



**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2013- 6:00 P.M.

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

6:00 P.M. Call to Order Meeting called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck. Those present: Selectman Lee J. Baumgartner 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**

Charles Moss of Bullock Road, he would like to know the status of Investigation into Mr. Bourgeois.

Selectman Sadeck states the Town has received a CD of the report however there are items on the report that need to be removed like peoples' Social Security numbers. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to redact anything legally required under law and then to release it. Passed unanimously. The CD will be release within 2 weeks.

Mr. Moss asks what the Selectmen's intent is to do with the report once it is corrected. Mr. Moss asks if this will be released to the Attorney General's Office. Selectman Sadeck states that it will be released to whoever asks for it. Mr. Moss reads a letter to the Board stating his opinion of 6 Winslow Way. He states he doesn't understand why the Board allowed a structure to be built within a close proximity to the Forest especially when we have all these forest fires going on now. Mr. Moss believes this structure is so large it can catch on fire easily and thinks that the Board should not stop this investigation but should continue it. Mr. Moss would ask that Selectman Baumgartner forward this to the Attorney General's office to look at this. Selectman Sadeck states we had another Building Inspector look at this and the resident has not done anything wrong. Selectman Sadeck states that he went over and also the acting building inspector Joe Biszko went over both on separate occasions to view the property and neither of them can find any violations. The State Fire Marshall agrees that the structure is appropriate.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss/Approve a request from Council on Aging Board of Directors to have the Town Accountant establish a Petty Cash account. Selectman Sadeck says this can be allowed as he has spoken with the Town Accountant. Mrs. Baumgartner, Member of the Council on Aging Board of Directors says that the Board did not request any specific amount. Mr. Brown said he had a conversation with Mr. Boucher, Town Accountant and she

spoke with Ms. LaFleur, COA Director and she would like the amount to be set at \$500.00. Mr. Brown would suggest it be set at \$100.00, along with the same recommendation from Mrs. Boucher. Mrs. Baumgartner said they would be okay with about \$100.00. Mr. Brown said they should set up an account with Stop and Shop. Mrs. Baumgartner said they are having an issue trying to set up an account with Stop & Shop at this time. Mr. Brown's recommendation is a petty cash account in the amount of \$100.00. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve a petty cash account in the amount of \$100.00. Passed unanimously.

- Award bid for the Council on Aging for a Supply Closet. Award a bid to American Equity Builders, LLC. Mrs. Baumgartner explains the supply closet upstairs is overrun they would like to move it downstairs. This would be finished to match the existing room downstairs. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to award the bid to American Equity Builders, LLC in the amount of \$1,570.00, to be paid out of the Council on Aging budget. Selectman Sadeck asks if they have money in the budget. Mrs. Baumgartner says yes she believes it is. Passed unanimously.
- Sign Proclamation for Constitution Week September 17-23, 2013. Selectman Sadeck reads the Proclamation aloud. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Request from Mrs. Celeste Misodoulakis to conduct a 5K road race through a section in the Town of Freetown for "Greg's Run" on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Selectman Sadeck says this will only run through a small part of Freetown, on Baker Lane for about 1 mile. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Sign Warrant for Special State Election as presented by Town Clerk. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve warrant as presented by Town Clerk. Selectman Sadeck states that this Election is for Precinct 1 and is to replace our State Representative in the 6th District. Passed unanimously.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 7 Hawes Drive. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve road opening permit for natural gas. Passed unanimously; and Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by JM Equipment for proposed work at 66 Braley Road. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve road opening for a water line with Police Detail as recommended by Police Chief. Passed unanimously.
- Approval of Board of Selectmen Minutes from June 3, 2013, June 12, 2013, June 17, 2013, June 24, 2013. Passed unanimously, June 28, 2013, July 10, 2013, July 15, 2013, July 18, 2013, July 24, 2013, August 2, 2013, August 12, 2013 and August 13, 2013. Motion (Baumgartner/Sadeck) to approve all minutes. Passed unanimously.

Board of Health: Mr. Brown informs everyone there will be a Flu Clinic Town residents 60 and Over. Please call the Board of Health or Council on Aging to sign up.

Personnel Board: Appoint/Approve Change of Status for Mary Catherine McNeil, Building Commissioner, effective 09/09/2013. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner). Passed unanimously.

- Change of Status for Officer Swede Magnett for Length of Service Increase submitted by Police Chief Abbott, effective 09/14/13. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Accept letter of resignation from Janice Gurney from Board of Directors of Council on Aging, effective August 31, 2013. Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to approve with regret, send letter of appreciation. Mrs. Baumgartner requests that a posting be posted for a vacant seat. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, September 9th, Monday, September 23rd, Monday, October 7th, and Monday October 21st.

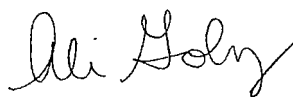
Old Business:

- Library Painting. – Mr. Brown no date yet. He has a call into the Sheriff's office.
- Feasibility Study for Town Building. – Mr. Brown is waiting for the response date which is coming soon.
- Discussion on New NSS Amount. – Mr. Brown states that we have a call into schools regarding a meeting.
- Sewer Line request by K.R.R.
- Status of Zoning Request by I.W.T. Mr. Brown has a meeting scheduled for September 3rd.
- Status of Website upgrade by Virtual Town Hall. Mr. Brown has a template he is working with.
- Status of Safety Committee under Freetown Town Hall, Library, Highway Department CBA.-Mr. Brown has met with the Committee and is now waiting on materials from MIIA. MIIA will be attending our next meeting.
- Status of Financial Management Policy Manual. Mr. Brown is waiting for input from the Town Accountant and Treasurer.
- COA Kitchen. - Mr. Brown said our Custodian will be able to start to fix this when we have bad weather.
- Key Forbs for Town Buildings. Mr. Brown is waiting on a response from All Security.
- Employee Handbook – Mr. Brown is working on this.

Executive Session:

Adjournment of regular meeting At 6:35 Motion (Sadeck/Baumgartner) to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant