

MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF FREETOWN

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PUBLIC BODY: **Board of Selectmen**

MEETING PLACE: **Police Station Comm Room and Virtually**

ADDRESS: **15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown, MA 02717**

MEETING DATE: **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

MEETING TIME: **6:00pm**

SIGNED: *Luciana Souza* **Executive Assistant** DATE: **2/15/2024**

- THIS IS AN AMENDED MEETING NOTICE
- THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
RECEIVED BY OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK: _____
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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

The meeting will be available for 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

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.

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Call to Order

Executive Session

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 v. Town of Freetown**

Combined Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

2. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve the following appointment:
 - a. Kayla Churchill to Finance Committee effective 2/21/24 - Annual Town Election 4/1/24

Board of Selectmen

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

3. Acknowledge the following Reserve Fund transfers:
 - a. \$4,836.54 to Bristol Co Agri School Assessment
 - b. \$396.00 to Old Colony Voc. Ed Assessment
4. Discussion, and vote whether to approve, not release, the executive session minutes from 2/5/24
5. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the open session minutes from 2/5/24
6. Discussion, and vote whether to open the Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting Warrants for 6/3/24 for submissions on 2/21/24 8am – 4/4/24, 11am
7. Discussion, and vote on whether to adopt the Warrant for the 3/5/24 Presidential Primary and direct the Town Clerk to have said warrant duly advertised and posted in accordance with the Bylaws of the Town of Freetown, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
8. Discussion, and vote tasking the Police Chief, in consultation with the Town Clerk to determine the minimum number of Police Officers at the Presidential Primary on 3/5/24
9. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the ambulance abatements and writes offs for December 2023 in the amount of \$28,390.49 & January 2024 in the amount of \$173,423.18
10. Discussion and vote whether to provide freetownma.gov email addresses to comply with two factor requirements to:

- a. Andrea Lima
 - b. Jacqueline Garell
 - c. John Pye
 - d. Judy Reese
 - e. Arthur Poirier
11. Discussion and vote whether to approve \$30,000 dollars in Bristol County ARPA funds for Sewer Line Engineering overages
 12. Discussion, and vote on uses of the balance of Bristol County ARPA funds
 13. Discuss the FY25 Regional School Budget
 14. Discussion, and vote whether to approve and sign the following purchase orders:
 - a. Wilsco Trailer in the amount of \$242,112.94 for Council on Aging Pods
 - b. Modular Communications in the amount of \$335,753.59 for Radio Communications Project
 - c. Bear Communications Inc. in the amount of \$217,428.79 for Radio Communications Project
 15. Discussion, and vote on whether to approve and sign the agreement between the Town of Freetown and Bear Communications Inc. for installation services for the Radio Communications Project
 16. Discussion, and vote whether to authorize overspending the snow removal account for fiscal year 2024
 17. Discussion, and vote whether to accept the donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Borges Bros. Trucking Inc. in support of Earth Day 2024 event
 18. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the contract between the Town of Freetown and Banner Environmental for Non-Traditional Work Plan for 4 South Main Street, Assonet, MA

Personnel Board

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

19. Ratify the acceptance of Donald P. Souza, Jr's resignation as Highway Laborer effective 2/5/24
20. Discussion, and vote whether to approve Sgt. Long's request for 111F, injured on duty status effective 2/5/24
21. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the re-appointment of Sandra M. DiLillo as Board of Registrar (Republican) effective 4/1/24-3/31/27

Board of Parks Commission

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

22. Discuss the ballfield licenses
23. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the removal of the old shed and sign stand from the Long Pond Boat Ramp
24. Discussion, and vote whether to approve the parking lot striping proposed by Department of Fish & Game Office of Fishing and Boating Access for the Long Pond Boat Ramp Parking Lot re-pavement project
25. Discussion, and vote on location and funding for pickleball court
26. Discussion, and vote on next steps for Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

Town Administrator's Report

Discussion/possible action on the following topics:

Old Business:

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

Public Input