

M I N U T E S

FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #24-87
DECEMBER 1, 1987 - 7:30 P.M.
FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER

X Regular

 Special

<u>Chairperson's Call to Order</u>	Present	Abs.	Exc.
Robert Hartnett, Chairperson, Desert Road	<u>X</u>		
John Nelson, Vice-Chairperson, Church Street	<u>X</u>		
Edward Bonney, 21 Maple Avenue	<u>X</u>		
William Grady, Elm Street Extension	<u>X</u>		
Kirk Goddard, Mast Landing Road	<u>X</u>		
Robert Stevens, Porters Landing	<u>X</u>		
John Paterson, Flying Point Road	<u>X</u>		

Moved and Seconded - To waive the reading of the Minutes
of Meeting #23-87 held November 17, 1987, and accept the
Minutes as printed.

(Councilors Nelson & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Chairperson Hartnett announced that Item #257-87 is postponed per the applicant's request (application for a liquor license to Downeast Energy Corp.)

ITEM #258-87 Be It Ordered - That Edward M. Bonney be authorized to sign Town Warrants in the absence of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
(Councilors Nelson & Stevens)

For the record, Councilor Grady is in attendance at 7:34 P.M.
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #259-87 Be It Ordered - That the following donated amount to the Town of Freeport be accepted:

For the Purchase of Land for Recreational Purposes: An Individual Donation \$1,000.
(Councilors Bonney & Goddard)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That Item #247-87 - Section 48-302 - Subsection 57. be amended as follows: *Strike out the words "On the North side" and substitute the following words "On either side" of West Street Extension from Main Street to the end of the street.
(Councilors Bonney & Stevens) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #247-87 Be It Ordered - That the proposed amendments to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance, as submitted to Public Hearing on November 10, 1987, be approved, as amended.*
(Councilors Grady & Stevens)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #248-87 Be It Ordered - That the proposed amendment to the Life Safety Code, as submitted to Public Hearing on November 10, 1987, be approved.
(Councilors Goddard & Grady)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Other Business:

1. Chairperson Hartnett held a brief discussion on Coastal Waters Commission's decision held on November 17 as new information had been received and he wished the Council to be aware of it; Steve Peters from the Coastal Waters Commission was concerned that there was no mechanism to follow-up on checking actual work being performed after the Wharfing Out Permit was issued; Mr. Peters stated that the Strout Point Wharfing Out Permit allowed them to expand 201 feet and they are out 193 feet, well within the permit's measurements; however, South Freeport Marina's Wharfing Out Permit allows them to expand 238 feet on the North Side and they have actually expanded 247 feet and 6 inches & on the South Side they were to expand 227 feet and in actuality they have expanded 231 feet out; Mr. Peters indicated that the Harbormaster had taken the actual measurements; councilors had much concern that the parties mentioned were not at the meeting to explain their positions; consensus of the Council was that the town attorney should be notified of the situation and then get back to Council with his comments regarding the handling of Wharfing Out Permits.
2. Discussion on a Property Tax Reform Meeting scheduled for December 9, 1987; Councilor Bonney stated this was going to be a forum for local elected officials in Cumberland County and they would be meeting with a representative from Governor McKernan's Office; Mr. Bonney emphasized that Senator Nancy Clark had stressed to him the importance of having enough local officials attend to express their concerns over the problem of local property taxes and should there not be enough representation from the various towns, this would give a false impression to the Legislature that this is not a major problem; Councilor Nelson pointed out the active groups working, i.e. Property Tax Relief Task Force, Coalition Committee, Innovative Funding Group, etc.; the goal of the meeting is to present a unified front to the Legislature via the creation of a data base from which to draw information from.

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3. Filling a School Committee vacancy; councilors suggested that prospective individuals be invited to a meeting with the Council in order to pose questions and perhaps pass around ideas; interested persons will be invited to the December 8 workshop.

4. Chairperson Hartnett announced the following committees:

Appointments Committee

Edward Bonney, Chairman

John Nelson and William Grady

Ordinance Committee

Robert Stevens, William Grady and Robert Hartnett

Municipal Facilities Committee

Edward Bonney, Kirk Goddard and John Paterson

Special Projects Committee

John Nelson, Kirk Goddard and John Paterson

C.O.G. Representative

Edward Bonney

5. Chairperson Hartnett reminded councilors of their goals.

6. Councilor Bonney brought up a letter he had received from Fred Palmer, undated, regarding notification that the tennis courts are ready; special mention was given to people who contributed much to working on the project, i.e. Dale Olmstead, Al Thompson, Harold Ingerson; Mr. Bonney thought that Council should acknowledge these individuals.

7. Chairperson Hartnett informed the Council of a meeting held with Great Bay Company, Jacki Cohen and the Town Manager; plans are for expansion at Desert Road and Route 1; Mr. Pritham Singh was concerned with what is the process for a zone change; Jacki Cohen, Acting Town Manager, explained one option which is "contract zoning" - most councilors were not comfortable with this process.

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

(Councilors Goddard & Grady) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Mary Prescott
Council Secretary