

MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #21-2005
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 15, 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 #20-2005 held on November 1, 2005 and accept the Minutes as printed.

Councilor Beaulieu noted that she received a copy of the revised Minutes, which she requested at the last meeting, but apparently other Councilors had not received one in their packets. Judy Hawley will provide a revised copy to all Councilors in their next packets.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #20-2005 held on November 1, 2005 and accept the Minutes as printed. (White & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor DeGrandpre explained the activities that will take place this Saturday at the Community Center's groundbreaking ceremony. Plans will be displayed and people will be on hand to answer questions. He encouraged everyone to come and participate.

Councilor Beaulieu pointed out that there would be a public input session on the local cable service tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the Library. This is to get public input on the cable service. They are renegotiating the franchise agreement with SusCom. A proposed merger may take place in the first quarter of 2006.

Councilor DeGrandpre noted that the Planning Board is holding a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers tomorrow night at 7 p.m. to discuss changes in the VC-I and VC-II for anyone that would like to share their input.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: That the Town Clerk report on the returns of the November 8, 2005 Election.

Bev Curry reported that this was an off-year election.

Total Number of registered voters at the start of voting: 6,113
Number of voters who registered on Election Day: 105
Total number of State ballots cast: 3,088
Total percentage of voters who cast ballots: 50%
Number of absentee ballots requested: 470 (15% of votes cast)

She did not read through the State Referendum questions but noted the results are listed on the Town's website and people can call her.

District 2 Councilor – 3-year term: Frederick White, III – 619 votes
District 3 Councilor – 3-year term: Joseph Migliaccio – 592 votes
Councilor-at-Large – 3-year term: Richard DeGrandpre – 2,482 votes

School Committee – 3-year terms:
Christine Munroe – 1,503 votes
Beth Parker – 1,690 votes

Sewer District Trustees – 3-year terms:
Jack Conner – 1,363 votes
Kenneth Mann – 1,201 votes

Water District Trustee – 3-year term:
Peter Moulton – 1,900 votes

Ms. Curry thanked everyone that helped her with the election. Chair Rumpf thanked Ms. Curry for all her efforts.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To accept the Town Clerk's Report. (DeGrandpre & White) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILORS:

Ms. Curry swore in Councilors Migliaccio, White and DeGrandpre

ROLL CALL OF NEW MEMBERS:

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT ABSENT EXCUSED

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

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

There were no public comments so Vice Chair Cassida moved on.

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

ITEM #150-05

To consider action relative to the electing of a chairperson and a vice chairperson for the Town Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations for the position of Council Chairperson be accepted. (Arsenault & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That James Cassida be nominated as Chairperson of the Freeport Town Council (White & Beaulieu) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations cease. (DeGrandpre & Bishop). **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

BE IT ORDERED: That Jim Cassida be elected Chairperson of the Freeport Town Council (White & DeGrandpre) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations for the position of Council Vice Chairperson be accepted. (White & Arsenault). **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That Charlotte Bishop be nominated as Vice Chairperson of the Freeport Town Council (Arsenault & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations cease. (Arsenault & Beaulieu) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

BE IT ORDERED: That Charlotte Bishop be elected Vice Chairperson of the Freeport Town Council (Migliaccio & Arsenault) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL TO OUTGOING COUNCILORS

Chair Cassida thanked outgoing Chair Rumpf for everything he has done to make Freeport a vibrant community, noting he was able to rebuild public trust during his tenure. He presented Chair Rumpf with a plaque and an L.L. Bean walking stick wrapped in 100% recycled materials.

Outgoing Chair Rumpf thanked Councilor Cassida for his kind words. He noted the key accomplishments that the Council was able to make during the past few years. He encouraged Councilors to continue to listen and respect each other and strive to find common ground to move Freeport ahead.

Rod Regier shared some historical facts on golf. Working closely with Mr. Rumpf on the Town Council, Mr. Regier grew to value his judgment, diplomacy and his intelligence. He presented Mr. Rumpf with a box of golf balls also wrapped in 100% recycled materials.

A 15-minute recess was taken and refreshments were served.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Informational Exchange.

Chair Cassida distributed packets to Councilors containing information that he and Vice Chair Bishop will use to make committee assignments as well as each individual Councilor's goal sheets for the upcoming year. He asked Councilors to take some time and jot down their goals, which will be discussed at the December 6, 2005 Council meeting. He requested that Councilors get their goals back to Town Hall by the Thursday before that Council meeting so he and Vice Chair Bishop can review them.

In the packets are also the individual goal sheets from last year to remind Councilors what their goals were then. They can be adjusted in any way.

The committee assignment list is also included in the packet. Chair Cassida asked Councilors to fill out their choices of committees and rank them. This should also be returned on the Thursday before the December 6 meeting.

Chair Cassida mentioned all the functions that will take place tomorrow night and asked Councilors where they plan to be. Chair Cassida, Councilor DeGrandpre and Vice Chair Bishop will be attending the annual dinner in Falmouth. Councilor Migliaccio will attend the Planning Board's Public Hearing, Councilor Beaulieu will be at the Cable meeting. Councilor Arsenault planned to attend the dinner in Falmouth but he has an earlier meeting and is uncertain what time it will end. Councilor White noted he is in "limbo".

Adjournment

MOVED AND SECONDED: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m. (White & DeGrandpre)
VOTE: (7 Ayes).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Coffin
Council Secretary