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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #8-2000
MARCH 21, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY AGENDA

- ITEM #59-2000 To consider action relative to adopting the March 21, 2000 Consent Agenda, Items #55-2000 through #58-2000.
- ITEM #60-2000 To consider action relative to the adoption of a Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2001 to 2005. (Public Hearing).
- ITEM #61-2000 To consider action relative to placing Bond Issues on the June 13, 2000 Primary Election Ballot.
- ITEM #62-2000 To consider action relative to an expenditure from the Traffic and Parking Reserve Account to provide for an Analysis of Directional Signage and Sign Placement.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Peter Tubbs on improvements to Staples Point Road (Iverson's Curve).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adjourn.

AGENDA
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #6-2000
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 21, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTE: This agenda is a working agenda that includes background information and is for distribution to Council members only.

FROM: Dale C. Olmstead, Jr.

TO: David Soley, Chairperson, Arnold Road
John Arsenault, Vice Chairperson, Prout Road
Genie Beaulieu, Larue Drive
Edward Campbell, Gay Drive
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road
Gloria Fogg DeGrandpre, Wolf Neck Road
Robert Stevens, Porters Landing

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of #5-2000, March 7, 2000 Meeting and accept the Minutes as printed.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period - 30 Minutes
(Non-Agenda Items Only)

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: To take action on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson.

COUNCIL MEETING #6-2000
MARCH 21, 2000

ITEM #59-2000 To consider action relative to adopting the March 21, 2000 Consent Agenda, Items #55-2000 and #58-2000.

BE IT ORDERED: That the March 21, 2000 Consent Agenda be adopted.

ITEM #60-2000 To consider action relative to the adoption of a Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2001 to 2005. (Public Hearing).

MOTION: That the Public Hearing be opened.

MOTION: That the Public Hearing be closed.

BE IT ORDERED: That the proposed Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Years 2001 to 2005, be tabled until April 4, 2000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the following Capital Budget be adopted for Fiscal Year 2001.

EDUCATION

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| 1. | Replace Carpeting at Mast Landing School | \$ 25,000 |
| 2. | Repaint Morse Street School Interior | \$ 34,000 |
| 3. | Field Maintenance Equipment for Recreation | \$ 20,000 |
| 4. | Mechanics Tools | \$ 31,000 |

FIRE DEPT.

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| 1. | Thermal Imaging Camera | \$ 25,000 |
| 2. | Protective Clothing | \$ 10,000 |

RESCUE DEPT.

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| 1. | Upgrade Cardiac Monitors | \$ 39,000 |
| 2. | Upgrade Rescue Equipment | \$ 15,000 |
| 3. | Protective Clothing | \$ 12,000 |

PUBLIC WORKS

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| 1. | Dump Truck Chassis - Wheeler | \$ 93,500 |
| 2. | Dump Truck Dump Body/Sander | \$ 24,000 |
| 3. | Snow Plow and Wing | \$ 21,000 |
| 4. | 20 Ton Flatbed Trailer Replacement | \$ 20,000 |

COMPREHENSIVE TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

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| 1. | Webster Road Reconstruction RR Tracks to Old County Road | \$ 49,900 |
| 2. | Webster Road Drainage | \$ 45,000 |
| 3. | Old County Road Bridge Replacement (Todd Bridge) | \$ 49,900 |
| 4. | Old County Road Improvements and Alignment | \$ 40,000 |
| 5. | Pleasant Hill Road (3000 feet) Reconstruction | \$ 24,000 |
| 6. | Pleasant Hill Road Drainage | \$ 16,000 |
| 7. | Pleasant Hill Road (ATL) Bicycle Lane | \$ 41,000 |
| 8. | Spar Cove Road Reconstruction | \$ 48,000 |

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9.	Spar Cove Drainage	\$ 33,000
10.	Balsam Lane Reconstruction	\$ 16,000
11.	Rocky Lane Reconstruction	\$ 14,500
12.	Star Lane Reconstruction	\$ 11,500

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

1.	Town Hall Carpeting	\$ 17,500
2.	Generator - Public Works Building	\$ 16,000

POLICE DEPT.

1.	Telephone System Upgrade	\$ 15,000
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CABLE T.V. REGULATORY BOARD

1.	Replacement of Van	\$ 25,000
2.	Lighting Upgrades	\$ 12,000
3.	Curtains	\$ 2,000
4.	Equipment Upgrades	\$ 11,000
5.	Stations Computer Upgrades	\$ 3,000
6.	PVN Network Design	\$ 10,000
7.	Freeport Community Computer Network's Upgrade and Internet Sharing Cost	\$ 5,000
8.	PVN Network	\$ 14,175

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the following amounts be expended from the Reserve Accounts to provide for the replacement and purchase of items.

• School Maintenance - Mast Landing Carpet & Morse Street Painting	\$ 59,000
• Fire Department - Thermal Imaging Camera & Protective Clothing	\$ 35,000
• Building Maintenance/Municipal Facilities - All Items	\$ 33,500
• Public Works - Truck Purchase, Dump Body & Sander, Calcium Tanks and Plow and Wings	\$158,500
• Town Improvements - Pleasant Hill Road Bicycle Lane And Pleasant Hill Road Drainage	\$ 57,000
• Police Department - Telephone System Upgrade	\$ 15,000
• Cable Reserve - All Items	\$ 82,175

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the following items be funded with funds from the Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District for First Atlantic.

• Webster Road Reconstruction	\$ 49,900
• Webster Road Drainage	\$ 45,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a sum not to exceed \$354,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing the approved capital items, and to meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to use general obligation securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$354,000 with the discretion to fix the date, place of

payment, forms and other details of the securities, and providing the sales thereof delegated to the Chairperson of the Town and the Town Treasurer.

ITEM #61-2000 To consider action relative to placing Bond Issues on the June 13, 2000 Primary Election Ballot.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Town Clerk be instructed to place the following items on the State Primary Election Ballot scheduled for June 13, 2000.

QUESTION 1

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the acquisition of Open Space.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED? Ordinance authorizing issuance of bonds for the purchase of land and interests in land throughout the town from willing sellers for conservation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation, water access, outdoor recreation, including hiking, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. **THE TOWN OF FREEPORT HEREBY ORDAINS:** That a sum not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of land and interests in land throughout the town from willing sellers for conservation, wildlife and fish habitat, farmland preservation, water access, outdoor recreation, including hiking, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. To meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to issue general obligations securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$500,000, and the discretion to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, places of payment, forms and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery on behalf of the Town of Freeport, and to provide for the sale thereof, is delegated to the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed bond will be used to provide \$500,000 to the Town of Freeport's Land Bank Fund to purchase lands and interests in land from willing sellers to increase the amount of protected open space land in Freeport. Matching funds will be sought from other private and public funding sources, such as the Land for Maine's Future Program. Potential projects include trail easements for hiking and snowmobiling, wildlife habitat protection, and access for hunting and wildlife observation. No land purchase will be made without the approval of the Freeport Town Council.

This bond is to preserve land for Freeport's future. Recent studies have shown that the tax burden of land preserved in open space is less than that of land developed for housing, and that open space preservation can help to control increases in property tax rates over time. Development pressures in Freeport also threaten qualities that townspeople value such as forests, water access, farmland, wildlife habitat, hunting and fishing, and scenic views.

The Town Council and Conservation Commission recommends passage of this bond.

QUESTION 2

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for Construction of a Recycling Facility and Transfer Station.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED? THE TOWN OF FREEPORT HEREBY ORDAINS: That a sum not to exceed \$400,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of Construction of a Recycling Facility and Transfer Station. To meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 and the discretion to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, places of payment, forms and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery on behalf of the Town of Freeport, and to provide for the sale thereof, is delegated to the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed bond issue would provide for a new Recycling Facility and the Construction of a Demolition Materials Transfer Station. The current demolition site is nearly depleted and the Transfer Station is required to separate and remove materials from the site. In addition, the existing Recycling Building, which was purchased used in 1976, will be replaced. The current building is in complete disrepair, unheated, and has no running water or toilet facilities. The walls are beginning to buckle inward and the roof needs replacing. Failure to approve the funds will force Freeport residents to dispose of demolition material at out-of-town licensed sites. The nearest licensed site is Riverside in Portland.

The Town Council and Recycling Committee recommend passage of this bond.

QUESTION 3

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the Replacement of the Burnett Road Bridge.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED? THE TOWN OF FREEPORT HEREBY ORDAINS: That a sum not to exceed \$225,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of the Replacement of the Burnett Road Bridge. To meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$225,000 and the discretion to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, places of payment, forms and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery on behalf of the Town of Freeport, and to provide for the sale thereof, is delegated to the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The existing bridge has been identified by the Maine Department of Transportation as in general disrepair and eligible for replacement. The Town's portion of \$225,000 would match State and Federal funds totaling \$300,000. The proposal is to replace the existing structure with a new one lane concrete bridge with a pedestrian walkway. The new bridge would have a 75 year life expectancy and the State of Maine would take over the maintenance costs.

Failure to approve these matching funds will result in closure of the bridge when it fails.

The Town Council and the Bridge Replacement Committee recommend passage of this bond.

ITEM #62-2000 To consider action relative to an expenditure from the Traffic and Parking Reserve Account to provide for an Analysis of Directional Signage and Sign Placement.

BE IT ORDERED: That up to \$9,000 be expended from the Traffic and Parking Reserve Account to provide for an Analysis of Directional Signage and Sign Placement.

NOTE: This item was requested by the Traffic and Parking Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Peter Tubbs on improvements to Staples Point Road (Iverson's Curve).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adjourn.

**TOWN COUNCIL
CONSENT AGENDA
MARCH 21, 2000**

ITEM #55-2000 To consider action relative to applications for victualer licenses for Jay Yilmaz, Viengxay Senesombath, Ronald Foley and Bart Carhart.

BE IT ORDERED: That the applications issued to the following applicants be approved.

Jay Yilmaz d/b/a Applewood Inn, 8 Holbrook Street
Viengxay Senesombath d/b/a Thai Garden Restaurant, 233 U.S. Route 1
Ronald Foley, Freeport Sports Boosters, Peddler Public Property, Main Street
Bart Carhart d/b/a The Village Store, 97 So. Freeport Road

ITEM #56-2000 To consider action relative to the re-issuance of a malt, spirituous and vinous license for Falcon Restaurant.

MOTION: That a malt, spirituous and vinous license be re-issued to the following:

Viengxay Senesombath d/b/a Thai Garden Restaurant, 233 U.S. Route 1

BE IT ORDERED: That the application issued to the above named applicant be approved.

ITEM #57-2000 To consider action relative to appointments to the followings boards or committees.

BE IT ORDERED: That the following individuals be appointed or re-appointed to the following boards or committees.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Committee/Board</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jon Robinson	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2001
E. Ann Westervelt	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2002
Marilyn Corthell	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2003
John M. Slavin	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2003
Ellen Curreri	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2003
Charles Corthell	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2001
Bill Ross	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2002
Nelson Larkins	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2003
Wayne Hollingworth	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2003
Katherine Dowling	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2003

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above individuals qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by March 31, 2000.

ITEM #58-2000 To consider action relative to an expenditure from the Conley Trust Fund for the purchase of reference books.

BE IT ORDERED: That \$3,305.94 be expended from the Conley Trust Fund for the purchase of reference books.

End of Consent Agenda.

MINUTES
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #6-2000
March 21, 2000 – 7 P.M.

<u>CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Genie Beaulieu, Larue Drive	X		
David Soley, Chairperson Arnold Road	X		
Edward Campbell Gay Drive	X		
John Arsenault, Vice Chair Prout Road	X		
Kenneth Mann Mann Road	X		
Gloria DeGrandpre Wolf Neck Road	X		
Robert Stevens Porters Landing			X (Arrived at 9:05 p.m.)

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #5-2000 HELD ON MARCH 7, 2000 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED.

MOVED AND SECONDED: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #4-2000 HELD ON MARCH 7, 2000 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED. (Councilors Campbell & Arsenault) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Stevens)

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period - 30 Minutes (Non-Agenda Items Only)

No Comments were made.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To close the Public Comment Period (Campbell & Arsenault) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Stevens)

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: To take action on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson:

COUNCIL MEETING #6-2000
MARCH 21, 2000

ITEM #59-2000 To consider action relative to adopting the March 21, 2000 Consent Agenda, Items #55-2000 and #58-2000.

BE IT ORDERED: That the March 21, 2000 Consent Agenda be adopted. (Councilors Campbell & Arsenault)

MOVED AND SECONDED: that the Council remove from 57-2000, the appointments to the Winslow Park Commission because of a scheduling problem. (Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell) Voice Vote: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-Stevens)

BE IT ORDERED: That the March 21, 2000 Consent Agenda be adopted as amended: (Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-Stevens)

ITEM #60-2000 To consider action relative to the adoption of a Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2001 to 2005. (Public Hearing).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be opened. (Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (1-Excused-Stevens)

Chair Soley suggested having a public hearing on all capital improvements throughout the Town but the Council will only vote tonight on the items going to the June 13 referendum. Capital Improvement items valued at less than \$50,000 will be voted on at the first meeting in April. Items valued at more than \$50,000 to be bonded will be voted upon in June 2000. Those items will then be placed on the November 2000 election ballot. He suggested that tonight's hearing be divided by department and then start with the people in charge of the department introducing their topics and then the Council will hit that particular issue and then move through the balance of the capital improvement issues. He asked people to be brief since there are a lot of viewpoints to be heard tonight.

EDUCATION

1.	Replace Carpeting at Mast Landing School	\$ 25,000
2.	Repaint Morse Street School Interior	\$ 34,000
3.	Field Maintenance Equipment for Recreation	\$ 20,000
4.	Mechanics Tools	\$ 31,000

Chris Leighton, Chair of the School Committee, Superintendent, Bob Lyman, Chris Bodker, Ken Guimond and Lynn Heinz explained the needs. Steven Blatt, Architect explained the proposed Middle School and High School changes along with a construction estimate. Mr. Guimond noted that this is a large project and they are looking at funding opportunities.

Stoddard Pierce, Student Council Representative, Kirk Goddard, Conner Carew, Jack Danzika, Ryan Hartnett, Ruby McDermott, Martin Robles, John Hoyer and Joyce Racine urged the Council to allow the residents to vote on this issue this fall

Nancy Sleeth, parent, presented a petition noting that the undersigned believed that the proposed Facilities Plan is important to the Town's children and the community as well which 100 people signed. She asked if people in the Council Chambers could raise their hand if they were in favor of the Facilities Plan and the record noted that everyone in the audience raised their hand.

Chair Soley thanked everyone for their input.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To take a brief break from the public hearing to hear
A report on the Improvements to Staples Point Road (Iverson's Curve) (Councilors
Beaulieu & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-Stevens)

Peter Tubbs explained that he looked at the curve again to minimize the impact on the Birmingham property. He looked at three different options. An agreement has been reached on a proposal that will require taking 10' x 50' from the Birmingham. The Town is working with the State to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Dr. Birmingham noted that he is comfortable with the proposal. It will be necessary to remove a large pine tree. Mrs. Iverson noted that she, too, is comfortable with the proposal.

Chair Soley thanked everybody for working through this issue.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To resume to the public hearing
(Councilors Campbell and Beaulieu) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-Stevens)

FIRE DEPT.

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| 1. Thermal Imaging Camera | \$ 25,000 |
| 2. Protective Clothing | \$ 10,000 |

Chief Darrel Fournier explained the department's proposals. He answered questions for Councilors. He mentioned that he has been working with neighboring towns to get the best price on cameras. Councilors concurred that the chief can request bids subject to the Town Council's approval and the voters.

RESCUE DEPT.

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| 1. Upgrade Cardiac Monitors | \$ 39,000 |
| 2. Upgrade Rescue Equipment | \$ 15,000 |
| 3. Protective Clothing | \$ 12,000 |

Chief Conley explained the three requests. He noted that he asked the Council last year in the 5-Year Capital Plan to replace a rescue truck but he has backed it off for another year. He feels he will be fine for another year.

PUBLIC WORKS

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Jim Plummer had a handout for Councilors. He did a comparison with other communities on plow routes. He explained the cost effectiveness of having a "wheeler". Councilor Beaulieu asked for clarification on how Mr. Plummer can say "hours saved and fuel saved". Mr. Plummer offered to break it down for the workshop. He mentioned that an additional person will also be requested.

COMPREHENSIVE TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

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Mr. Plummer explained the reasoning behind these improvements and answered questions.

Nancy Grape of Spar Cove Road pointed out that her road is in very poor shape and they also have a Dangerously sharp curve. The road is deteriorating and they would appreciate help with their road. Bob Smith of Spar Cove Road noted that the culverts are old and broken up. There are really bad places in the road. Don Grape shared his views on the Spar Cove Road condition.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

1.	Town Hall Carpeting	\$ 17,500
2.	Generator - Public Works Building	\$ 16,000

Mr. Olmstead explained the need for carpeting and Chief Fournier explained what the Public Works Building generator would be able to run. It is necessary to obtain another generator to make the building fully functional. The older generator could be sold as surplus property or may be traded in.

Councilor Beaulieu asked if there had been any consideration given to a different type of surfacing but Mr. Olmstead noted that there may be a sub floor problem. He offered to continue to look at the hardwood floor type of surface.

POLICE DEPT.

1.	Telephone System Upgrade	\$ 15,000
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Chief Scolfield explained that this is really a Public Safety Building request to upgrade the telephone system. Chief Fournier noted that the current system is maxed out.

CABLE T.V. REGULATORY BOARD

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4.	Equipment Upgrades	\$ 11,000
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7.	Freeport Community Computer Network's Upgrade and Internet Sharing Cost	\$ 5,000
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Ruby McDermott asked about the Lighting Upgrades and Curtains. Councilor Arsenault and Mr. Olmstead explained the issues.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be closed. (Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

BE IT ORDERED: That the proposed Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Years 2001 to 2005, be tabled until April 4, 2000. (Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell)

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

Moved and Seconded: To reopen the public hearing on the Capital Improvements Program ITEM #60-2000 for Fiscal Year 2001 to 2005 (Councilors Campbell & Beaulieu (7 Ayes)

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the acquisition of Open Space

Mary Sauer, Chair of the Conservation Commission offered a few remarks from the commission's perspective. She introduced Bob Moore, Amos Eno, Steve Walker, Stu Pfeffer and Mike Murphy. She noted that this bond will allow Freeport to purchase land from willing sellers with the approval by the Town Council. Tom Rumpf of the Residential Land Committee urged the Council to give the voters a chance to vote on this. Jay Espy urged the Council to put this before the voters. Dick Anderson noted that he is in favor of this bond issue. He read a letter from George and Joyce Denney supporting this bond issue into the record. Andrew Cadot noted that he is in favor of this bond issue. He read a letter from Larry Welsler urging the Council to put aside money to buy green space now before it is too late. John Hoy noted that he is in favor of the bond proposal and shared his Midwest experiences with development. Lani Graham warned of impending growth and urged the Council to put this proposal before the voters. She represents a landowner that has a large open space. Doug Reighley noted that there are 26 acres available in his neighborhood owned by Matt Reynolds that offers a scenic vista to ocean views, wildlife habitat and unique hiking trails. If the residents of the Town can vote on this bond issue, it may be possible for the property to be held for future protection. Louisa Moore noted that she is in favor of this bond issue and urged the Council to give voters an opportunity to decide. Councilor Beaulieu read a letter from Rod Regier and Shirley Mathews into the record because they were unable to attend tonight but support the proposal. Chair Soley pointed out that Tom Ross of 8 Murch Road wrote a letter to all Councilors asking that they approve the request for bonding for this proposal so that it can appear on the June ballot.

Councilor Mann shared views expressed to him by landowners who feel their taxes go up every time parcels are taken off the tax rolls and are fearful that they will have to sell their land in order to pay their taxes. He noted that for these reasons, he will be voting no. Councilor Campbell noted that he has heard from residents that feel it is nice to have these parcels available for walking trails, etc. but unfortunately they are a well kept secret which he feels is a pitfall. He feels the voters will say whether they want to do it or not. Councilor Stevens feels it is vital to have funds available to purchase open space when the occasion arises. Chair Soley advised that he feels this is great and is an opportunity to do long lasting good things for the community.

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for Construction of a Recycling Facility and Transfer Station

Chair Soley introduced Mr. Carhart and indicated that he is the head of the Winslow Park Commission and also is the person running the Solid Waste facility. Jim Cassidy, Chair of the Solid Waste Committee noted that they have gotten their State permits but need to move toward the acceptance of a full transfer facility. The building is in need of replacement and there are no facilities for the employees. He urged

Councilors to allow the voters to vote on this proposal. Beth Ahearn of the Recycling Committee supports this issue and introduced Mike Pottle. She urged Councilors to send this issue to the voters.

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the Replacement of the Burnett Road Bridge.

Councilor Mann explained that the committee has been meeting with the State on three occasions. They have another meeting scheduled tomorrow night. They have invited engineering firms to come to tomorrow night's meeting. Final decisions will be made at this meeting. Chair Soley noted that Councilors Mann and DeGrandpre have been working hard on this committee.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To close the public hearing. (Councilors Arsenault & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

ITEM #61-2000 To consider action relative to placing Bond Issues on the June 13, 2000 Primary Election Ballot

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Town Clerk be instructed to place the following items on the State Primary Election Ballot scheduled for June 13, 2000.

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The Town Council and Conservation Commission recommends passage of this bond.

(Councilors Stevens & Campbell) Discussion followed on ratios and policies but Councilors agreed with Mr. Olmstead to not tie their hands now.

Councilor Beaulieu asked if taxpayers could be shown the dollar to the mill rate on every bond issue put out this year. Councilors concurred that this information should be given.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Nay-Mann).

QUESTION 2

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SHALL THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED? THE TOWN OF FREEPORT HEREBY ORDAINS: That a sum not to exceed \$400,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of Construction of a Recycling Facility and Transfer Station. To meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 and the discretion to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, places of payment, forms and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery on behalf of the Town of Freeport, and to provide for the sale thereof, is delegated to the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed bond issue would provide for a new Recycling Facility and the Construction of a Demolition Materials Transfer Station. The current demolition site is nearly depleted and the Transfer Station is required to separate and remove materials from the site. In addition, the existing Recycling Building, which was purchased used in 1976, will be replaced. The current building is in complete disrepair, unheated, and has no running water or toilet facilities. The walls are beginning to buckle inward and the roof needs replacing. Failure to approve the funds will force Freeport residents to dispose of demolition material at out-of-town licensed sites. The nearest licensed site is Riverside in Portland.

The Town Council and Recycling Committee recommend passage of this bond.

(Councilors Mann & Stevens) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

QUESTION 3

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the Replacement of the Burnett Road Bridge.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED? THE TOWN OF FREEPORT HEREBY ORDAINS: That a sum not to exceed \$225,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of the Replacement of the Burnett Road Bridge. To meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$225,000 and the discretion to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, places of payment, forms and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery on behalf of the Town of Freeport, and to provide for the sale thereof, is delegated to the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The existing bridge has been identified by the Maine Department of Transportation as in general disrepair and eligible for replacement. The Town's portion of \$225,000 would match State and Federal funds totaling \$300,000. The proposal is to replace the existing structure with a new one lane concrete bridge with a pedestrian walkway. The new bridge would have a 75 year life expectancy and the State of Maine would take over the maintenance costs.

Failure to approve these matching funds will result in closure of the bridge when it fails.

The Town Council and the Bridge Replacement Committee recommend passage of this bond. (Councilors DeGrandpre & Campbell)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To take out the word "concrete" (Councilors Mann & DeGrandpre) (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: To remove the phrase "The new bridge would have a 75 year life expectancy and" leaving the sentence to read "The State of Maine would take over the maintenance costs." (Councilors Mann & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: To add "up to" before \$225,000 and \$300,000. (Councilors Stevens & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes)

ITEM #62-2000 To consider action relative to an expenditure from the Traffic and Parking Reserve Account to provide for an Analysis of Directional Signage and Sign Placement.

BE IT ORDERED: That up to \$9,000 be expended from the Traffic and Parking Reserve Account to provide for an Analysis of Directional Signage and Sign Placement.

NOTE: This item was requested by the Traffic and Parking Committee. (Councilors Campbell & Stevens).

Councilor Beaulieu explained why this was being brought forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Nay-Mann).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Soley advised that on March 28 there will be a School Committee Dinner but tonight the Council postponed an important workshop with department heads. Mr. Olmstead noted that the Council needs the workshop. Mr. Olmstead wrote up an agenda—to review Capital Budget Requests and meet with Administrators to discuss revenues for 2001. The first part would include the School Committee. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the Library and the School Committee and everyone that presented tonight will be invited to be there.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To adjourn at 11:05 p.m. (Councilors Stevens & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Coffin
Council Secretary

**TOWN COUNCIL
CONSENT AGENDA
MARCH 21, 2000**

ITEM #55-2000 To consider action relative to applications for victualer licenses for Jay Yilmaz, Viengxay Senesombath, Ronald Foley and Bart Carhart.

BE IT ORDERED: That the applications issued to the following applicants be approved.

Jay Yilmaz d/b/a Applewood Inn, 8 Holbrook Street
Viengxay Senesombath d/b/a Thai Garden Restaurant, 233 U.S. Route 1
Ronald Foley, Freeport Sports Boosters, Peddler Public Property, Main Street
Bart Carhart d/b/a The Village Store, 97 So. Freeport Road

ITEM #56-2000 To consider action relative to the re-issuance of a malt, spirituous and vinous license for Falcon Restaurant.

MOTION: That a malt, spirituous and vinous license be re-issued to the following:

Viengxay Senesombath d/b/a Thai Garden Restaurant, 233 U.S. Route 1

BE IT ORDERED: That the application issued to the above named applicant be approved.

ITEM #57-2000 To consider action relative to appointments to the followings boards or committees.

BE IT ORDERED: That the following individuals be appointed or re-appointed to the following boards or committees.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Committee/Board</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jon Robinson	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2001
E. Ann Westervelt	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2002
Marilyn Corthell	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2003
John M. Slavin	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2003
Ellen Curreri	Library Board of Trustees	April 1, 2003
Charles Corthell	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2001
Bill Ross	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2002
Nelson Larkins	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2003
Wayne Hollingworth	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2003
Katherine Dowling	Winslow Park Commission	March 1, 2003

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above individuals qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by March 31, 2000.

ITEM #58-2000 To consider action relative to an expenditure from the Conley Trust Fund for the purchase of reference books.

BE IT ORDERED: That \$3,305.94 be expended from the Conley Trust Fund for the purchase of reference books.

End of Consent Agenda.

FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
10 LIBRARY DRIVE
FREEPORT, MAINE 04032
207 - 865 - 3307
FAX 207 - 865 - 1395

To: Town Council

Re: Request for monies to be released from Conley Trust for reference books.

Date: March 6, 2000

I would like to request a release of monies from the Conley Trust for reference materials this spring.

The following purchases are:

Encyclopedia Academic American	\$1,005.94
EBSCO Subscription Services	\$ 500.00
Baker and Taylor	\$1,300.00
Fortres Grand Corp	
Network software	\$ 500.00

Total \$3,305.94

Thank you,



Kay Haines