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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
3 NORTH MAIN ST., ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS**

**1:00 P.M.** The meeting was called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner and Town Administrator Richard Brown. The meeting is being recorded by Selectman Sadeck. Members of Council on Aging Board and Director of Council on Aging Barbara LaFleur.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- Discuss the use of the Council on Aging – Selectman Sadeck called this meeting due to recent events that happened involving an upcoming visit from Congressman Kennedy. He said when he visited the Council on Aging this past week Director Barbara LaFleur kindly shared with him a flyer. It stated that Congressman Kennedy was going to be utilizing the COA on Saturday. Selectman Sadeck felt that this needed to be addressed so we could discuss how this transpired. He believes the Board of Selectman all need to be kept informed of the use of any public buildings. If Mrs. LeFleur didn't inform him then the Town would have been reflected badly in the eyes of the Congressman. No Selectmen would have shown up to greet him etc. As time went on he found out that on July 15<sup>th</sup> there was an email circulating regarding this event and there were many town employees who knew about this and no one informed the Board of Selectmen about this. He spoke with the Congressman and they informed him and the answer was that they worked through a state official who he later found out was Jean Fox. He will speak with the Congressman on Saturday about this. This should go through the Board of Selectmen's office. Mrs. Fox is no longer a Town Official. Any Congressman is always welcome in Freetown. What Selectman Sadeck is saying is when Mrs. LeFleur has a request to use the facility they should go through the Board of Selectmen's office. Many officials were on the list Keven Desmarais, Chief Abbott, Chief Silvia, Bruce Wilbur. I will address this will Congressman Joe Kennedy. Mrs. Baumgartner said she spoke with Mrs. LeFleur and said that she received a call from Jean Fox who said Mrs. LeFleur said that she received a call from Mr. Brown and to speak with Jean Fox regarding the use of the building on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Baumgartner says why was this such an issue on a weekend? Selectman Sadeck asks Mrs. LeFleur if Jean Fox calls me my answer was why wouldn't you have asked the Board of Selectmen. The point is that Jean Fox is a private citizen. I spoke with Jean Fox at Wes Vaughn's retirement party and told her in the future this needs to go through the proper channels. A Board member asks why Congressman Kennedy is coming. Selectman Sadeck asks because of public office hours. Mrs. Baumgartner wants to know why Mr. Brown feels it was so important to call Mrs. LeFleur after hours regarding this. Mr. Brown says he would say he works 24/7 and if Mrs. LeFleur didn't answer that was appropriate, but he needed to make the call. Selectman Baumgartner says his point is Jean Fox enjoys celebrity privileges in the Town and it needs to stop and it will now. The policies

remains the same that all candidates must be notify the Selectmen's Office. Selectman Sadeck says if he goes there this Saturday and this is not public office hours and this is something different he will not be happy. Saturday as the day is strange, why not a weekday. Is there any protocol for communications within the office Mrs. Baumgartner asks? Selectman Sadeck says the Town Administrator would handle that. Selectman Sadeck says he doesn't fault anyone who received the email. Unfortunately it started in this office with Mr. Brown. Selectman Baumgartner says his concern is parking. Mr. LeFleur says that the BBQ is not until 5pm-7pm, there will be no issue. Selectman Baumgartner would hate to think that people would have tried to do this to make Freetown look stupid. Mr. Brown will admit that he dropped the ball on this if anyone wants to blame someone blame me. Mrs. Marion Rylands thinks that Kennedy's office should have sent a correspondence to the Selectman's office. Selectman Sadeck said that he was told Jean Fox would facilitate it though the Council on Aging. Selectman Baumgartner thinks that this was done intentionally. Mr. Brown says what's the protocol for Saturday, Mrs. LeFleur said she will go and open the Council on Aging and turn the AC on and then Selectman Sadeck will come back and close up.

**Board of Health:**

**Personnel Board:**

- Change of Status request submitted by Town Administrator for Joseph Bizsko. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Appoint/Approve Change of Status request submitted by Town Administrator for Robert Kirby. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

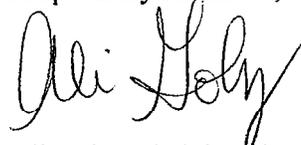
- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to utilize the Senior Clerk applications from the current position that was advertised in the Building/Health Department to fill the Senior Clerk position in the Tax Collector/Treasurer's office and to use this same list to fill the Floater Position as well. If no one is interested in that position then we will expand upon the non interviewed people. Passed unanimously.
- Accept Letter of Resignation from Daniel Santos, Senior Clerk Treasurer's office. Motion (S/B). Passed unanimously. Letter of Thank you.
- Septic Highway Barn Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to award Bryant Hill Farms as the lowest bidder.

**Old Business:**

**Adjournment of Regular Meeting:** Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) at 1:41 Passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant