



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 7/28/2021

Meeting held at Police Station, Memorial Drive, East Freetown, MA

4:02PM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker  
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Lee Baumgartner  
Staff present: Keven Desmarais

Meeting being audio recorded by Paul Sadeck

### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds

- It is the opinion of Town Accountant that majority of funds could be used for Water & Sewer Department for needed infrastructure.
- Discussion of having feasibility studies done to determine if it's possible to:
  - Extend sewer infrastructure down South Main Street to four corners in Assonet Village using existing line already in the roadway.
  - Extend water line to library and church in East Freetown.
- Board of Selectmen will continue discussion of how to utilize funds.

### Letter to Board of Selectmen

- A letter was drafted by the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission and sent to the BOS requesting that the BOS consider allowing the FW&SC office to move to the former police station due to inadequate space in the current office located in Town Hall. The Town has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to update the former police station. This has been discussed at building committee meetings and with the last two town administrators.
- Trevor Matthews states that they are currently in agreement with the food pantry to allow them a 24 month occupancy period.
- Craig Cabral states the food pantry is utilizing almost the entire building. They are more than glad to let the FW&SC use the lobby section and bathroom.
- Paul Sadeck states that for two and a half years during the planning and building of the new police station, there had been discussion of using the facility to move the water, building, health, planning, and conservation departments to free up space in Town Hall which is tight. All of this has been brought up at multiple meetings in the past but the current BOS should not be blamed for being misled about the old police stations safety and use.

- Trevor Matthews talks about the addition being planned for the COA will allow food pantry to move to that building in the future and the old police station can be used for Town offices at that time.

**Enterprise Fund**

- Paul Sadeck lets selectmen know the FW&SC will be submitting an article for Special Town Meeting in October, to switch the department from and enterprise fund back to a regular town department.

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 4:56PM. Lee Baumgartner 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Steven Chandler', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven Chandler  
Senior Clerk  
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission