

# MEETING NOTICE

## TOWN OF FREETOWN

PUBLIC BODY: **Board of Selectmen**  
 MEETING PLACE: **Council on Aging and Virtually**  
 ADDRESS: **227 Chace Rd., East Freetown, MA 02717**  
 MEETING DATE: **Monday, January 8, 2024**  
 MEETING TIME: **6:00pm**

*Town Clerk's Time Stamp*

**FREETOWN CLERK**  
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SIGNED:  **Executive Assistant** DATE: **1/4/2024**

- THIS IS AN AMENDED MEETING NOTICE
- THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Notice of every meeting of a local public body must be filed and time-stamped with the Town Clerk's Office *at least* 48 hours prior to such meeting (excluding Saturdays Sundays and legal holidays) and posted thereafter in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL 30A §§18-25 (Ch.28-2009). Such notice shall contain a listing of topics the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting.

### AGENDA / LIST OF TOPICS

Freetown Board of Selectmen  
 Meeting Agenda  
 Monday, January 8 2024, 6:00pm  
 Council on Aging, lower level and virtually  
 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA

The meeting will be available in person attendance and on Zoom – On March 29, 2023 Governor Healey signed into law Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which, among other things, extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings. This meeting of the Freetown Board of Selectmen will be conducted in person as well via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public can be found on the Town of Freetown’s website, [freetownma.gov](http://freetownma.gov)

For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: downloading Zoom and entering the meeting ID below, calling the number listed below and entering the Meeting ID listed below, or by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/join> and entering the Meeting ID listed below.

Although in person attendance is available for this meeting every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time via technological means. In the event that we are unable to

do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website and YouTube Channel an audio or video recording, transcript. Or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Call to Order**

**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 litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – **Macomber vs. Town of Freetown**
2. M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with **Public Employees Union Local 272 LIUNA (Clerical Union)** because an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares

**Board of Selectmen**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

3. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve, not release the executive session minutes from 12/18/23
4. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the open session minutes from 12/18/23
5. Discussion, and vote on additional dropbox for document collection at an East Freetown location.
6. Presentation from Town Clerk/Chief Election Official regarding Annual Local Town Election
7. Discussion on budget strategies for FY25
8. Discussion, and vote on recommendation for raises for FY25 from Finance Committee
9. Discussion, and vote on whether to adopt the IRS increase in mileage rate of .67 cents per mile effective 1/2/24-6/30/24

10. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Senior Work Off list from the Council on Aging Director for 2024
11. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the agreement between the Town of Lakeville and Town of Freetown for boarding and adoption of dogs relinquished by Freetown Animal Control Officer
12. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the Class II Motor Vehicle License renewals for:
  - a. Mark H. Bullock d/b/a Chipaway Auto Sales
  - b. DPF Enterprises Inc.
13. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the snowplow applications for winter 2023-2024 for:
  - a. Matthew Deneault
  - b. Russell Sherman
  - c. Chris Bernier
14. Discussion and vote on whether or not to use Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars of ARPA funds to do a feasibility study on the Old Schoolhouse building for potential uses.
15. Discussion, and vote whether to add a non-binding question on the Annual Town Election 4/1/24 regarding the preference of the potential improvements to the intersection at Assonet Four Corners (Water St, N. Main St, S. Main St)

### **Personnel Board**

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

16. Discussion and vote whether to approve the following appointments:
  - a. Julie Mikolazyk Election worker (unenrolled) effective 1/2/24-8/15/24
  - b. Cheryl Gouveia Election worker (unenrolled) effective 1/2/24-8/15/24
  - c. Kayla Churchill to Finance Committee effective 1/9/24 - Annual Town Election 4/1/24
  - d. Edward Walsh as Seasonal Plow Operator effective 1/9/24-6/30/24

### **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:

17. Update on ARPA

### **Old Business:**

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

### **Public Input**