

**Freetown Planning Board**  
Minutes of the Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Meeting  
Senior Center – East Freetown, Mass.

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**Present:** Keven Desmarais, Robert Jose, Debra Robbins, and Mark Rogers.  
**Absent:** James Frates.  
**Guests:** Charlie Sullivan observed but did not participate.

**Call to Order**

Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**Interview Candidates for Planning Technician**

Mr. Desmarais distributed interview materials and then summoned the first candidate, Christopher McKay. The Planning Board members interviewed Mr. McKay using prepared questions. Questions touched on professional background, education, familiarity with GIS and mapping concepts, zoning by-laws, etc. Mr. McKay noted that he is an Eagle Scout, and noted improving his knowledge as a short-term career goal and working toward greater land conservation as a long-term career goal. He also stated he was willing to re-locate closer to town if it was necessary and practical.

At 5:50 p.m., the next candidate, Brian DeVries, was not present. The board recessed as it attempted to locate Mr. DeVries by telephone. At 6:10 p.m., Mr. DeVries arrived and began his interview. The Planning Board members interviewed Mr. DeVries using prepared questions. Questions touched on professional background, education, familiarity with GIS and mapping concepts, zoning by-laws, etc. Mr. DeVries noted his short- and long-term career goals as returning to school, working toward an MPA degree, getting involved with politics, and looking toward administrative work. He also stated he was willing to learn GIS as it was not included in his background.

[See "Any Other Business..." below.]

Discussion ensued on the two candidates who had been interviewed. Strengths and weaknesses of both candidates were discussed in general terms. An informal poll showed Messrs. Desmarais and Rogers favoring Mr. McKay and Mr. Jose favoring Mr. DeVries. Further discussion then took place. Mr. Rogers asked what the probationary period is for a new hire, and Mr. Desmarais replied that it is six months.

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Robbins, to recommend Christopher McKay for appointment subject to a successful background and reference check. The motion carried unanimously.

**Receive Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018 as submitted. The motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Jose abstaining.

**Any Other Business Properly before the Board**

Following the second interview and prior to deliberations, real estate agent Cindy Brouwer approached the board to ask about the process for subdividing a property in Assonet. Ms. Brouwer was advised that she should first speak with the Treasurer to clarify if taxes are current on the property.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Robbins, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: *Michael T. McCue*  
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk