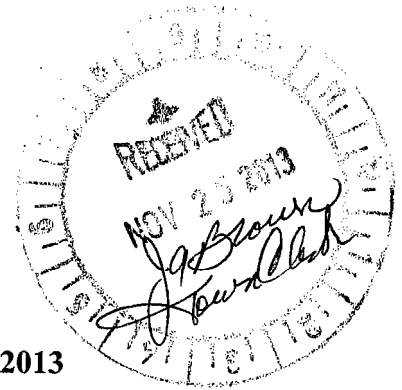




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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2013**

**FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-ACTIVITIES ROOM  
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**6:00 P.M.** Call to Order Meeting called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lisa A. Pacheco, Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner, Town Administrator Richard Brown and Town Counsel Jeff Blake. The meeting is being recorded by Selectmen Sadeck and MCCAM.

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

Mr. Rich Daley from Nestles Lane, East Freetown speaks to the Board regarding Nstar issues. He would like guidance from the Selectmen regarding taking over the power lines. He wants to know where this stands. He said he has spoke with Nstar and they say this was never done. There are 7 Families who are impacted by this and Nstar said they will not fix this problem. A. State Rep. had to intervene last year to get their electricity turned back on. The residents were without power for 19 days last year during the winter. Nstar says the residents own the lines. The residents need an arbitrator to help them. Mr. Brown says he understands the issue is not the lines it is the poles. Nstar was supposed to provide a summary of this. Mr. Daley states he has the summary. Mr. Brown has not seen this yet and he would like a copy if Mr. Daley can give it to him. He says that there is not a lot the Town can do. Selectman Pacheco asks about the list Mr. Daley is speaking about. Mr. Daley states Nstar will not do work on lines that are not their own. Selectman Pacheco would like to check the Planning board minutes and also knows of a community member who works for Nstar who may be able to help us with this matter. She cautions that this will take time. Mr. Daley says it was in 1997 or 1998 that the Selectman said they would help the residents and the Town would take over the lines. Selectman Sadeck asks who repaired them after the storm. Mr. Daley says the residents contacted a private contractor to do the work. Selectman Sadeck asks if they have had issues in the past. Mr. Daley said no not really just this past year. They had to call the Fire Department and it wasn't until the Fire Department called Nstar that they responded. This is the only reason in his opinion why they came out.

Rev. Dias would like to invite senior residents to his Annual Luncheon on November 22, 2013 at Noon.

Selectman Sadeck would like to acknowledge the Police Department's excellent job with the recent marijuana bust this past Saturday. He would also like to congratulate Officer Anthony Pereira and Officer Raposo on their new jobs at the State Police.

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:**

- Letter from Chief Carlton Abbott regarding Notice of Accreditation Assessment. Selectman Sadeck acknowledges Chief Abbott's letter.
- Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes from October 10, 2013 and October 21, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to approve both October 10, 2013 and October 21, 2013 Board of Selectmen Minutes. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Sign Agreement for Professional Consulting Services Between the Town of Freetown, MA and Architectural Consulting Group, LLC. Motion to approve (Pacheco/Baumgartner). Selectman Pacheco asks for a time line. Mr. Brown would like everything done by our Annual Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.
- Request from Daughters of the American Revolution to have the Board issue a proclamation declaring the month of November to be National American Indian Heritage Month. Motion to approve (Baumgartner/Pacheco). Passed unanimously.
- Discuss Town Office Business Hours for the day after Thanksgiving. Motion (Pacheco/Baumgartner) to close the Town Offices to the public. If any employee wishes to take the day off, they must use personal or vacation time. Passed unanimously.

### **Board of Health:**

### **Personnel Board:**

- Approve Change of Status for Bethia Dwyer as submitted by Police Chief Carlton Abbott, effective 11/04/2013. Motion to approve (Pacheco/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to Appoint Christine Paiva with it known that Selectman Sadeck and Selectman Baumgartner both know Brad Paiva.

### **New Business:**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

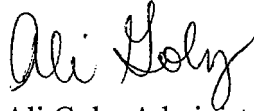
- Status of Website upgrade by Virtual Town Hall meeting Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 11am.
- Status of Financial Management Policy Manual.
- Key Fobs for Town Buildings. Library will get Fobs
- Employee Handbook - have this at our next meeting

- Discussion of Freetown Elementary lease agreement with Freetown Lakeville Regional School System – Richard is working on.
  - Snowplowing cost
  - Insurance cost
  - Use of building cost
- Budget Time Line for Departments/ Meeting with them. Selectman Pacheco would like to start scheduling the meetings in January so all the department know where they stand.
- Feasibility Study

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment of regular meeting** meeting remained open until adjourned after the Special Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant