



**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
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**MINTUES OF MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.**

**FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- ACTIVITIES ROOM  
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

**6:00 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chairman Jean Fox. Those present: Selectman Paul Sadeck and Town Administrator Richard Brown.**

**Signing of biweekly payroll/vendor warrants**

**Weekly Public Discussion period**

Selectman Sadeck addressed the meeting and discussed the recent tax bills that went out. Most people, he said saw an increase. This increase was a result of the current operating budget. He suggested that in planning for the Fiscal Year 14 budget that the Board not assume an automatic 2.5% increase as is allowed and try to limit the amount of growth. In any event the town's tax payers will be paying for the debt exclusions for Narrows Road, Forge and Gurney Road Bridges. The local amount for these projects, exclusive of FEMA and State reimbursements are roughly estimated at \$250,000 for Narrows Road, \$250,000 for Forge Road and \$700,000 for Gurney Road. Selectman Sadeck also mentioned that he had heard that the school committee may be requesting an override of \$1.6-\$2 million. He pointed out that an override unlike debt exclusion never goes away and adds to the base in the following years. Selectman Fox stated that an override only fixes a problem in the first year and that there is no requirement that those funds be applied toward education in the following years. She also expressed support for limiting the rate of tax increase in the upcoming budget process.

**6:05 Dog Hearing** - Ms. Houghton of 16 Central Ave. addressed the Board. She stated animals owned by Mr. John Prizio of 18 Central Ave have attacked her dogs and should be deemed as vicious. Animal Control Officer Lisa Podielsky stated that there was an attack on Ms. Houghton's dog on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 but the source of that attack is unknown. The attack on December 16, 2012 is attributable to Mr. Prizio's animals. Mr. Prizio admitted responsibility and offered to pay the outstanding vet bills. He also outlines steps being taken to further control his dogs (fencing, electric fence). The board ruled this as not vicious and asked the Animal Control Officer to continue to monitor the activities here. Mr. Custodio of 19 Buena Vista Ave. complained that Mr. Prizio's dogs were barking in the late evening/early morning hours and was disturbing his sleep. Mr. Prizio agreed to keep the dogs inside the house from 10p.m.-7a.m. No further action at this time by the board.

Consent Agenda

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Annual renewal of Class II and Class III Motor Vehicle License: Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve all licenses listed below. Passed unanimously.
  - Class II Motor Vehicle Licenses: Janice M. Boehler d/b/a Beech Bluff Auto Sales; John Laronda, Jr. d/b/a John's Auto Body & Sales.
  - Class III Motor Vehicle Licenses: Big Wheel Truck Sales, Inc.
- Annual renewal of Sale of Second-Hand Furniture and Merchandise: Gail Hathaway Audet d/b/a Daisy's Country Store, Inc. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Annual renewal of Automatic Amusement Device License: Forge Pond Campgrounds, Inc. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Street and Sidewalk Opening Permit submitted by NSTAR for proposed work at 53 Dr. Braley Road. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve PEG Access Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Towns of Middleboro and Freetown. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Review submittal of a MassDevelopment Application requesting assistance with conducting an environmental site assessment and building demolition of the Freetown Screw Manufacturing property located on County Road in East Freetown, MA. The Town of Freetown anticipates that through MassDevelopment assistance this site will be redeveloped for senior housing. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Approve Agreement between the Towns of Lakeville and Freetown for Lakeville Animal Shelter. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approval for Ambulance Fee Abatement – Month of June 2012. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approve Petition for Change of Manager – Prime Express, LLC. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) to approve. Passed unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2012. Motion (Sadeck/Fox) Passed unanimously.

Board of Health:

- Discuss Flu prevention within the community.- the Board advised residents to wash hands and avoid crowds. Flu Clinic scheduled for February 1, 2013.

**Personnel Board:**

- Change of status forms as per union contracts for Town Hall. Motion (Fox/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of status forms for merit increases for the Council on Aging. Motion (Fox/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Change of status forms for length of service increases for Communications. Motion (Fox/Sadeck). Passed unanimously.
- Accept letter of resignation/change of status from Alexander D. Malo. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Appoint Request from Council on Aging for Van Driver. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Discuss/Appoint Volunteer Senior Work Program Fernando Tavares. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.
- Approve Change of Status request from Fire Chief Silvia for Deputy Fire Chief, Clifford Cardin, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science effective January 12, 2013. Motion (Fox/Sadeck) Passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

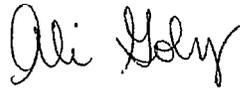
- Comcast issue regarding televising meetings
- Old Colony & Bristol Aggie – Request that representative be invited to meet with the Board.
- Water Department-Fall River – Request that the Board be kept apprised of any action concerning water issues with Fall River. Freetown and Westport are going to be acting jointly on this matter.
- Employee Handbook/Safety Committee – Mr. Brown advised that the safety committee will be scheduling a meeting and work continues on the employee handbook.
- Possible retention of a Town planner

**Other Business:**

- The Board declined to take action on the request from Tiverton, RI concerning tolls on the Sakonnet River Bridge. The board feels that this was a Rhode Island issue even though they were concerned about the potential impact on our residents.
- The Board discussed correspondence from the treasurer concerning excise taxes owed by L & C Holding. Requested that he Town Clerk revoke their Business Certificate.
- The Board agreed to meet with the Lakeville Board of Selectmen on January 31, 2013 to continue their discussion on school funding.

Adjournment of regular meeting at 7:13P.M. Motion (Sadeck/Fox)

Recorded by Richard Brown,  
Respectfully Submitted,



Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant