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### **Planning Board Minutes – January 8, 2018**

A joint meeting of the Town of Freetown Planning Board and Board of Selectmen was held on January 8, 2018 at the Freetown Town Hall 3 N Main St Assonet, MA. **Planning Board Members Present:** Robert Jose, Keven Desmarais, Mark Rogers, Debra Robbins **Board of Selectmen Members Present:** Robert Jose, Charles Sullivan

#### **A. Joint Meeting at 5:15 PM**

The Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board members met to discuss the vacancy left by Nicolas Velozo. Mr. Jose read Mr. Velozo's resignation letter. Motion to accept: Charles Sullivan; Second: Mr. Jose; all in favor. Mr. Jose stated we should send a thank you letter to Mr. Velozo. The vacancy was advertised, and a letter of interest was received by James Frates, who was in attendance. Mr. Frates is the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Desmarais spoke highly of Mr. Frates and his abilities, which include 10 years of municipal board experience with the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as his character. Both Mr. Jose and Mr. Rogers stated that he could hit the ground running since he is familiar with zoning. Motion for Planning Board members to recommend Mr. Frates for the vacancy: Mark Rogers; Second: Debra Robbins; abstained: Robert Jose; motion carries. Motion to recommend Mr. Frates for the vacancy, from the Board of Selectmen: Robert Jose; Second: Charles Sullivan; motion carries.

The Board of Selectmen motioned to adjourn their portion of the meeting: Charles Sullivan; Second: Robert Jose; motion carries.

The Planning Technician submitted her resignation. Keven wants to forward request job opening to BOS; 2 job descriptions. Difficult to fill Planning Tech position; Keven's position is that the PLUA be advertised, in order to solicit candidates due to the higher pay scale.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Rogers; Second: Debra Robbins

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Moreau  
Planning Technician

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