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MINUTES MEETING OF MONDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2013- 6:00 P.M.

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

6:00 P.M. Meeting called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco and Town Administrator Richard Brown. The meeting is being recorded by Selectmen Sadeck and MCCAM.

6:05 P.M. Assistant Board of Health Agent, Joseph Correia relative to a variance at 15 Mohawk Ave. - Abutters have been notified. Mr. Correia states this is a repair of a prior house which was burned down. They are rebuilding. The septic design was submitted by Dana Clow of Advanced Concepts Engineering. Mr. Clow states there are a few variances required with this design. Register mail was sent out. Mr. Clow met with Mr. Allen who is an Abutter. Mr. Clow explains the abutter's property is 73' away from the proposed well. It was 62' away from the original well. Selectman Pacheco states for the record that James Allen, Joanne Jesse and Mark Britton were notified via registered mail. Mr. Clow states they did an analysis of the well water so they would have a basis if there was ever a change. Mr. Correia will put keep this report in the Board of Health file. Their well water is in excellent condition. The proposed system is going to be an IA system which is allowed by DEP to be smaller than the average system. As long as this is greater than 50' away from the surrounding wells this is DEP approved. Selectman Sadeck ask how far from the property lines will this be. Mr. Clow says it is 11'. Mr. Correia says they went out of their way to protect all of the proprieties around. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve variances as submitted by Assistant Health Agent. Passed unanimously.

Selectman Sadeck states he visited the Historical Society today and would like to inform everyone that this Sunday is their Annual Open House from 9-3. Please go down and take a look. Also they do open on from Monday 10-1. Selectman Pacheco states we should put this on our Town signs tomorrow.

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

Charles Moss – He wants to know about the Building Inspector's Report. Mr. Brown says they are working on the report regarding the redaction. The report will need to be asked for in written

form under the freedom of information act. The cost will be \$5.00. You can go to the Selectmen's Office and fill out the form.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss/Approve a request from Police Chief Carlton Abbott for Establishment of a Cruiser Use Rate. Chief Abbott provided a memo regarding a cruiser rate. Selectman Sadeck explains that this came about from work done on Route 140. Selectman Sadeck asks if this would strictly be in effect when the party requests a cruiser. Chief Abbott states yes it would be, a vendor like Mass Highway would then need to pay for the cruiser. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve it at \$8.00 and revisit in six months. Passed unanimously. Mr. Brown states that this only covers fuel it does not covers insurance etc. Selectman Sadeck asks about the amount of requests. Chief Abbott says they don't receive too many.
- Discuss possible Boat Ramp changes. Chief Abbott had the Town Accountant provide him with revenue for FY12. During that year we pocketed only \$223.00 and in FY13 \$2,281.00. There is no money being put aside for maintenance etc. This only covers attendants. Chief called Wareham and they use a Kiosk and he plugged in some numbers. He came out with \$14,400.00 this assumes that every weekend is sunny and all spaces are filled. This does not include weekday. Then he deducted the fees etc. and the income would reap of over \$3,000.00 and years two-five about \$10,000.00. Profit would be at \$40,000. We could get a life guard for the Town Beach at that point. Selectman Sadeck says he thanks the Chief for all the hard work that went into this and he has gone over to the Boat Ramp since receiving this memo. During the week he does not think there is a lot of traffic with the exception of Wednesday tournaments. He spoke with the two attendants that worked there. In speaking with them we could raise the fee. The current fee is \$4 for residents and \$9 non residents and also they close on Labor day. The tournaments continue well beyond Labor Day. Selectman Sadeck thinks we could keep it open longer into the year. The fees are in place to recover the costs and are not for profit. He asked the two attendants down there where the enforcement would come from. We would need the Police Department to enforce the parking if we removed the attendants. Selectmen Sadeck thinks we should increase the rates and have it stay open longer. Selectman Pacheco thinks that the Chief's calculations are high and using \$10.00 is unrealistic. We could use \$5 and not price us out of the ball park. She did not know we closed that early. Can we keep it open it now. Selectman Sadeck states we have already closed for the season. We should look at what comes into us in the spring. Selectman Pacheco thinks we should look now. She also asks why we would have jumped so much monetary wise in the profit margin. Was there anything that was paid during that time? Sadeck asks about how they collect the money. Mr. Monteur asks about selling permits for the year. Selectman Sadeck says this is a state boat ramp. Mr. Brown says this is a parking fee that we collect. Mr. Monteur says that the highway department cuts the grass at the boat ramp. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to have the Town Administrator research five (5) years of data for the next meeting. Also to look at a new rate for the tickets.

Selectman Sadeck thinks the Town Beach should have a life guard there. Selectman Pacheco agrees that when with our budgets were cut this was the first place we cut. Selectman Sadeck also asks to find out who sets the rate. Chief Abbot states that fishing and boating access may set the rate.

- Approval for Ambulance Fee Abatement – Month of August 2013 Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Request from Mr. Dan Lamoureux to conduct a 50 mile road race through a section in the Town of Freetown on Sunday, September 15, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes from August 26, 2013. Hold for next meeting as Selectman Baumgartner is not present and Selectmen Pacheco was not present at the August 26th meeting therefore cannot vote.

Board of Health:

- Sign letter designation to MA. Department of Public Health Registry of Vital Records & Statistics listing Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk as the primary Burial Agent and Diane L. Souza as a user for the new VIP Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS). Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco)

Personnel Board:

- Appoint/Approve Change of Status for Lydia St. Laurent for a probationary Full-Time Signal Operator submitted by Police Chief Abbott, effective 09/09/13. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.
- Request from Town Clerk, Jacqueline Brown to re-appoint Diane Martin as an Election Worker. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.
- Change of Status for Joseph Biszko Assistant Building Commissioner for City of Fall River Rate of Pay Increase submitted by Richard Brown, effective 09/04/13. Selectman Pacheco asks why we are going to have a rate increase for him. Mr. Brown says that this will cover him here when he covers for us. Selectman Pacheco feels we need to look at this again. Lucille Rosa asks if he is double dipping and getting paid by Fall River at the same time. Mr. Brown said no he takes vacation time when he covers for us here. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.
- Accept letter or resignation from Michael Motta from Planning Board effective immediately. Sadeck reads the letter from Michael Motta. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously. Send a letter of thanks for years of service.

New Business:

- Highway Surveyor, Charles Macomber, relative to Chapter 90, Final Report for Shimming of Quanapoag Road \$41,237.08; Final Report for Drainage Improvements for Narrows Road \$10,567.50; Final Report for Shimming Flagg Swamp Road \$13,890.00; Final Report for Crack Sealing Various Road \$44,843.43. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve each amount as read by Selectman Sadeck with discussion the next time Chuck needs to come in and explain if this is over or under budget. Passed unanimously. Mr. Monteur says Chuck works a lot of hours.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 157 Middleboro Rd. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve road opening permit for natural gas. Passed unanimously; and Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 17 Ridgehill Road. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve road opening for natural gas. Selectman Pacheco says that we shouldn't by pass the Agenda protocol. Selectman Sadeck says these are standard requests. We had a situation where a party on Dr. Braley Rd. was held up because they had just missed our meeting and had to wait another 2 ½ weeks. We don't have issues with NSTAR. Selectman Sadeck thinks we can control how it grows. Passed unanimously.
- Management of town buildings and custodial responsibility for town buildings. Selectman Sadeck asks with the starting of the new building commissioner the prior commissioner he would like Mr. Brown to monitor the Town Custodian. Selectman Pacheco agrees. The reason why she is the Building Commissioner is her expertise with building however now Mr. Audette should go under Mr. Brown.
- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, September 23rd, Monday, October 7th, and Monday October 21st all held at the COA at 6pm unless otherwise noted. Should we need to post a meeting in between it will be posted 48 hours ahead of time.

Old Business:

- Porter Pastures – A town resident would like something done regarding Porter Pastures she thinks people are down there are commercial crab fishing and they should not be allowed to do this. Selectman Sadeck says in the future this lady should call the Police Department so they can investigate who is down there and if they have a sticker and second they should refer them to the environmental police. Maybe they need a license from them. Selectman Sadeck doesn't know their rules. Mr. Brown thinks the violation comes from selling the product commercially. Chief Abbott has not seen any evidence of that. Also he is unsure of what the Police Department should do if the car doesn't have a sticker. Selectman Sadeck said he was told by the Conservation Commission chairman that they needed a sticker. Mr. Brown said that it should be able to place a no trespass order on them. Chief Abbott says there needs to be a rule promulgated for them to enforce.
- Lakeville Art and Festival Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) put it up on our signs.
- Library Painting. Mr. Brown said this is happening now they started today. Mrs. Rosa, Chairman of the Library Board is excited.

- Discussion on New NSS Amount. remove
- Status of Zoning Request by I.W.T. - remove
- Status of Website upgrade by Virtual Town Hall. – Mr. Brown shows a mock up of the new website. They will come in at a department head meeting and again at a later time.
- Status of Financial Management Policy Manual. – Mr. Brown is waiting for feedback.
- COA Kitchen. – waiting for bad weather for Mr. Audette to begin.
- Key Forbs for Town Buildings. – Mr. Brown has two quotes \$6,880.00 for Town Hall \$3,884.00 for COA. Selectmen Pacheco and Sadeck both say to move forward. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve the quote and to move forward.
- Employee Handbook - Mr. Brown sent out the draft in last weeks email.
- Discussion of Freetown Elementary lease agreement with Freetown Lakeville Regional School System – Selectman Pacheco said this will be part of the discussion for the meeting. Selectman Sadeck asks about the fuel for the van. Chief Abbott says yes the schools will be billed for the fuel.

Selectman Pacheco asks about numbers for Free Cash from Janice and to set a date for the Special Town Meeting and Article Submission.

Mr. Monteur says speed is up on Chace Rd and school is open.

Mr. Paiva states that this past Sunday bicycles on Slab Bridge Rd. were blocking the road and they would not move over. It is crazy and something needs to be done before something happens. Mr. Monteur agrees. Selectman Sadeck asks what's the answer. Chief Abbott says no permit is required to ride your bike. Mr. Lameroux says he thinks that people who ride through town who are not involved in a road race are just not organized.

Executive Session:

Adjournment of regular meeting at 7:25 Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant