



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY JULY 28, 2014

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order by Selectman Lee Baumgartner those present are Selectmen Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey. The meeting is being recorded by MCCAM and Selectman Sadeck. Selectman Baumgartner reads the Agenda aloud.

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

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss letter from Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber regarding Memorial Park. Selectman Baumgartner ask Chuck to address the Board regarding Memorial Park. Chuck says he was approach by Mr. Gonet to maintain the Memorial Park. Selectman Sadeck reads Chuck's letter saying that he recommends. Chuck says that he has no feeling either way if Mr. Gonet does it or not. Mr. Wilbur states that this park was built by donations after 911. We ask that the Town maintain the lawn all the other things are maintained by the VFW. We moved many things to this site and all this was moved and the costs associated were done by the VFW. We would like to see the Town continue to do this for us. We get mulch every year donated to us. If there is a cost we pay the cost. We have changed the lighting and paid for that. Dan LeBlanc states that he was initially contacted by Mr. Gonet and stated that the Girls and Boy Scouts go over there and clean it up as well as the VFW volunteers. Mr. Ashley explains when we started this years ago this was to be a place of honor and not a commercialized place. All we want is to hope to keep the commercialization out of this. It is nice that he has offered his services however we have this under control. Mr. LeBlanc says we have done this without any professional help for 13 years and we would like to continue to do this. Selectman Sadeck says he commends Larry Gonet for offering this and maybe if Mr. Gonet would offer this to the FYAA this would be a great benefit to them. Maybe in the letter we send to him we can ask him to do this. Mr. Wilbur would like to say that Ralph Gurney as well as Elton Ashley but truly Ralph Gurney were instrumental in their services. Selectmen Baumgartner and Sadeck say that we need to send a letter to Mr. Gonet and direct him to speak to FYAA to offer his services. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to keep the status quo. Passed unanimously.

- Award Bid for Hazardous Building Materials Abatement and Building Demolition for the former Freetown Screw Property (See Town Administrator's Report). Mr. Healey explains that it was clear that the lowest bidder which was Francesco Co., however they left out 3 items when it was bided and he has spoken with Francesca from Francesco Co. today and she is aware of this. None the less this is unfortunate because this bid was substantially lower. Also Nobis said they may have missed something because of the low ball price. Mr. Healey's recommendation to the Board is to Award the Bid to AA Asbestos Abatement in the amount of \$216,237.50. Francesca understood on the phone and she accepted the fact that she did make a mistake in not including the necessary documents. Selectman Sadeck asks if there is any cost to the town. Mr. Healey said this will all be covered by Mass Development. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to accept. Passed unanimously.
- Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber, relative to Chapter 90, Project Request to Chip Seal Chace Rd. in the amount of \$96,719.10. Project Request to Chip Seal Long Pond Rd in the amount of \$6,870.14. Project Request to Chip Seal Chipaway Rd. in the amount of \$67,479.46; and Project Request to Resurface Chace Road in the amount of \$40,050.00. Chuck says we have \$490,000.00 in our Chapter 90 and this will be approx \$200,000. We will see what the Locust St. bridge and Richmond Rd. bridge inspections come up with before I spend any more of that. Passed unanimously. Richmond Rd. will need a slab next year. Selectman Sadeck asks about the South Main St. Bridge. Chuck says the biggest problem is the erosion underneath. Locust St. hasn't been touched in 54 years. RFP will be put out on Locust St. as far as Richmond Rd. a MA DOT letter said we need to do something on it or a weight limit will be placed on it. Chuck said every 2 years there is an inspection of it. He said if they know we are working on it then it is acceptable. We are using the same engineers as Gurney Rd. GPI are the Engineers. Selectman Sadeck ask who foots the bill for that. Chuck says the Town does. Chuck says we are fixing what is there. The engineering will be covered by Ch. 90. Chuck says if we lose Ch 90 we will be dead in the water. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve all projects. Passed unanimously.
- Review/Approve One Day Liquor License for Sociedade Cultural at Camp Welch on 8/10/2014. Motion (Sadeck/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 8/23/14. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve One Day liquor License. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Addendum to Reappointments. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve list of people declined as presented. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to not reappoint people that did not need to get reappointed because their terms had not expired. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to reappoint people who were left off the prior reappointment list.

Town Administrator's Report - Action Items:

- Award Bid –Demolition and Disposal of the Former Freetown Screw Company Building. –Addressed above.
- Republic Services MRF Project Special Permit Changes. Mr. Healey would like the Board to appoint one member of the Board to work with him on this. Motion

(Baumgartner/Sadeck) to appoint Selectman Baumgartner to work with Mr. Healey on the IWT project; to appoint Selectman Sadeck to work with Mr. Healey on the Republic project and to appoint Selectman Pacheco to work with Mr. Healey on an unnamed project. Passed unanimously.

- Approve purchase of Vacuum. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to purchase vacuum cleaner and rug cleaner. Passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Healey asked Mr. Barbato to work on ordering the Columns to replace them and they have been ordered. They will be exact replicas of the existing ones. Mr. Healey has sent an email to the Chairman of the Historical Commission to let them know of this.
 - Mr. Healey says that the Floor installation went well. We have rid the building of bird mites and the Sign In/Out is going well. Town Counsel form is going well too.
 - Vote to proceed with developing a list of auction items for approval. Mr. Healey would like to use a National Auction house which opens it up to the whole world. The beauty is the bidders pay the bill. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to authorize Mr. Healey to move forward and compile a list.
 - Chief Abbott's email on the Fuel Facility he sent to the Board. Mr. Healey agrees this should not be borne by the Tax payer this should be assessed to the Regional School and the Water Enterprise Fund. Selectman Sadeck asks how he intends on assessing this. Mr. Healey will be providing this information in an upcoming report.
 - Space study the ACG isn't happy about waiting for their money however he isn't happy with the study. What they suggested isn't feasible. We should discuss this in-depth.
 - We have 3 Electrical Inspectors that were going from \$25-\$35 per inspection but we need a change of status.
 - Mr. Healey states that he won't be here at the next meeting.
 - Janice Boucher has announced her retirement. How can we proceed. Selectman Sadeck would like someone on asap.
- Discuss letter from Lakeville Selectmen regarding a meeting. August 27th is the date we can do.
 - Sign Primary Warrant, as submitted by Town Clerk Jacqueline Brown. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to sign. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health: Selectman Baumgartner states that they will interview Kevin Bernardo tomorrow for the position.

Personnel Board:

- Approve/Sign Change of Status form for Cheryl Estrella, effective August 19, 2014, as submitted by Treasurer/Collector Diane Lawless. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve change of status. Passed unanimously.

- Approve/Sign Change of Status form for Bethia Dwyer, effective July 1, 2014, as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve change of status. Passed unanimously.
- Approve/Sign Change of Status form for Board of Selectmen, effective July 1, 2014, as submitted by Board of Selectmen. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve change of status for Sadeck and Baumgartner and hold Selectman Pacheco's Change of Status as she stated numerous times that she didn't recommend the raise. Selectman Sadeck will sign her form at the next meeting as long as Selectman Pacheco wants the increase. Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Election Workers, effective August 16, 2014, as submitted by Town Clerk Jacqueline Brown. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to appoint the Election workers as listed. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Sadeck asks where we are with the employee's request to reduce her hours temporarily. He asks if we can have her use her time. Mr. Healey states that you can require her to use her personal/vacation hours she has. Selectman Sadeck says that if we don't need her for a couple of months in that department we will run the risk of other employees questioning our actions. Mr. Healey suggests that we should continue to pay her at 40 hours and she should use her time. Selectman Baumgartner agrees with that as docs Selectman Sadeck. Selectman Sadeck says in this case if the department functions without her then why would we put the hours back in that department.
- Mr. Healey to follow up on a Boy Scout letter.
- Mr. Healey said that the flood maps are out now and that the 2nd date of publication is out and we have 90days from publication to review and comment on them. It is critical to get the other Boards on this. EMA & ConCom so we can comment on this. After 90days we can't make any changes on this. Planning Tech, Building Commissioner also will be involved in this. Selectman Baumgartner agrees with this as well.
- Selectman Sadeck would like an EMA meeting to make sure that we are prepared for an emergency like what happened today in Revere.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday August 11th, Monday August 25th, Monday September 8th, Monday September 22nd.
- Mr. Healey states the Building Inspector said there is a need for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors and also he is looking at the cost of visiting nursing services and he will report back to you.

Old Business:

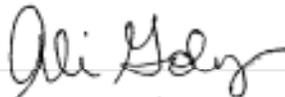
- Action taken on debt owed by town employee. This can come off of here.
- Status of Feasibility study.

- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.- Mr. Healey states he met with Mr. Baker and he is taking this to the committee at the next meeting. This can also come off.
- Pending report of South Main Bridge scheduled for October 2014. – Chuck discuss this above.
- Pond Level. – This is very low now. We did discuss in the past putting a device there. Mr. Healey said Squam Brook plans should be made to get pumps on the conduit to pump from one side to the other side. Then we aren't waiting for it to go down the Nemasket River. Selectman Baumgartner says we should have a meeting with the New Bedford water people. Mr. Healey says we will find that we will still we need to move more water.
- Status of water and sewer agreement with Fall River. Mr. Healey said we need to look at this more closely.
- Status of frost heave issue in front of 4 Kevin Drive.
- Report on Mr. Belmore. – Mr. Healey said the sealing has not been done yet.
- School Fuel usage.-addressed above.
- Grass Mowing at FYAA fields.

Executive Session:

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to Adjourn at 7:30. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant