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BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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

5:30 P.M. Call to Order Call to Order by Chairman Lisa Pacheco. Present are Selectman Lee Baumgartner, Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Jack Healey. Meeting is being recorded by Selectman Paul Sadeck and John Garcia of the Standard Times. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to go into Executive Session at 5:35 P.M and return to Open Session. Roll Call. All members voted in an affirmative when polled.

5:30 P.M. Executive Session: pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(1), to discuss complaints against an employee and a public officer.

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

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discussion with David Taglianetti from VHB regarding road improvements on South Main Street. Not discussed as Dave Taglianetti was unable to make it. This is rescheduled for March 9th.
- Abatement for the Month of January 2015, as submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia. Motion (Baumgartner/Pacheco) to approve in the amount of \$4,922.14. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Sign Title for the Highway Dept truck that burnt during the fire last month. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to sign the title and have MIIA salvage the truck for \$9000 to take the higher amount and hold it in an account to pay for the new truck if not go back into the General Fund. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss sending a letter to the School Committee regarding negotiations. Selectman Baumgartner got a letter from Superintendent Medeiros and it said that they want to not have a Selectman in the Negotiations. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to send a letter to the School Committee to mirror what Lakeville Board of Selectman said. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Sadeck said at last night's Reg. Fin Com meeting it started out as with Superintendent asking for an additional 1.5% over the 1.5% and this is before the salary increases. Selectman Pacheco says this isn't a real budget. This would be a 3% increase and they are looking for the money in transportation because they are saying the cuts were made by the prior governor. Our portion would be

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\$126,670. Also Lakeville said that the net school spending figures are out. Then we discussed the number of students in the Elementary schools and that wasn't a discussion for us to have. Selectman Pacheco asks if they talked about the changes under Gov. Baker. He isn't funding the Kindergarten. Selectman Sadeck says you need to add a teacher to both schools for parity if what they were saying.

- Discuss/Name members of the Building Committee. The Building Committee will get together and decide what the next steps are and to decide where and how many buildings etc. Mr. Healey needs to send a letter out to each of them with directives as to what needs to be accomplished. Communication- Deb Souza, COA-Jeanette Tisdelle, Library-Lucille Rosa, Town Hall-Jackie Brown, Planning Board- Bob Raymond, Historical Comm-Mary Brown, Police-Swede Magnett and Ben Levesque, Pre 1- Bob Alderson, Pre 2-Paul Denault and Charles Sullivan Pre 3-Paul Lubin, Fire- and Board of Selectmen Lisa Pacheco, Paul Sadeck and Lee Baumgartner and Town Administrator Jack Healey

Jack says we need a Debt exclusion to do this we have reached out to Unibank to look at our Financials. Selectman Sadeck says if the School budget can't get under control then we won't be able to do anything. Selectman Baumgartner says we need to get this under control because this will not help until it does.

- Town Administrator's Report.- I just want the Board to know that know that the trash is going up in SEMASS we need to find a way to deal with it. It is \$35,000 per year + transportation costs.
- Fire Dept has been good about digging out fire hydrants please make sure you can dig out the Fire hydrants if you have some around you.
- Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) State of emergency declared this Sat through Monday. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

Declaration of support Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to support Bristol County Mosquito Control. Passed unanimously.

Personnel Board:

- Sign Change of Status form for Linette Langevin-Uzzell as submitted by Building Inspector and Health Agent, effective 2/14/2015. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Lisa Podielsky as submitted Animal Control Officer and approved at Annual Town Meeting. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Nadine Dimond as submitted by Town Administrator Jack Healey, effective February 9, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Change of Status form for Christopher Medeiros as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective February 6, 2015. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Meeting with Finance Committee to go over Police, Communications and Fuel Budget.

Budget 210 Police

Selectman Pacheco asks what the Departments were told to do with the extra day. Ms. Fales, Town Accountant says they were told to calculate 52.4. Selectman Pacheco asks for clarification as to why there are 2 extra days. Ms. Fales explains you need to plan on the 2

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extra days because of leap year. Chief Abbott says he put together some sheets, we have wages that changed, and it includes the 2 extra days. So I take the salary and average out them and arrive at the totals. Chief Abbott used the same formula for his calculations as well. A couple of things have contributed to the changes. Officer Bullock has decided to exercise his right for an early retirement incentive. Selectman Pacheco would like this as a separate line item. Selectman Sadeck wants this for sick leave as well. Chief Abbott says Detective Kelley's salary changed for longevity and a step increase. Selectman Pacheco says Chief's overtime costs. The board asks that the overtime line be voted as a separate line item and be voted that way at town meeting.

Communications 220 – There are 1 full time supervisor and 4 full time dispatchers. Patrick Lee's rate is higher because he is a Police Officer and he also works as a Dispatcher. We have to take his highest rate at time and ½. This is because we have always done it this way. Jack asks if we are using the correct formula FLSA. Selectman Sadeck asks how many time do we use the Police officers. We use them maybe 2-3 times per year. Brad Paiva says if you brought in part-timer wouldn't that be better. Chief Abbott says that under the CBA they are required to work a certain amount of hours so we can't have that many. Selectman Sadeck says now these people are working for 2 different departments how does that effect the conflict of interest. Chief Abbott says the BOS appoints them. Selectman Pacheco says this is 2 paid positions. Selectman Sadeck asks why the overtime went up by 5K. We have been historically running in the red in overtime and what has bailed us out is 911 grants. Selectman Sadeck said but it still went up. Chief Abbott said the part time wages went down.

Fuel 950- Chief Abbott says we started out with 138K and we only have 53K Mrs. Fales say that if any subcontractors have filled up then they would be getting charged back. Mrs. Fales says there were 2 of them. Chief Abbott did submit a level funded budget. Mrs. Fales says the diesel and gas should not hit this budget it should go in Snow and Ice budget. Date and time when the storm began and ended. We need to follow procurement for the schools and they were amenable to a fee and that the former Town Administrator would do this.

Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to set up a meeting with the Board of Selectmen of Lakeville and FinCom to discuss Schools. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings, Monday February 23rd, Monday March 9th, Monday March 23rd, and Tuesday April 7th, Tuesday April 21th.

Old Business:

- Freetown Elementary lease agreement.
- Union negotiation meeting.
- Meeting with DESE.
- Key Fobs
- Status of 4 South Main Street Building.

Letter from Paula Byers we just need to make a request to have Freetown included per the letter just call or email. Have Jack follow through on this. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

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SRPEDD funds as to where to use them send it to Lauren.

Jean Fox would like to set up a meeting with MADOT at 3:00 or a Friday anytime.

MMA permitting we should look into that. Ross Perry came in after budgets.

Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to adjourn at 8:00 . Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant