

Freetown Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 – 6:00pm
Freetown Lakeville Middle School
Room just outside the Auditorium
96 Howland Road, Lakeville, MA 02347

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Call to Order

Selectmen Trevor Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He noted the meeting was being recorded and would be available on the Town's YouTube channel. Selectmen Jared Zager, Selectmen Carlos Lopes, Interim Town Administrator Deb Pettey, Executive Assistant Lu-Ann Souza and Administrative Assistant Lola Furtado and were also in attendance. Also in attendance were Town Counsel Attorney Mark Reich, Board of Health Agent Keven Desmarais and Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais.

Selectmen Matthews noted the Board would be going into Executive Session for reason number one below and would return to open session.

- Motion to go into Executive Session was made at 6:01pm by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
- Vote: Selectmen Lopes – yes, Selectmen Zager – yes, Selectmen Matthews- yes

Executive Session

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

1. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with **the Freetown Police Association** because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares
- Motion to go adjourn Executive Session and return to open session was made at 6:12pm by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote
- Vote: Selectmen Lopes – yes, Selectmen Zager – yes, Selectmen Matthews- yes

Board of Selectmen

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

2. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the open session meeting minutes from 10/3/22.
 - Motion to approve the open session meeting minutes from 10/3/22 was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
3. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the weekly warrants 20-23.

- Motion to approve the weekly warrants 20-23 from 10/3/22 was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes
 - Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.
4. Discussion, and vote whether to approve Conservation Commission request to accept the gift of land at 15 Richmond Rd, and 0 Forge Road, Map 207 Lot 32.02 Assonet, MA from the MBTA.

The Board discussed this request and noted that it was land being returned to the town that was taken by the MBTA by imminent domain for the railroad project.

- Motion to approve the Conservation Commission request to accept the gift of land at 15 Richmond Rd, and 0 Forge Road, Map 207 Lot 32.02 Assonet, MA from the MBTA was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote

5. Discussion, and vote to award the Painting of Exterior of the Village School House Building Bid.

Deb Pettey walked the Board through the proposals and noted that MG Painting Contractors, LLC was the lowest bid at Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000.00) and would be her recommendation to award the painting of the exterior bid to MG Painting Contractors, LLC.

- Motion to award the Painting of Exterior of the Village School House Building Bid to MG Painting Contractors, LLC was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the contract between the Town of Freetown and MG Painting Contractors, LLC for Painting of Exterior of the Village School House Building.

- Motion to approve the contract between the Town of Freetown and MG Painting Contractors, LLC for Painting of Exterior of the Village School House Building was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Discussion, and vote to award the Supply & Installation of Water Meters Bid.

This agenda item was not discussed.

8. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Warrant for the November 8th State Election.

- Motion to approve the Warrant for the November 8th State Election was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
 - Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
9. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the Ambulance Abatements and Write Offs for September in the amount of \$6,942.02.
- Motion to approve the Ambulance Abatements and Write Offs for September in the amount of \$6,942.02 was made by Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
 - Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Board of Health

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

10. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Board of Health participating in the South Coast Public Health Collaborative.
- Selectmen Zager noted that he, Ms. Pettey, Public Health Nurse, and Board of Health Agent met with the South Coast Public Health Collaborative and recommended joining to be able to offer better services to our community.
11. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Interim Town Administrator to sign all paperwork related to the South Coast Public Health Collaborative.
- Motion to approve the Interim Town Administrator to sign all paperwork related to the South Coast Public Health Collaborative was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
 - Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Personnel Board

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

12. Discussion, and vote on whether to appoint the following positions:
- a. Vanessa Blanchette recording clerk for Finance Committee effective 10/11/22-6/30/23.
 - b. Cheryl Quinlan Recording clerk for Finance Committee effective 10/11/22-6/30/23.
 - c. Karen Costello, Gary Guinen, Barbara Quintal & Robert Rushton as Election Workers effective 10/18/22-8/15/23.
- Motion to approve appointments a-c was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager.
 - Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote
13. Acknowledge the resignation of Jeffrey Chandler, Building Commissioner, effective 10/27/22.

- Motion to Acknowledge the resignation of Jeffrey Chandler, Building Commissioner, effective 10/27/22 was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager.
- Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote

14. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Town of Freetown and the Freetown Police Association.

- Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Town of Freetown and the Freetown Police Association was made by Selectmen Matthews and seconded by Selectmen Zager.
- Vote: was approved by a unanimous roll call vote

Board of Parks Commission

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

- No topics for discussion

Town Administrator's Report

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

15. Attend Town Meeting

Old Business:

Potential discussion on pending items – action will not be taken at this meeting:

- Town Buildings

Public Input

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm was made Selectmen Zager and seconded by Selectmen Lopes.
- Vote: was approved in a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lola Furtado

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Administrative Assistant

List of Exhibits/Documents utilized by the Board during this meeting:

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes 10/3/2022
- Release Deed 15 Richmond Road
- Exterior Painting Schoolhouse Bid Tabulation Sheet
- MG Painting Contractors LLC Proposal

- Alpha Contracting Associates Inc. Proposal
- Agreement-MG Painting Contractors LLC
- Supply & Installation of Water Meters Bid Tabulation Sheet
- Supply & Installation of Water Meters Quotes
- Memo – 2022 State Election Warrant
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Warrant for 2022 State Elections
- Ambulance Abatements
- Public Health Excellence Grant Program for Shared Services
- Memo – Southcoast Public Health Collaborative Signature Authorization
- Certificate of Appointment – Vanessa Blanchette
- Certificate of Appointment – Cheryl B. Quinlan
- Memo – Appointment of Election Workers
- Resignation of Jeff Chandler, Building Commissioner