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## Minutes of

**MEETING: 5:30 PM Wednesday March 31, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting. A recording of this meeting is posted on the town website and the Town of Freetown YouTube Channel**

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Call to order 5:32 PM

Present – Gary Martin - chair, Katie Calheta, Craig Rosen, Bob Alderson, Kent Wilkins, Christine Shea-Dupras.

Absent – Carol Woldorf

Guests –Town Administrator Peter Jankowski, Craig Cabral

The Committee welcomed the new Town Administrator to Freetown. We discussed the budget process.

There was discussion of the request by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Transfer Station to transfer \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund for trash removal, mostly for mattresses. It was generally agreed that \$40,000 would probably cover the costs. There was a suggestion to push some of the cost into the next fiscal year, but most felt that this was not good budgeting practice.

Motion by Kent, seconded by Christine, to approve the request in the amount of \$40,000.  
Approved by 5-1. Yes: Gary, Craig, Katie, Christine, Kent; No: Bob.

Katie presented an update on the Regional School Finance Committee. The proposed budget increase is about \$1.6 million (just under 4%). ESSER II is providing \$648,391 in Covid-related financial support, and a list of eligible projects was created. \$184,000 of E&D will also be used to offset the increase. Freetown's share of the increase is about \$397,000 (3.3%). There was some discussion of the effect of Covid on transportation costs.

The Committee thanked Craig and Carol for their service on the Committee.

Motion by Katie, seconded by Christine to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting.  
Approved unanimously. Yes: Gary, Bob, Craig, Katie, Christine, Kent.

Motion by Kent, seconded by Christine to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting.  
Approved unanimously. Yes: Gary, Bob, Craig, Katie, Christine, Kent.

We welcomed Craig Cabral, who was considering a write-in campaign for Finance Committee.

Motion by Bob, seconded by Craig, to adjourn at 6:04 pm. Approved unanimously. Yes: Gary, Bob, Craig, Katie, Christine, Kent.

Minutes prepared by Gary Martin