

M I N U T E S  
TOWN OF FREEPORT  
MEETING OF THE FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL  
#21-84 NOVEMBER 27, 1984 @ 7:30 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL ROOM #306

☐ Regular

☒ Special

Chairperson's Call to Order

	Present	Absent	Excused
Fred Palmer, Chairperson, Porters Landing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vaughndella Curtis, ViceChairperson, Pine St	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hugh Phelps, Porters Landing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Lunt, Webster Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Nelson, Church Street	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara McGivaren, 18 Maple Avenue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Ormsby, Lower Mast Landing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Moved and Seconded - To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #20-84 held November 13, 1984 and accept the Minutes as printed.

(Councilors Lunt & McGivaren) (5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Proposed Amendments to the Freeport Zoning Ordinance be subject to Public Hearing.  
(Councilors Nelson & Lunt) (5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Public Hearing be closed.  
(Councilors Lunt & McGivaren) (5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Proposed Amendments to the Freeport Zoning Ordinance be taled until December 18, 1984.  
(Councilors Lunt & Phelps) (5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #170-84

Be It Ordered - That a Public Hearing be scheduled for December 4, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. in Room #306 of the Freeport High School to discuss the adoption of a Proposed Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Be It Further Ordered - That 30 copies of the Proposed Ordinance be printed and distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office and the B.H.Bartol Library for inspection by citizens.  
(Councilors Phelps & Lunt)  
(5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #171-84

Be It Ordered - That Esther Routhier be appointed, effective immediately, to serve as a member of the School Committee until November 1, 1985.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mrs. Routhier qualify by swearing an Oath of Office before the Town Clerk by December 7, 1984.  
(Councilors McGivaren & Nelson)  
(4 Ayes) (1 Nay, Councilor Lunt)

ITEM #172-84

Be It Ordered - That Harvey Brook Road, as shown on approved Subdivision Plan presented by James L. Egger dated September 25, 1978, be accepted as a public way.  
(Councilors Nelson & Phelps)  
(5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Town Manager Olmstead explained that a request for a tax abatement had been requested by Mrs. Lalaine Turgeon; last spring a similar request had been made and the Council turned it down; Mr. Olmstead suggested setting up a pay schedule in order to allow Ms. Turgeon to make payments toward the taxes according to her budget; Council agreed Ms. Turgeon should contact the Manager and make arrangements; Ms. Turgeon agreed.

Mr. Olmstead brought up the subject of the railroad signal light on the Hunter Road and after discussing this matter with officials of the Dept. of Transportation, the following information is passed on to the Council: Item 2 on Page 2 simply means that the entire cost of \$4800 could exceed or be less than that amount depending on the total cost of the program; if the project was considerably more, then the council could reconsider their decision; Mr. Olmstead explained this was not in our operating budget; D.O.T. stated they are flexible in their payments and they could wait for the next fiscal year, but, they need a response at this time; if Council sees no problem, they will bring it back at a future date; if Council agrees, a pay schedule could be worked out with D.O.T.; Council reached a unanimous consensus that they did not want to commit to the installation of a railroad signal light on the Hunter Road at this time.

Town Manager Olmstead reminded the Council that COG is holding a workshop Thursday evening from 7-9 should anyone wish to attend.

Councilor McGivaren asked about a "conflict of interest" on various town boards; The Planning Board had looked into this but Councilor McGivaren felt it was not resolved to her satisfaction; Mr. Olmstead stated he checked with the Town Attorney and Mr. Frinsko explained "a person would have to own 15% of shares of a company to have a conflict of interest"; Councilor Lunt stated a new statute had been passed which dealt with "direct" or "indirect" ownership.

Another problem mentioned was that people on various boards are free to contact the Town Attorney whenever they want, and, Councilor McGivaren specifically mentioned the Sewer District Trustees being able to do this; Mr. Olmstead stated this is not true; Council established a policy that before anyone on the various committees or boards wishes to speak to the Town Attorney, they have to consult the Town Manager or their Chairman.

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Councilors again expressed their desire to see committees/  
boards advertise their agendas in newspapers.

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 7:54 P.M.  
(Councilors Lunt & Phelps) (5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

*Mary D. Wescott*  
Mary D. Wescott, Council Secretary

Distribution: Council, Town Attorney, Auditor, Town Clerk,  
Supt. of Schools, Library, Policy, Highway, Codes