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MINUTES MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order

6:05 P.M. Dog Hearing – Owner John Prizio, Dog Officer, Lisa Podielsky-Cancelled at the request of the complainant.

Weekly Public Discussion period –

Thomas Desrochers, he owns a business in East Freetown. He is wondering if the Board has received any communication with the Private Investigator. Selectman Sadeck states that we are waiting for a completed report. Selectman Sadeck states that the investigator had to interview Mr. Bourgeois. If the Board chooses to release the report once we receive it then yes it will be available.

Dick Padelford – He states he has read many articles and he came tonight to defend this Board and he feels that this Board should not get any criticisms regarding this investigation. He believes there is nothing left for the Town to do except make the report public when it is available.

Selectman Sadeck says the thing that bothers him most is that people have questioned the Selectmen's integrity. Even the newspapers have done this. Our integrity means a lot to us. If there was any criminal activity then it would have been the first to refer it out to the appropriate people. We have here copies of the Agreement between Paul Bourgeois and the Town here for people to see. Selectman Sadeck says in regards to 6 Winslow Way there was nothing that was done out of line on this property. There has been a Stop Work Order placed on this property. Mr. Brown has contacted the interim building inspector to look into this.

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Ambulance Fee Abatements for December 2012 & June 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously. Selectman Sadeck explains that people who don't have health coverage they get their ambulance bills abated.
- Approve/signing of 12th Annual Cranberry Trifest for August 24 & 25, 2013 through town. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed Unanimously. Town Web Site so people know that live in this area know this is going on.

Board of Health:

- Variances for 17 Point of Pines – Abutters Notified. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously. Darren Michaelis from Forsight Engineering states the Septic is as far away from the water supply as they can be and they are staying away from Long Pond as well. This is a new system. The existing system is only 50' away. They are relocating the new system and this is the exact system they did at 15 Point of Pines. This is on the dirt end of the road. Mr. Brown spoke with Assistant Health Agent Joe Correia today and this is a secondary treatment system. Mr. Correia did not have any issue with it. Selectman Pacheco asked if it was damaged during the floods. Yes, Darren would guess that this would have been damage during the floods. They will first try a hand dug well. We do have Conservation Commission's approval for that either way. Point well, he doesn't see why this wouldn't work. Selectman Pacheco wants the Board of Health Agent here in the future.
- Selectman Pacheco says this week has been very hot please check on your elderly neighbors and I would like to have the Town Administrator have the Council on Aging be a Cooling house and to please put this on the website. Mrs. Baumgartner, Board of Directors on the Council of Aging said that the web site would be great however we are not able to see the web site all the times.
- They want to make a change to a contract regarding contract Janice Boucher, however this need to go into Exective Session – This will be held until a later meeting.

Personnel Board:

- Approve request from Police Chief for Richard Levesque's Reinstatement of Benefits. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). To deny the reinstatement of benefits. If the Union wants to appeal this they can. Passed unanimously. Selectman Baumgartner has a concern with this, he states Mr. Levesque has separated with the Town and there is nothing in the Town Contracts that say you can do this. Selectman Pacheco agrees as well as Selectman Sadeck. Selectman Pacheco does not think this is right.

New Business:

- Hathaway Park Site – \$3,892.00 grant for Taunton River Shed Council to spruce up the Boat ramp at Hathaway Park site. Selectman Sadeck said this goes back awhile ago. The only issue that we will pay for is some stone. Mr. Brown said we will make this work. Motions (Pacheco/Saceck) to have the Town Administrator write a letter of commitment to them. Passed unanimously.
- Nobis – Mr. Brown states this is for 2 County Road, this will allow us to start us on the physical work site and survey work for hazardous materials prior to demo, this comes out of the grant. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco asks if we need a project manager. Mr. Brown says we have SRPEDD. Selectman Pacheco says who will ensure once this is done and who is working to protect Freetown to make sure this is done properly. Mr. Brown cannot recall exactly who. Selectman Pacheco would like to get this in writing. Especially when we are spending \$460,000.00. Selectman Sadeck asks who went out for the contract. Mr. Brown says this was chosen by the contractor. Selectman Baumgartner says we have 30 days from July 11, 2013. Mr. Brown did meet with someone who did the Ft. Deven's clean up he just can't recall the name. Selectman Sadeck asks him for this information by the end of this week. Selectman Pacheco will sign with the caveat that we get that info.

Old Business:

- Lang Road – This is done and the residents are welcome to come to Town Meeting with a Petition if they want it.

- Feasibility Study – Mr. Brown is working on it.
- Library Study – We had the opportunity to do this however the Library wants to contract this out. Selectman Pacheco asks where the money will come from. Mr. Brown said it would cost \$4,000.00. Selectman Sadeck wants to go with the plan we had. The Library can come to the Board and speak to us about it. Mr. Brown says they need to buy the paint. Selectman Sadeck ask who he spoke with. Mr. Brown spoke with Mike McCue. Selectman Pacheco said the last year they wanted this done. If they have funds in the Library budget then they can do it but we will not spend our funds do this. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to move forward to have the Library painted by the Sherriff office

Adjournment of Regular Meeting: 6:41 Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant