



**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Town Administrator Richard Brown. The meeting is being recorded by Selectmen Sadeck and MCCAM.

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

Mr. Monteur states he went down to the Town Hall last week to ask about the Pick and Pull sign on Chace Rd. He thinks this sign is obtrusive. Selectmen Pacheco states she believes there was a sign already in the exact place and that this was to replace it and then this would be grandfathered in however we would have to check with the Building Inspector. Mr. Monteur says in his opinion this is a huge sign, the previous sign was much smaller. He said asked the Building Dept. and they knew the sign existed and they looked and there was no sign permit taken out for it. These people don't do Chase Rd. any favors. This is part of Millis Industries. Selectmen Sadeck said we will look into this.

Selectman Sadeck would like to read a letter by Mr. Monteur regarding his flag pole he recently put up. A flag pole was constructed after the house was sold and it was given to Major John Bugart who lives on Chase Rd., who in turn gave it to Mr. Monteur. He has since refinished it and it is now in front of his home. He thanks Senator Jack Reed who was instrumental in helping getting a certification for this Flag which was flown over our Nation's Capital.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- Discuss/Approve Proposal for Bid Document Preparation for 2 County Road as submitted by Town Administrator Richard Brown. Submitted by Nobis Engineering with specifications this is the first phase to remove contaminants this bid is for \$7,000.00. The Town will be responsible for collecting fees. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck). This should be forwarded to Housing Authority and Building Department. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Architectural Consulting Group LLC, Inc Fee Proposal for Feasibility Study as submitted by Town Administrator Richard Brown. This is for \$59,000.00 which was approved at the last Annual Town Meeting. One person has responded to this.

Selectman Pacheco says she assumes the Town Administrator did a background check on this company. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) Passed unanimously.

- Discuss Office Hours at Town Buildings for State Officials. Selectman Sadeck explains we have State Reps that come into the Town to meet with the Residents and recently Carole Fiola from Precinct 1 would like to use the Town Hall after hours. Selectman Sadeck would like it to be used only during open hours or use the COA during open hours. Selectman Pacheco says it would be nice if all the Reps would have their meet and greets together. Mr. Monteur states that a lot of times the Reps will not make it or just send their Aides. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to allow the State Officials to use the COA and/or Town Hall and to coordinate with the Administrative Assistant. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Vote on location and date for Special Town Meeting. Discuss deadline Article submission for Special Town Meeting. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to have Special Town Meeting on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Freetown Elementary School in the Auditorium. Opening date for Article submission is Tuesday September 24, 2013 and Closing date for article submission is October 3, 2013 at 2pm. Passed unanimously.
- Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes from September 09, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Selectman Sadeck states at the last meeting we had asked Derek Vital and Jeff Wagner to do a write up for the Historical Society Open House and he wanted to Thank you them for doing that.

#### **Board of Health:**

- Selectmen Pacheco would like the public to be vigilant with covering up for mosquitoes. 2 cases of EEE were found in Freetown. No human biting just animal biting. Please use precaution. Almost all school games are being played at 4pm and the Selectmen commend the Freetown/Lakeville School system for making that call. We will update you if anything changes.

#### **Personnel Board:**

- Approve Change of Status for John Bernardo, Jr., Length of Service as submitted by Highway Surveyor Charles Macomber, effective 09/29/13. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Appoint Associate Planning Board Member as submitted by Planning Technician, Lauren Moreau, effective September 23, 2013. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve. Passed unanimously. Post for Mike Motta's position.

**New Business:**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>, STM Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, if needed, Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Selectmen Sadeck states complaints regarding Porter Pastures have come in lately. You need a Conservation Commission sticker to go down there and a number a residents have said there have been trash down there. He knows a lot of people go down there for Blue Crabs and you use ham bones or chicken bones to catch them. I have gone down there and there have been two (2) families and there have had the stickers. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to have the Assonet patrols go down to Porter Pastures at least twice a shift until the end of November. Passed unanimously. Selectman Pacheco asks if there is season for crabbing. Selectman Sadeck thinks November.

**Old Business:**

- Library Painting. The Board of Trustees have decided to stay with dark gray. Selectman Pacheco states it doesn't state anywhere that the Selectmen need to approve or not approve this. They will paint it all dark gray with a light gray trim and the doors will be white. Historical Commission understands this. Selectman Pacheco thanks Lucille Rosa for going out to an Emergency meeting and getting this done so that we could have the Sheriff's department continue with the work. Selectman Pacheco also reminded Mrs. Rosa to submit an Article regarding the payment for the money.
- Status of Website upgrade by Virtual Town Hall.
- Status of Financial Management Policy Manual.
- COA Kitchen.
- Key Forbs for Town Buildings. – Do we need a funding article for this.
- Employee Handbook
- Boat Ramp Data
- Discussion of Freetown Elementary lease agreement with Freetown Lakeville Regional School System
  - Snowplowing cost
  - Insurance cost
  - Use of building cost

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment of regular meeting** Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) at 6:45. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant