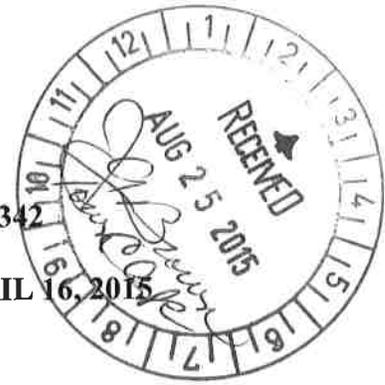




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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2015

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
3 NORTH MAIN STREET ASSONET, MASSACHUSETTS**

2:00 P.M. Call to Order at 2:25 Chairman Lee Baumgartner. Those present are Selectman Lisa Pacheco and Town Administrator Jack Healey.

Weekly Public Discussion period

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

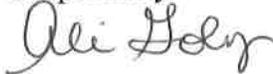
- Discuss/Appoint an Assistant Treasurer/Collector effective April 16, 2015. Jack asks to have him appointed assistant Treasurer/Collector. It has been difficult to get money transferred. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Town Finances with Town Accountant Kimberley Fales. Ms. Fales explains her packet she has given to the Board regarding various figures. Selectman Pacheco says the Special Town Meeting we may need to put a placeholder for the 9C cuts. If we need to withdraw it we will. Top sheet is from dept requests because nothing has been voted on by the Boards, She suggests that you break out Cap Building/Equipment because you can fund it from Free Cash and fund this from tax levy. Selectman Pacheco says we make this an appropriation on the floor. The assessment charges you can fund the Snow and Ice with Free Cash or overlay surplus and this would free up your levy. Mr. Healey asks what Free Cash now 1.163. Selectman Pacheco wants to caution using free cash. Selectman Pacheco says we use the \$20,000,000 from taxation. We put everything at the end of town meeting into stabilization. Overlay surplus you have in FY15 340K to use in FY16 as well. But in 6/30 it will be closed out and will go into free cash if not designated. After talking with Karen Mello, Kim believes that 340,000 should be released and that would still give them 50,000. Kim says the snow and ice may be lower after we take out the Juno blizzard's costs because there could be some reimbursements from FEMA. Local Receipts what we budgeted we should be within. Kim doesn't think we should make any increase to that number for now. Lisa would like to know what the projected new growth from last year was. Proj. Approp STM – these are all the articles that Kim knows of. PEG is for the Cable provider and that goes in free cash and if you want to do this you would have to do this adopt this at ATM. 44F, you can put this on the STM and then move the money over. Update to the OPEB studies should be looked at. Kim says looking at the 931 I have updated the Cap Equipment. You can be using

State House Notes instead of leasing you borrow for 5 years, Town meeting authorizes the debt. Kim says one of the biggest issues is the enterprise fund.

- Discuss Railroad Crossing Project with Water & Sewer Commissioners. –Selectman Pacheco says this is a Town project and this shouldn't come out of the water Dept and this is benefitting the whole town.
- Discuss Agreement between Town of Freetown and Fall River with the Water & Sewer Commissioners. Selectman Pacheco fill the Water & Sewer Commission in on a meeting that she attended this morning and she says the agreement needs to be completed. Mike says Tiverton hasn't signed he either it isn't official yet. A lot of things need to come out of the agreement that they want to do. We would like to agree to it soon. There is potential for many different building and also the recycling facility Mike Pillarella says since we can proceed with the sewer agreement they need to fix it first. We need to get the rate changed. Fall River is running out of land so this can be a good opportunity for us. Keven Desmarais says why don't we make it a point to have a member of the Board and a member of the Water and Jack meet with Fall River. Robert Parker says there are a lot that we need to talk about before we go forward. Jack Healey says well what you need to know is if the Board of Selectmen agree with this agreement. Mike Pillarella says and if you look at New Bedford agreement there is completely different. Robert Parker says I think that you need the New Bedford agreement as well. Selectmen Pacheco says what about the natural spring? Keven Desmarais says we have looked into this but we may look into others as well. Selectman Baumgartner asks how long of an agreement, Mike Pillarella says 10 years.

Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to adjourn at 3:55pm. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



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