



RECEIVED  
FREETOWN TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF FREETOWN  
3 North Main Street/P.O. Box 438  
Assonet, MA 02702-0438  
PHONE: 508-644-2201; FAX: 508-644-3342

2016 JUN 13 PM 1:02

MINUTES OF  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2016

COUNCIL ON AGING  
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Called to order by Selectman Paul Sadeck, the Freetown Building Committee met at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 6:00PM on Wednesday evening April 20, 2016. Those present: Selectman Lisa Pacheco, Bob Jose, Chief Silvia, Mary Brown, Jeannette Tisdelle, Sgt. Swede Magnett, Sgt. Ben Levesque, Jackie Brown, Lucille Rosa, Jack Healey, Keven Desmarais, Bob Alderson and Building Inspector Scott Barbato.

Attendees are listed on a separate sign-in sheet that Administrator Healy has to pass on to you. The sign in sheet list each attendee, what department they represent and their preferred method of contact. The full BOS attended the meeting.

Michael W. Josefek of the Architectural Consulting Group, Inc. presented the results of the "Town of Freetown Needs and Space Study" that was completed and dated September 24, 2014. After the presentation Mr. Josefek answered questions from the committee members and then left the meeting.

Motion (Pacheco/Jose) the Committee is not in favor of a one all building. Passed unanimously.

Members of the committee representing departments in need of space each spoke about their department needs.

Jeannette Tisdelle represented the seniors and stated that the senior population has grown from approximately 500 when the senior center was built to a current number of approximately 2,517. She stated that our current center has approximately 1,700 sq. feet on each of the two floors for a total of 3,400 sq. feet. She said that the current standard is approximately 10 sq. feet per senior and we have far less. She pointed out that older seniors are having trouble navigating between floors without an elevator.

Lucille Rosa spoke about the need for a central library to replace both existing libraries. She stated that the Library currently has \$30,000 dollars (\$15,000 from town meeting and \$15,000 from the Commonwealth) to design a library. Presently the state will pay 45% to 50% to construct a new library.

Some discussion ensued regarding a joint library and senior facility.

Jackie Brown spoke about the needs at the town hall. She spoke of the lack of space to store records, the lack of space to work efficiently and the overall condition of the existing facility. Mary Brown also spoke about the town hall and the old school house building and the benefit to rehab both and make them into a functioning government center. Many agreed as well as the BOS that the two buildings to be used to serve the town as the government center and that it would not be wise to let them sit unused.

Ben Levesque and Swede Magnett, both sergeants from our police department, described the cramped quarters, having files housed in truck trailer and how the building failed this past winter. They also described the lack of privacy that can be afforded visitors because to the inability to talk to people in privacy because of the lack of space. They also described the conditions at the PD this past winter with pipes freezing, water dripping from the ceiling because of broken pipes and the need to use space heaters in the perimeter offices. The BOS also acknowledged the space needs at the police department and the BOS, through the building inspector office, has corrected the problems and made the build usable. But, it is too small to function as a police building.

It was pointed out that departments in the town hall, such as, Water/Sewer, Building, Health and Planning could utilize the existing police building and free up space at the town hall if a new police station is built.

Selectman Pacheco outlined that this meeting is the start of a long process to meet the needs of all the departments in town. This is a step by step process that will take time. Selectmen Jose and Sadeck agreed and also indicate that the neediest department should be addressed first. Mary Brown pointed out that the town had not put much money into its own infrastructure although the town spent money on our schools.

The committee set May 11, 2016 for the next meeting. It will be held at the Senior Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Selectman Pacheco and seconded by Selectman Jose. The motion passed unanimously at 7:54PM.

*The meeting was videotaped by FREECAM and will be aired on local cable as will all future meetings. To hear every word of the meeting and the presentation of the study please review the video. The video will also be on the Freetown Web site.*

Recorded by,

Paul Sadeck

Amended by,

Alexandra Golz, Administrative Assistant