

**MINUTES
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #03-2005
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 1, 2005 – 7:00 P.M.**

CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT ABSENT EXCUSED

Thomas Rumpf, P.O. Box 819, S. Freeport	x		
John Arsenault, Prout Road	x		
Charlotte Bishop, Maquoit Drive			x
Rich DeGrandpre, Timber Ridge Road	x		
Frederick White, 45 Pleasant Hill Road	x		
James Cassida, 5 Timber Ridge Road	x		
Genie Beaulieu, P.O. Box 74	x		

Chair Rumpf called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and noted that Councilor Bishop is excused.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #2-2005 held on January 18, 2005 and accept the Minutes as printed.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #2-2005 held on January 18, 2005 and accept the Minutes as printed. (White & DeGrandpre)

Chair Rumpf noted a formatting error at the bottom of page 5 which appeared after the Secretary's name. Mr. Olmstead's update on Fire/Rescue was written in Item 1 at the top of page 5 and Page 6 was not needed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MINUTES: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Announcements

People are encouraged to fill out forms expressing their interest in serving on Town Boards.

Councilor Cassida advised that the Community Center architect will be presenting conceptual plans at the Project Review Board next Wednesday evening. It will be the first unveiling and everyone interested is encouraged to attend.

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

No public comments were received so Chair Rumpf moved on.

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

ITEM #13-05

To consider action relative to supporting Freeport Projects included
In the PACTS Work Plan for FY 2006/2007.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Freeport Town Council support the following
projects for the Town of Freeport outlined in the PACTS Work Plan for FY
2006/2007.

Collector Paving Projects

1. Mallett Drive from Route 1 to 0.6 miles to T-Intersections
Estimated cost - \$176,000.
2. Route 1 from West Street to Mallett Drive – Estimated
cost -\$121,000

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Other Projects

1. Route 1 – Sidewalk from Mallett Drive to Kendall Lane
on west side of road – Estimated cost - \$60,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Town of Freeport acknowledge
that the standard municipal share is 15% of the cost of each project.
(DeGrandpre & Cassida)

Councilor Beaulieu noted that she is supportive of all these projects in concept but asked where the funds
would be coming from if the Council supports them. Mr. Olmstead explained where the funds would
come from. Discussion followed.

ROLL CALL VOTE (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Consider request to relocate gate at the end of Nathan Nye Extension.

Derek Towne, landowner at 6 Cross Street, explained that he would like the gate moved back so that
he can access his back lots. He is not proposing to remove the gate completely. He is interested in
dividing his property in half. He understands the history surrounding the gate. He provided a diagram
showing what he is proposing. Discussion followed on a street-widening requirement in the
Ordinance. Chair Rumpf explained to Mr. Towne that the Council would consider approving his
request but it would be on a contingency where the road would be widened to 20' with 2' -4'
shoulders and the gate would be moved but this would all be done at Mr. Towne's expense.

Councilor White noted he is supportive in concept but would not want to put anything in motion
without knowing what the costs are and that Mr. Towne totally agrees to absorb them. Mr. Olmstead
explained that eventually the Town Council would need to adopt a motion that would allow that street
to be used for 2-way traffic. It is currently restricted to school bus use only. Mr. Olmstead is unsure
whether the gate is open and closed on a regular basis during the winter.

There was consensus to move this item to the next agenda as an action item. If the Council is going to act on it at that time, it will require better drawings. Mr. Towne was asked to review his site plan with the Public Works Director and the Town Planner at the same time and provide the costs involved in widening the road. He was also asked to show where the driveway would be located coming off his back lot.

Councilor White pointed out that he would be curious to know if there are any concrete reasons why the Superintendent of Schools would prefer that the gate not be moved. Chair Rumpf suggested discussing this at next week's workshop.

2. Update on Harraseeket River Dye Study

Chair Rumpf explained that the Town submitted comments, with the help of Rod Regier, on the draft plan this week to Amy Fitzpatrick as part of a peer review. We are waiting to get feedback from the department in response to the Town's concerns before scheduling a public discussion with the department. He assumes that this public discussion will be held the first week in March. Senator Edmonds and Representative Webster have been very helpful.

3. Discussion on Municipal and School Spending Cap Legislation

Mr. Olmstead noted that he put together a sheet showing what he suspects the impact on Freeport is going to be. The 3.4% Cap is his interpretation of what will happen in Freeport. He and Greg L'Heureux will be attending a workshop on February 16 in South Portland to discuss Cumberland County. Discussion followed. Mr. Olmstead recommends that the Council take a position to implement the Cap this year. He does not believe there is any valid reason to waive the Cap. There was consensus to move ahead from Councilors.

Chair Rumpf mentioned that last year the Council voted that if there was implementation of Question One, that all increases in State Aid to schools would be returned to the voters as tax relief. Obviously, it was the intent of the Council and it is something that will need to be revisited. He asked if this continues to be the intent of the Council. Councilors concurred that this continues to be their goal.

4. Informational Exchange.

Councilor Cassida advised that a meeting of the Subcommittee on fundraising to go over the feasibility study will be held this Thursday. He received a copy in the mail but has not yet reviewed it. Based on that meeting, he suspects the Council will see an action item on a Council agenda in the next month to charge a fundraising group for the Community Center.

Councilor White advised that the Municipal Facilities Committee will be meeting tomorrow to review a conceptual plan for a management agreement on the open space around and behind the Soule School. They have worked through to a place where they are ready to make recommendations to the Council on parking in the vicinity of March 1, barring any unforeseen occurrences.

Mr. Olmstead asked Councilors about food for next week's workshops. Chair Rumpf suggested sandwiches from the School Department and Councilor Arsenault requested chocolate coconut cookies. Councilor Cassida suggested starting the meeting at 5:30 rather than 5 p.m. and others agreed.

ITEM #14-05

To consider action relative to an Executive Session to discuss parking lease negotiations. (MRSA Title I, Section 405 §6C)

MOVED AND SECONDED: that the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss parking lease negotiations. (White & Arsenault)

VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To reconvene the meeting. (Arsenault & Cassida) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To adjourn at 8:40 p.m. (White & DeGrandpre)
VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Coffin

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Council Secretary