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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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MEETING OF MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 2013

**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 Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner. The meeting is being recorded by Selectmen Sadeck and MCCAM.

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

Joe Monteur – Mr. Monteur submits a letter to the Board stating that he witnessed the Highway Department fixing a street sign in an unsafe manner and he would hope the Board would address this so it doesn't happen in the future.

Mr. Denault states that it has become a big problem when the bicycles have races that go through. Chief Abbott says that he believes they are allowed to be two (2) riders abreast. He believes they may not even need a permit for riding through town. Mr. Denault says the last time they were going through town he had to go 9 mph. Selectman Pacheco states that maybe the next time we have a request for a race we should ask them use alternate roads. Chief Abbott argues on what authority do we have to ask that. Selectman Pacheco says we know almost a year ahead on some of the races because they are yearly. Mr. Denault says they don't care. Selectman Pacheco says we should compile a list of all the past ones. Chief Abbott states they remind PanMass challenge for example to be aware of their surroundings. Selectman Sadeck asks if we can stop them. Chief Abbott says if the answer is that they need to obtain a permit then that is the manner we can start with. An officer can then issue a bike a violation. Mr. Paiva says that Board of Selectmen could pass a Town By-Law. Selectman Sadeck says but they are closing off the whole road. Selectman Pacheco says you have to out weight everything. We don't want to receive negative attention for this, some of these races bring in good business/donations for Freetown. Selectman Sadeck says to Mr. Denault you should have called the police department, please do so next time.

Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) take the agenda out of order

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Sign Proclamation for Freedom From Workplace Bullies Week October 20-26, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Approval for Ambulance Fee Abatement – Month of August 2013 \$8,232.19 and September 2013 \$33,284.28. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.
- Approve Nobis Engineering Contract – Task 2: Initial Site Investigation and Tier Classification for 2 County Road as submitted by Town Administrator Richard Brown. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Cost of \$38,500.00 covered by the grant. This is for Tier 2 and Selectman Pacheco states she would like to make sure this is not for Tier 1 because it refers to Tier 1 in this contract as well. Passed unanimously.
- Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes from August 26, 2013 Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck). Passed unanimously. Board of Selectmen Minutes from September 23, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Appoint a Board of Selectmen Member to the Superintendent Search Committee. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to appoint Selectman Baumgartner to the Superintendent Search Committee. Passed unanimously. Mr. Nogeira, Chairman of School Committee, states that Dr. Kristine Nash, Interim School Superintendent, will be with us for one year and we are going to hire a permanent school committee member. This search committee will consist of the following: Two (2) Selectman – One from each Town, Two (2) Community Members – one from each Town, Four (4) School Committee members and One (1) Freetown Lakeville Regional School District Administrator – Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning. This is posted on the schools district website. The deadline is this Friday. The commitment of time has not been established yet. Anyone who is interested can send a letter of interest to the School committee via email c/o Amanzoni@freelake.org
- Discuss/Vote on Articles for Special Town Meeting November 4, 2013.
Article 1 – Police \$10,000 Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.
Article 2 – Police \$8,000 for Equipment for Auxiliary Officers. Chief Abbott explains that this is for uniforms and training. We require our volunteers to put in 400 hours of training. So instead of paying them we are asking to provide them with equipment. Selectman Pacheco states when the Chief submitted his budget this year he stated this was in already accounted for in his summary. Chief Abbott says there was no money in his budget. Chief Abbott is not sure what document Selectman Pacheco is referring to. Chief Abbot looks over the document and agrees that this is his document, however there is no money in the budget for Auxiliary Officers' equipment. No Vote.
Article 3 – Kopelman & Paige \$13,186.36 for prior Fiscal Year Legal Bills. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.
Article 4 – MIIA Insurance Bills for the current year in the amount of \$15,000 Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.

Article 5 – Repair and maintain Town Building, equipment and vehicles in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Alderson asks if there is a list of the building etc that needs to be repaired. Selectman Sadeck said that things need to be repaired around Town and we have no money to do these things. Selectman Pacheco states that if we did \$20,000 a year like in the past we were going to fix things then that is why we got rid of that warrant article in the past because the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee wanted to be more proactive. Mr. Alderson said forget the amount that Selectman Sadeck is asking for when your equipment breaks then the department should go to the Finance Committee. Selectman Sadeck states you can't because Finance Committee requires your budget to be depleted. Selectman Pacheco states that is why with this new system of line items should work well because the department will have depleted the line item and can go to Finance Committee if needed. Selectman Sadeck states an example is the Police Department has windows that can fall out and need to be repaired now and we don't have the funds to do it. Selectman Baumgartner says this is scam antics and it was a shame we had to pull from the Highway Department budget to get the Town Hall parking lot fixed. Selectman Sadeck says you need money to fix things the correct way, without that we can't do anything. Mr. Alderson states that we were asked in the past for funds from the reserve fund for things that they already had money for. Selectman Baumgartner said that if you look around Town we need to fix things and this is all for the good for the Town. Selectman Pacheco said however this for \$100,000 and it is not going to look good to the Town because we just asked for \$65,000 at ATM for a Feasibility Study. Mr. Alderson agrees if you have something that breaks it needs to be fixed. Selectman Pacheco says now they should be meeting with the departments for the ATM to get a feel for what is needed. Mr. Alderson says someone needs to take charge of this now. Selectman Baumgartner agrees that the Dept Heads need to give a letter of what needs to be done in their dept. Mr. Alderson says the Town Administrator along with the Building Inspector needs to have a list of what needs to be done. Selectman Sadeck asks if everyone would agree with \$50,000. Selectman Pacheco says she would be more comfortable with \$45,000. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.

Article 6 – Planning Board Traffic impact study on Braley Rd. \$10,000. Selectmen Sadeck explains he believes the planning board wants this study to back up the issue for the Solar Facility. Not recommended.

Article 7 – Planning Board Prior year WB Mason Bill \$27.36 –Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.

Article 8 – Rescind unused borrowing authority for 2010 Floods in the amount of \$6,284,000. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.

Article 9 – Reimbursement of retroactive employee pay in the amount of \$321.83. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.

Article 10 – Prior year WB Mason Bill in the amount of \$135.69. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to accept this Article.

Article 11 – To Reimburse highway for money spent to pave the Town Hall Parking lot in the amount of \$23,838.96. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept this Article.

Article 12 – Remove Dead and hazardous trees within the Town. This Article is not accepted by the Selectmen. Selectman Pacheco states that we asked for a budget with the thinking of storms and now all of a sudden we hired a company to do work, however

there was not enough money in the budget for the work. Mr. Alderson agrees with Selectman Pacheco. Selectman Pacheco says when we do a Capital Equipment plan maybe we should buy a bucket extension for a truck for them. Mr. Alderson says that is very expensive. Selectman Pacheco says if he knows that this needs to be done then he should have come up with an amount beforehand.

Article 13 – Cemetery brush mower in the amount of \$1,900. Selectmen state that the Cemetery Commission should have been there to explain this Article. If the cemetery needs this they should have put it in their budget at the beginning of the year. This Article is not accepted for the warrant.

Article 14 – \$670.00 to mow the Morton Cemetery for the spring of 2014. The Selectmen state the Cemetery Commission should have been there to explain this Article.

Selectman Pacheco feels this is to replenish their budget. This Article is not accepted for the warrant.

Article 15 – Transfer of \$2,000 for the sales of cemetery lots. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to accept this Article.

Article 16 – Lang Road Petition, this was submitted by Petition from the Residents and will be placed on the Warrant. It received 103 Registered Voter Signatures and was verified by Town Clerk Jacqueline Brown.

Article 17 – Key Fobs for Town Hall and Council On Aging to make the buildings more secure \$11,000.00 Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to accept this Article. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Approve Change of Status for Steven E. Abbott, Length of Service as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective 10/31/13. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.
- Planning Board Nicolas Velozo Appointment Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday October 21st, Monday November 4th Special Town Meeting, Tuesday November 12th, Monday December 2nd, Monday December 16th and Monday December 30th no meeting.

Old Business:

- Status of Website upgrade by Virtual Town Hall.
- Status of Financial Management Policy Manual.
- COA Kitchen.
- Key Forbs for Town Buildings.
- Employee Handbook
- Discussion of Freetown Elementary lease agreement with Freetown Lakeville Regional School System – Dr. Nash states that maybe she meet with a Rep of the Freetown Selectmen and the and Rep of Lakeville Selectmen to discuss the Lease. She would like

to move forward without Attorneys present. Selectman Pacheco says that this Board likes to meet as a whole Board and we will meet as a Board whenever is convenient. Dr. Nash says at this point they are not getting a response from Lakeville. Selectman Pacheco says the 2 leases mirror each other however they are both separate leases. She understands the Interim Superintendent inherited this lease. Mr. Nogueira states in the Regional School Agreement should have language as to what the lease should contain.

- Snowplowing cost
- Insurance cost
- Use of building cost

Executive Session:

Adjournment of regular meeting Motion (P/B) at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,



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