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BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Selectman Lee Baumgartner calls the meeting to order. Others present are Selectman Paul Sadeck.

6:00 P.M. Continuation of Public Hearing: In conjunction with the Board of Assessors relative to selection of the residential factor to determine the percentage of the tax burden to be borne by each class of property. Chairman Sheila Scaduto made a presentation detailing the changes from Fiscal Year 2015 values to Fiscal 2016 values as well as the increases in the present year Tax Levy and the history of the shift chosen in prior years. She explained in detail the sales data from 2014 is used predominately to determine real estate values for Fiscal Year 2016. Selectman Baumgartner how personal property is valued? Chairman Scaduto stated that in part, the value assigned to personal property accounts is derived from the Form of List Reports that are sent to business owners and, by law, they are required to complete.
Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to hold the shift at 1.43. Passed unanimously.

Weekly Public Discussion

Consent Agenda:

- Vote /Approve Amazon Letter hold for the next agenda. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Open Meeting Law Complaints – October 30, 2015 – Patrick Higgins - acknowledge receipt of four complaints; review and act on complaints. Selectman Sadeck explains the open meeting law complaints that came in and what they were. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Approve Abatements from October 2015, as submitted by Fire Chief. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve abatements in the amount of \$23,023.92. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes for October 9, 2015, October 14, 2015, October 19, 2015, October 26, 2015, October 27, 2015 and November 2, 2015. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

- Discuss Proposed New Health Regulations with Health Agent Kevin Bernardo. Mr. Bernardo said the parties could not be present tonight. Animal Control Officer Lisa Podielsky said that Mr. King is not the only person who is being complained about she just wants to let the Board know. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to put this off to the next meeting so the individuals can be notified to be here if they wish.
- Discuss Proposed New Board of Health Regulations with Animal Control Officer Lisa Podielsky. Mrs. Podielsky says she would like to rewrite these to today's standards. She says she goes out by the State's order to inspect each Barn and this \$30 fee was implemented in 2011 by the Board. Selectman Sadeck asks what constitutes a barn. Ms. Podielsky says anything that holds livestock. Selectman Sadeck asks when was the last time she did this was. Ms. Podielsky says last year as long as I know about the barn I inspect it. Selectman Sadeck thinks that this is crazy to charge people. Ms. Podielsky says she needs to inspect it and the state requires it. Selectman Sadeck says do the report but don't charge them. Selectman Baumgartner says how many people you inspect. She says she sent out about 38 inspection letters. Selectman Sadeck says he has a problem with continually taking money from people. She says in order for me to fulfill my obligation with the state how can I do my job. Selectman Baumgartner says how do we count them, he thinks it is fair to say that we inform her but not charge them. Selectman Sadeck says he won't make a motion. He is tired of more regulations and more fees. Ms. Podielsky says she is fine with that but needs to know who has the animals. Mr. Bernardo says there are regulations in here but we are trying to come up with better regulations.
- Darlene Fernandes of 72 Bullock Rd is present and she says in regards to Board of Health regulations, the neighbor is doing this out of spite. Selectman Baumgartner says there are enough rules and regulations in this Town and we would like this to be handled in another way not through regulations being implemented. Selectman Sadeck says you just said even the Environmental Police couldn't do anything. Selectman Baumgartner said you have made your point but we will bring this up again on December 15.

Personnel Board:

- Discuss Appointment/Required vote of Assistant Treasurer's Position. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to appoint Jessica Thomas as Assistant Treasurer. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss posting for Senior Clerk in Collector's Office. Motion(Sadeck/Baumgartner) to post in house and on website. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Robert Klevecka, effective July 1, 2015. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

- Sign Change of Status form for Maurice Demoranville, effective July 1, 2015. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Appoint Kent Wilkins to Regional Finance committed as recommended by Finance Committee, effective November 16, 2015. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Stephanie Brum, as submitted by Chief Abbott, effective November 28, 2015. Motion to sign (Baumgartner/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to accept Donald Bullock letter of retirement. Passed unanimously. Selectman Sadeck read his letter aloud.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings December 14th with Lakeville BOS, December 15th, January 11th, January 25th, February 8th, and February 22nd.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement

Executive Session: M.G.L. c30A, Sec.21(a)

- Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to enter into Executive Session at 7:25pm and not return into Open Session for reason as In preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Police Chief Carlton Abbott. Roll Call. All voted in the affirmative when polled.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant