

**MINUTES**  
**FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #16-2005**  
**TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**September 6, 2005 – 7 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.

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #15-2005 held on August 2, 2005 and accept the Minutes as printed.

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #15-2005 held on August 2, 2005 and accept the Minutes as printed. (White & Arsenault) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes)

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Announcements

Chair Rumpf announced that September 14 is the deadline for anyone wishing to run for public office in Freeport. Mr. Olmstead highlighted the offices that will be open. Papers can be obtained at the Town Hall. Councilor DeGrandpre advised that lots of folks have told him that they have trouble hearing Councilors during Council meetings. They are able to hear speakers from the podium. He asked Councilors to speak directly into the microphones.

A Regional Household Hazardous Waste collection will take place this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yarmouth Fire Station on North Road and it will include Freeport residents. Chair Rumpf noted the items that would be accepted or not accepted.

Free camping will be offered at Winslow Park to Freeport residents during the week of September 19-25. If anyone wishes to take advantage of this free offer, call 865-4198 to make reservations. Reservations are contingent upon availability of sites.

Councilor DeGrandpre mentioned that the new French School opened today in South Freeport. He encouraged Councilors to visit the site. He is confident that the building will make them a good home. Chair Rumpf noted that the new windows look good and Councilor Bishop noted that the new sign looks nice.

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

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Chair Rumpf moved on since there were no public comments.

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

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ITEM #104-05 To consider action relative to adopting the September 6, 2005 Consent Agenda.

**BE IT ORDERED:** That the September 6, 2005 Consent Agenda be adopted.  
(Arsenault & White)

Chair Rumpf highlighted the items for members of the public.

Councilor DeGrandpre suggested that a total be added to the listing of donations made in support of the Public Library when appropriate. He thanked everyone who supports the Library so generously.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Arsenault).

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ITEM #115-05 To consider action relative to proposed amendments to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance concerning "No Nighttime Parking Areas." (Chapter 48) **Public Hearing**

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** That the Public Hearing opened. (White & Cassida) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

Councilor White explained the proposed amendments. There were no public comments.

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** That the Public Hearing closed. (White & Bishop) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

**BE IT ORDERED:** That the proposed amendments to the Traffic & Parking Ordinance be approved. (White & Bishop) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

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ITEM #116-05 To consider action relative to adopting a new Coastal Waters Ordinance. (Chapter 31).

**BE IT ORDERED:** That a Public Hearing be scheduled for September 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss adopting a new Coastal Waters Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:** That copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 7 and the Town's website. (DeGrandpre & Bishop) (DeGrandpre & Bishop).

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** To table until after the presentation from the Coastal Waters Commission is heard. (Bishop & White) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

1. Presentation on proposed new Coastal Waters Ordinance.

Joe Hahn explained the proposed changes to the new Coastal Waters Ordinance. The kayak issue is not included in this new Ordinance. He answered questions for Councilors. Jay Pinkham, Harbor Master also answered questions for Councilors and noted that he invited Jay Clement of the Army Corps. of Engineers to attend the public hearing. Discussion followed. Chair Rumpf appreciates all the work that has been done on this item and is looking forward to the public hearing.

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** To reconsider Item #116-05 (DeGrandpre & White) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

**Other Business:**

2. Discussion on meeting with Cumberland County Commissioner.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the County Commissioners will be hosting a meeting on September 12 to include the towns of Freeport, Brunswick and Harpswell at 4 p.m. in the Town of Brunswick's Council Meeting Facility. The meeting will run from 4-6:45 p.m. Freeport's Councilors are invited and Mr. Olmstead will have to advise who will be attending. Chair Rumpf indicated he would have to let Mr. Olmstead know if he can attend. Councilor DeGrandpre will plan to attend. Councilor Beaulieu will be there but will be wearing a different hat. Other Councilors indicated they are unable to attend.

3. Discussion on MDOT Road Maintenance Transfer.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the transfer of responsibilities on 1.6 miles for both summer and winter maintenance would be turned over to Freeport on August 16, 2006. This work will tax the Public Works Department and will extend the plow routes by at least a mile per route. He will be investigating options and will bring back a recommendation to the Council. The State is able to do this as a result of the Statutes. He has spoken at great length with Beth Edmonds about this. This is simply MDOT policy that they are implementing based on State law. It will be very difficult to get the State to abandon this law. More discussion followed. Mr. Olmstead was hoping to take this opportunity to project positive comments this evening.

4. Review of MMA Executive Committee Informational Form/Councilor Beaulieu

Councilor Beaulieu noted that there were six questions included in Councilors' packets asking Councilors to provide topics on MMA-type issues. Mr. Olmstead had one burning subject and that is road turnbacks or road transfers. One thing that the Statute could be amended to do is allow municipalities to pay the State to keep these roads. He would gladly recommend that Freeport pay the State \$7,500 a year to continue to maintain 1.6 miles of Route One because snow removal involving bridges is very expensive.

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Chair Rumpf would like to see discussed an opportunity for MMA to look at opportunities where Towns and Counties can provide consolidated services for a fee, to make it attractive to other communities to join up. He mentioned a law in Pennsylvania that allows one town to provide transportation to schools in neighboring towns.

Chair Rumpf would also like to see MMA provide a good set of benchmarks for different size communities that could be used to compare costs for providing different kinds of services such as road maintenance, school costs per pupil, etc. This would give a good sense of where our community stands in these areas.

Councilor DeGrandpre noted that the traffic needs from Brunswick to Portland have changed considerably over the past few years. Perhaps MMA could take a look at ways to address traffic problems.

Mr. Olmstead brought up service center communities and noted they typically have a higher mill rate because they provide area services. Freeport is a Region 3 Service Center community. The revenue sharing formulas in Augusta don't recognize that fact to any extent. There are no variables that would give service center communities credits for providing those services. Councilor Cassida pointed out that MMA currently has a task force looking at this. He suspects he will see more discussion on this.

Councilor Beaulieu noted that the meeting starts next Thursday so if Councilors think of anything; they should e-mail her at work so she can put them on the list.

5. Informational exchange.

Chair Rumpf asked what issues were discussed at the Bustin's Island meeting that he was unable to attend. Councilor Cassida advised that the majority of the meeting was spent with the Maine Forest Service discussing the survey they did on Bustin's. Mr. Olmstead noted there was very little discussion on parking. Mr. Olmstead advised that a call came in from a Bustin's Island resident to find out if it is permissible to park cars one behind the other in the Soule School lot. The answer was that this was not discussed or envisioned by the Municipal Facilities Committee. Some Bustin's island residents would like to see this permitted but some South Freeport residents would like to see it prohibited. There will have to be a new discussion and something may have to be put in the Ordinance that speaks to this issue. Councilor White noted that a postmortem would need to be done after the summer to determine what worked and what didn't. Councilor DeGrandpre mentioned that people need to work through other parking opportunities for themselves because there just isn't enough for everybody everyday. He is confident they understand this. The lot needs to be paved and striped when the construction is done and then it will be pretty clear where cars go.

Councilor Bishop mentioned that Volunteer Day is October 15 from 2-5 p.m. at Harb Cottage. Rain date is October 16 at Harb Cottage. Councilor Bishop will be soliciting volunteers from the Council to work that day and people should plan to arrive at 12 noon. She hopes the invitations will be ready at the next Council meeting.

Councilor White mentioned that Lt. Susan Nourse has been accepted to attend the 225<sup>th</sup> session of the F.B.I. National Academy. It is a 10-week course and only one individual from the State of Maine has been selected. Councilors congratulated Officer Nourse.

Councilor DeGrandpre encouraged Councilors to visit the French School.

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**Adjournment**

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** To adjourn at 8:10 p.m. (Bishop & Arsenault)

**VOTE:** (7Ayes)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sharon Coffin  
Council Secretary**