nd.

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.
- Grass Mowing at FYAA fields. – Selectman Pacheco says that there have been questions about mowing the ball fields. Mr. Macomber says that he hasn't mowed Central Park in 2 weeks, KRR was done today and Long Pond was done not that long ago. He says the Highway Dept always mowed the fields however we didn't have the fields like we do now. Selectman Sadeck asks what Town work would you get to complete if you didn't mow the fields. Mr. Macomber says everything; we fall behind just about everything because of mowing the fields. Selectman Sadeck says during the budgets you said you couldn't get to the work because of the mowing of the fields. Mr. Macomber agrees if I didn't mow fields then he would have more time to do work for the Town. Selectman Sadeck asks what the FYAA can do for the Town then. Keith Schultz says if I mowed the

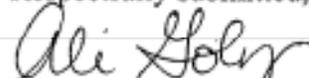
grass then I would have another full time job to do. Selectman Pacheco says do you give us any financial help like providing us gas for the mowers. Mike Boehler says no we don't, there was talk of buying a mower a couple years back but that didn't happen. Mr. Boehler says I know that we could try to help out. Selectman Sadeck says that in the Lease it states the FYAA needs to maintain the fields. Mr. Schultz asks what services does the town provide for the children of Freetown, besides the Schools. Selectman Pacheco says how many visitors will the FYAA typically bring into town during tournament time. Mr. Boehler says we have a tournament the next three weeks Thurs-Sun and you will see a lot of people. Selectman Pacheco asks if they have looked into having a lawn service help. Mr. Boehler says we now pay \$3500 per year to maintain what we have. We spend another \$6,000-\$10,000 per year on upkeep. The clay the previous year was \$10,000 and the asphalt was \$8,000. Selectman Sadeck asks if they have a mower. Mr. Boehler says they do. Mr. Macomber says KRR is very hard to maintain. He says why don't they take over Central Park that will give me back 2 guys 4 hours. 8 man hours. Selectman Pacheco says why don't they try it for at least a month. Selectman Baumgartner states why doesn't Dan LeBlanc come in and speak with them too. Selectman Baumgartner says if I was sitting where you are there I would say that next year you should figure on cutting your own grass. Selectman Sadeck asks how often do you use KRR field? Mr. Boehler says a couple times a week. The trash barrels at Long Pond have been removed Selectman Sadeck asks about. Mr. Boehler says yes we spoke with Ali and Chuck and decided we should remove them. Mr. Macomber says it is funny if you have barrels there then people toss trash around. No barrels no trash. Selectman Pacheco tell Mr. Macomber he does a beautiful job with the fields, this brings people into the Town however she understands that he is shorthanded and needs the extra manpower so you need to do this for a month and see how this works out. Selectman Pacheco would like to see what happens in a month.

- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to sign the MOA from the Police Union. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

Adjournment of Regular Meeting Motion to adjourn (Sadeck/Baumgartner) at 7:45p.m.
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant