

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #7-87

MARCH 24, 1987 ----- 7:30 P.M.

FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL ----- MEDIA CENTER

 Regular

 X Special

Chairperson's Call to Order

Present Abs. Exc.

Edward Bonney, Chairperson,
21 Maple Avenue

 X

Robert Hartnett, Vice-Chairperson,
Desert Road

 X

John Nelson,
Church Street

 X

Vaughndella Curtis,
Pine Street

 X

Hugh Phelps,
Porters Landing

 X

William Ormsby,
Lower Mast Landing

 X

William Grady,
Elm Street Extension

 X

Moved and Seconded - Let the Minutes of March 17, 1987 show that Item #45-87 should reflect a vote of 5 nays rather than 5 ayes.

(Councilors Phelps & Hartnett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #6-87 held March 17, 1987 and accept the Minutes as printed, and as amended.

(Councilors Hartnett & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #72-87

WHEREAS, The Town of Freeport relies primarily on the regressive property tax to fund necessary municipal services; and

WHEREAS, The recent loss of Federal Revenue Sharing has already resulted in the loss of \$125,000.00 annually to our municipality; and

WHEREAS, Various educational reforms enacted by the Legislature in 1984 and 1985 have required substantial new local expenditures in Fiscal Year 1986, and are estimated to require an additional \$22,000,000.00 statewide in Fiscal Year 1987; and

WHEREAS, Other federal cutbacks and new federal and state mandates, as well as critical local needs, place additional strains and demands on local budgets; and

WHEREAS, The Speaker's Select Committee on Property Tax Reform has recognized the serious need for property tax relief, and has made six recommendations aimed at reforming Maine's over reliance on this form of taxation; and

WHEREAS, Each of these recommendations would have a positive effect on The Town of Freeport's ability to comply with the educational reforms as well as to stabilize its own dependence on property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of The Town of Freeport endorses the findings and recommendations of the Speaker's Select Committee on Property Tax Reform, and urges that they be adopted as effective means of relieving municipalities from the burden of shouldering the entire up front costs of education reforms, and of instituting absolutely necessary property tax reforms.

IT IS ALSO DIRECTED that copies of this Resolution be sent to our Senator and Representative to the 113th Legislature and to the Governor of the State of Maine.

(Councilors Nelson & Hartnett)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That Item #55-87 be amended as follows:

Article I - Education & Recreation

Item #2. Pick-up Truck - increase to \$10,500.00

Item #1. 2 School Buses - remove this item.

Item #5. Bow St. Park Improvements - remove this item.

Article IV - Comprehensive Village Improvements

Items #3 & 4. Oak St. Reconstruction/Sidewalk - remove these two items.

(Councilors Hartnett & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #55-87 Be It Ordered - That the following items be approved as the Fiscal Year 1988 Capital Budget which was submitted to Public Hearing on March 3, 1987. and as amended.

Article I - Education & Recreation

1. 2 School Buses	-AMENDED-
2. Pick-up Truck	-AMENDED-
3. Morse Street School Roof Repairs	28,000.00
4. Science Laboratory	16,500.00
5. Bow St. Park Improvements	-AMENDED-

Article III - Public Works

1. Catch Basin & Culvert	5,000.00
2. Dump Truck Replacement	47,000.00

Article IV - Comprehensive Village Improvements

1. Middle Street Sidewalks	9,000.00
2. Main Street Sidewalks	8,500.00
3. Oak St. Reconstruction	-AMENDED-
4. Oak St. Sidewalk	-AMENDED-
5. St. Reconstruction - Harraseeket St. & Pleasant Hill Range	9,000.00

Article V - Municipal Facilities

1. Telephone & Security System	20,000.00
2. Council Chambers Chairs	7,500.00
3. Computer Expansion	34,000.00

Article VI - B.H. Bartol Library

1. Library Expansion	49,000.00
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Article VII - Police Department

1. Computer System	30,000.00
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(Councilors Curtis & Hartnett)	
(6 Ayes) (1 Nay, Councilor Grady)	<u>\$274,000.00</u>

Other Business:

1. Town Manager Olmstead mentioned that COG is sponsoring a Municipal/School Relations Workshop on Thursday at 7 PM and roughly wanted to know who was attending.
2. Chairperson Edward Bonney reminded the Council they are invited to the Fire Department's evening dinner on Tuesday, April 7.
3. Chairperson Bonney wished to give thanks to a substantial gift received from L.L. Bean to the Town and read the following letter:

"Mr. Ed Bonney
Chairman, Freeport Town Council

Dear Ed:

We are pleased to send the Town of Freeport this \$50,000 check to be used in furthering the recreation opportunities for Freeport citizens.

More specifically, the sum is to be used to purchase land, or to make improvements on land purchased in accordance with plans developed by the Recreation Liaison Committee. We presume the Town will escrow this money until such time that a recreation project is underway.

In the event a project acceptable to the Council does not gain the necessary support to complete all the steps preliminary to land acquisition, including a long range plan for development and maintenance of the project, we ask to be notified so that we can discuss alternative uses for the money.

We wish the Recreation Liaison Committee well in their efforts to increase the Town's recreational resources.

Yours truly,

D. Kilton Andrew, Jr.
Manager for Public Affairs"

Chairperson Bonney has written a letter of thanks to Leon Gorman; he suggests that on April 14 the Council prepare a resolution of thanks.

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 8:27 P.M.
(Councilors Hartnett & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

Mary D. Wescott
Mary D. Wescott
Council Secretary

Dist: Council, Town Attorney, Auditor, Town Clerk, Supt. of Schools,
Library, Highway, Police, Codes, Planner, Fire, Assessor,
Finance

SUMMARY AGENDA - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING #7-87
MARCH 24, 1987 - 7:30 P.M. - FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER

ITEM #72-87

TO CONSIDER ACTION RELATIVE TO A RESOLUTION ON
PROPERTY TAX REFORM.

ITEM #55-87

TABLED MARCH 3 AND MARCH 17, 1987.
TO CONSIDER ACTION RELATIVE TO THE FY88 TO FY92
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

OTHER BUSINESS: