



**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
3 NORTH MAIN ST., ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS**

**11:03 A.M. Meeting was called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck. Those present are Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner, Selectman Lisa Pacheco and Town Administrator Richard Brown. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman Paul Sadeck.**

Weekly Public Discussion Period – Mr. John Baptista from Mason Road is here to address the Board regarding Long Pond, specifically the language used at the Town Beach and permits or lack of permits issued for Resident/Non-Resident on the cars. The last day he was at the Town Beach he noticed people there with Latin King Tattoos. He knows this because of his prison guard background. His experience that day was not a great one. This was on July 5<sup>th</sup>, that day the beach had approximately 36 non residents cars, 6 cars didn't have stickers. He also knows people bury trash in the sand. Last year he fixed the sand with his own supplies and then the next day he brought his grandkids there and it was a mess. He works on Chapter 115 which is when the town pays him to work. This is a Veteran benefit. He would be more than happy to work at the Town Beach monitoring the people/cars for the Town. He can assure you that the people that come in are mostly not town residents. He would be willing to accept a position with the town to do this. People launch their boats at the beach. That shouldn't be allowed. They need to go to the Boat Ramp for this. He believes the stickers for the non residents should be raised to avoid this. Residents are not even using the beach because of this. We need to get control of this. He can also help to maintain this. The town is paying him anyway. He commends our Police Department. He sees them every 15 minutes they come down and do their job. He addresses Chief Abbott and tells him that many times the officers are informing the public that they need the stickers. Selectman Pacheco asks about the gangs and Chief Abbot says this is the first that he has heard of it. Selectman Sadeck says that what Mr. Baptista wants is to have this beach monitored on a daily basis. Mr. Baptista agrees with this. Selectman Sadeck says that the Board will need to discuss this and act appropriately. Mr. Baptista says he only saw the Latin Kings down there once. The trouble is that the little kids pick up the language down there and it is very inappropriate.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- Review/Approve One Day Liquor License for Sociedade Cultural at Camp Welch on 8/11/2013. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve one day liquor license. Passed unanimously.
- Review/Approve One Day Liquor License for Thomas Chew Boys and Girls Club at Camp Welch (2 events) 8/10/13 and 8/17/13. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve both and to waive the fee. Passed unanimously
- Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber, relative to Chapter 90 Causeway Road, Drainage Improvements \$10,500.00. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously. Discussion – Mr. Macomber said we did this as emergency work. I made the call to the state.

Selectman Baumgartner asked if the state has ever said they would pay and then not paid. Mr. Macomber said no, that has not happened.

- Town Hall parking lot, Mr. Macomber states he received four (4) bids Gil Den \$19,995.00 RW Stanley \$24,000.00 and Reis Asphalt \$24,950.00 and T & K.\$32,958.00. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> this will be paved. Gil Den will do this job as they are the contractor that came in the lowest. This will be paved and new curb stops and lines will be put in. Selectman Pacheco asks that the parking lot be blocked off for the weekend. Selectman Pacheco asks if the parking spaces will increase. Mr. Macomber states that it will probably be decreasing. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve Gil Den to pave the Town Hall parking lot at approximately \$19,995.00. Passed unanimously.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 7 Cushman Avenue and 15 Rounsevell Drive. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve both Road Opening permits. Passed unanimously.
- Selectmen Sadeck and Baumgartner would like to extend a Thank you to Mr. Macomber for helping with the Senior Brown Bags. The bus worked out so well for the brown bag program.
- Police Chief Abbott addresses his correspondence to the Selectmen regarding the yearly snow vehicle race events for 14 years of age and younger throughout Town. Selectman Baumgartner asks about security. Chief Abbott says that he would make that a condition of the event. He would then speak to the Fire Chief. We would generally provide a Humvee. The events are held at the Demoranville Farm. Last year one person died and one person had a punctured lung. We are concerned with those under the age of 14. The event brings in approximately 400-500 people. Selectman Pacheco says this is rather odd to me that the Selectmen don't require a permit. Chief Abbott says that they need to apply for a permit though the Police Department. Selectman Pacheco thinks this is crazy. Chief Abbott says you would need to implement a by-law requiring them to apply for a permit. Selectman Pacheco says we should look at this for the Fall Special Town Meeting. Chief Abbott says we could make this applicable to all events. Chief Abbott is concerned about a myriad of issues, medical, trash etc. That being said they have done a good job up there at the farm. The farm is a general use area he believes. Selectman Sadeck thinks that in the near future the farm may not be in use. Chief Abbott says this by-law that can be flexible. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to establish a fee of \$35.00 for Recreational and Snow Vehicle Race, Rally or Organized Event Permit as recommended by the Police Chief. Passed unanimously.

**Board of Health:** Selectman Pacheco gives an update on West Nile Virus. They have tested positive in Fall River for it. Please take precautions.

**Personnel Board:**

Discuss/Approve Letter submitted by Joseph Correia, Assistant Health Agent. It is stated in the Union Contract that a person doing more than his/her job is entitled to \$1.00 more per hour Selectman Pacheco says. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve the \$1.00 per hour increase. Passed unanimously.

Approve Change of Status forms submitted by Police Chief for Patrolman Donald Bullock, effective 8/10/13. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve Change of Status form. Passed unanimously.

Appoint/Approve Change of Status forms submitted by Police Chief for Auxiliary Police Officers Thomas Long and Phillip Pine, effective July 29, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Chief Abbott states that we have one volunteer now only and he may be resigning shortly. The two names you have before you have passed their background screening and we will put them into the training program. In the meantime we have sponsored three (3) candidates to go to the academy. After that time I will ask you to appoint them. As you know we lost Officer Wixon, and we will lose two (2) others possibly one (1) more. Selectman Baumgartner asks if we have only one (1) auxiliary police officer now. Selectman Pacheco asks if we can we have the Police Chief write a letter to us so we know exactly what will transpire from now through December.

Approve Change of Status form submitted by Fire Chief for Probationary Call Firefighter Joshua Hathaway, effective July 1, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco asks if there a max we can have. Chief Silvia says we have always tried to maintain 20 on each side of Town and this will make 32 total. Are there any others coming up the ladder Selectman Pacheco asks. No, Chief Silvia says, I added Joshua Hathaway because of two (2) resignations. They are all included in the budget.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

Library – Through Administrative Assistant Ali Golz it is stated that Mr. Brown had a conversation with Ms. Stanley-Ballard and she stated last week that she would get the paint for the Library.

Feasibility Study – Through Administrative Assistant Ali Golz it is stated that Mr. Brown has almost completed it.

Master Calendar – Selectmen would like to be kept informed of meetings from various departments.

Virtual Town Hall – No update.

Freetown Screw Project – No update.

COA, duration of Treasurer/Tax Collector Contract issue to be discussed at next meeting.

**Adjournment of Regular Meeting:** At 12:29.PM., Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to enter into Executive Session and not return to Open Session. All members voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant