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**AGENDA
MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016**

**COUNCIL ON AGING
227 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

5:30 P.M. **Call to Order** – Selectman Sadeck calls the meeting to order. Selectman Pacheco and Selectman Jose are present as well as Town Administrator Jack Healey. FreeCam is recording the meeting. Selectman Sadeck is taking the meeting out of order.

Weekly Public Discussion

Consent Agenda:

Board of Selectmen: Action relative to:

- Discuss/Vote on Pipeline Resolution. Selectman Sadeck reads the Resolution aloud. Motion to adopt the resolution (Pacheco/Jose), passed unanimously. \
- Letter from Jeffrey Demoranville regarding his intent to remove 5 Christopher Dr., Map 228, Lot 8 from Chapter 61A, and the Town's right of first refusal. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to exercise the Town's right to refuse, passed unanimously.
- Sign Trash/Recycling Contract. Mr. Healey goes over the Trash/Recycling Contract. This has been approved by Town Counsel and has been signed by Allied Republic. Selectmen Pacheco wants to make sure that this has not changed the bid so why were there redline changes? Mr. Healey says these were common. Dan Higgins from Allied Republic says these were changes. Motion (Jose/Pacheco), passed unanimously.
- Approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from May 2, 2016. Selectmen Sadeck would like to change consent agreement on the trash contract he also like to say the he would also like to commend the current Board. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to accept with the noted changes, passed unanimously.
- East Freetown Congregation Church is requesting approval from the Board to use the Council on Aging for their Annual BBQ on July 16, 2016. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve the use of the COA, passed unanimously.
- Approve Fire Abatements for the Month of April 2016. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve in the amount of \$34,319.53, passed unanimously.

- Discuss School Committee's Vote on April 27, 2016 regarding Swimming Pool. Discussion on this article is passed over until the Annual Town Meeting article discussion later on.
- Approve Revolving Fund increase for Boat Ramp, as submitted by Board of Health Agent Kevin Bernardo. They are looking for an increase in the amount they can spend. Ms. Fales is consulted, and she says they already have this money, just looking for an increase on what they can spend. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to approve in the amount of \$600.00, passed unanimously. This item now goes to the Finance Committee.
- Discuss Cyber Liability policy. Mr. Healey explains the quote is for 1 million dollars against for computer attacks. This is cheap insurance to protect the town. He recommends the Board take action on this for the upcoming year. Town Accountant Kim Fales says you can do \$500,000 in the coverage now in the budget. If you went higher than you would need to increase the budget. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) in the amount of \$1million, passed unanimously.
- Discuss Environmental Legislation filed by Governor. Mr. Healey says the Governor would like us to go along with this legislation as well as our Planning Tech to support storm water management. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to submit a letter of support for I424, passed unanimously.
- Town Administrator's Report – Mr. Healey reads his report aloud to the Board. Selectmen Pacheco would like her emails answered by Mr. Healey.

Board of Health:

Personnel Board:

- Appoint Paula C. Byers to Cultural Council. Motion (Jose/Sadeck), passed unanimously.
- Appoint Nick Velozo to Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion (Sadeck/Pacheco) to appoint, passed with Selectman Jose abstaining, stating he was recently just a member of the Board.
- Discuss hiring Council on Aging Clerk under grant obtained by Council on Aging. The purpose is to advertise for this clerk being funded by the Grant. Ed Medeiros passes out a job description. The minimum rate would be \$10 and maximum would be \$15. The seniors have increased to approximately 2500 from 1700. We need more manpower here. Selectmen Pacheco asks when the grant runs out. Mr. Medeiros says this runs every year. Selectmen Sadeck asks if the personnel is item approved. He states that we have been approved verbally but we need the paperwork to be approved. Selectmen Jose says this person would only be hired for grant purposes and if the grant is not funded then they are not hired further. He asks who would do the hiring. Selectmen Pacheco says it doesn't matter to her. Selectmen Sadeck wants the same hiring procedure that is always used to be followed, the consensus of the interviewing team. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to hire a clerk for the COA, not exceed 19 hours, as long as the grant is available, passed unanimously.

- Appoint/Sign Change of Status for Seth Demelo as Reserve Officer, as submitted by Chief Abbott, effective May 16, 2016. Motion (Sadeck/Jose) to approve Chief Abbott's recommendation and appoint Mr. Demelo, passed unanimously. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to sign change of status, passed unanimously.

New Business

- Dates for upcoming Board of Selectmen Meetings: Monday June 6th (Special/Annual Town Meeting), Wednesday May 18th, Monday June 13th, Monday June 27th, Monday July 12th, Monday July 25th, Monday August 8th, Monday August 22nd.

Old Business:

- Water Agreement – Selectmen Sadeck said he sent Counsel an email and he is close to an agreement they are just waiting on one last issue to be resolved.

6:00 P.M. BOH Variance – 30 Simpson Lane - The abutter's green cards are read aloud. Niles Zager from Zenith Consulting Engineers explains the variances requested. The system is in failure now. They have made a system as small as possible. Mrs. Hall wants to make sure she won't have any issues with her well. Mr. Ronald Maccarone (19 Green Lane, right behind 30 Simpson Lane) wants to make sure that they won't have any issues with their well. Mr. Zager explains the location they have put this in and they believe they will be completely fine. Health Agent Kevin Bernardo says this is a good system and they will be tested as well. Selectmen Jose clarifies, you are asking for variances on the system and the well and 2 others. Motion (Pacheco/Sadeck) to approve with the recommendation from the Health Agent, passed unanimously.

6:05 P.M. Public Hearing for Name change regarding - J&T Auto Salvage
My father has passed away and I would like to transfer the license into my name. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) with no changes, passed unanimously.

6:15 P.M. Discussion with residents regarding Algonquin – Residents would like the BOS to send the Attorney General's office a letter. Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to ask for an extension on the contract on the public comment period, passed unanimously. Karen Daily asked if the Town had given permission for them to survey. The Board explains they told them no.

7:00 P.M. Meet with Finance Committee to Vote on Final Warrant Articles and Omnibus Budget. - The Finance Committee did not officially post a meeting for this, so the members present are present for discussion purposes only.

Selectmen Sadeck reads through an updated chart showing the Regional School budget, explaining how the figures are reached. After taking into account school spending, transportation costs, debt and other factors, the document says the two towns “owe” \$22,686,066, according to the School Committee’s budget. Based on enrollment, Freetown is responsible for approximately 42.84% of that, or \$9,703,272. Because they have a higher percentage of students for FY17, Lakeville leads the way as to what they are actually funding. As of this time, the Lakeville Board of Selectmen voted an increase of 4.1377% to \$505,377 over FY17. Freetown had the higher percentage last year, meaning that if everything holds true, Freetown’s increase is \$21,096, to \$9,505,834. Selectmen Sadeck says it would behoove us to follow Lakeville’s lead on this, to avoid a joint Town Meeting. Selectmen Pacheco believes residents will favor the school committee’s budget, not the one they are discussing now. Selectmen Sadeck says that’s always a risk. Motion (Jose/Pacheco) to recommend the regional school budget at \$9,505,834, the figure Lakeville has voted on, passed unanimously.

The trash collection and disposal figures have changed based on the awarding of the new contract for those services. The Board also wants Town Accountant Kim Fales to update the liability insurance portion of the budget to include the cyber liability increase the Board voted on earlier in this meeting.

A discussion is held on whether or not to pull the Article on the regarding police negotiations. Selectmen Sadeck wants to pull it now, but Selectmen Pacheco wants to leave it in, as there are still negotiations to be held. Selectmen Jose says they are meeting again on Wednesday for the final warrant decisions, this can be decided then.

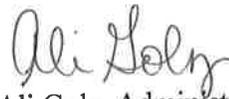
Selectmen Sadeck reads a letter from the School Committee regarding the District’s swimming pool. On April 27, the Committee voted on by a vote of 7-1 to appropriate a sum of \$510,000 to reconstruct the swimming pool. The letter was referred to Town Counsel, who wrote the Article for the Board. Lakeville has added an Article for this to their Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen Sadeck says he would like to do this because last year the Board took no action on improvements to the track, and it ended up costing the Town more money, so he thinks it should be up to the taxpayers to make this decision. Selectmen Pacheco is not in favor of this being a warrant article, as she says it should be included in the budget; Selectmen Sadeck says if the Board takes no action, it will automatically be approved in 60 days. A discussion is held over who assumes the debt if no action is taken; Ms. Fales says it would be the school committee’s debt, Selectmen Sadeck says it would be the Town’s responsibility since the Town authorized the debt. He suggests the Board go back and take the \$31,000 debt out of the school budget and see what happens. Selectmen Sadeck feels this should be down to the tax payers. Motion (Jose/Sadeck) to keep the swimming pool article on the warrant, passes 2-1, with Selectmen Pacheco opposing. Finance Committee member Bob Alderson asks if the school committee gave the Board

any warning about this. Selectmen Sadeck re-reads the School Committee's letter for Mr. Alderson.

With no other questions on articles, Selectmen Sadeck says the final decisions will be made during Wednesday's Board meeting. Selectmen Jose also confirms that the Finance Committee is meeting on Wednesday as well, to finalize their recommendations.

Motion (Pacheco/Jose) to adjourn at 7:12pm, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ali Golz".

Ali Golz, Administrative Assistant