

M I N U T E S

FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #1-88

JANUARY 5, 1988 7:30 P.M.

FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

   Regular    Special

<u>Chairperson's Call to Order</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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>	<u>  X  </u>
John Paterson, Flying Point Road	<u>  X  </u>		

Moved and Seconded - To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #25-87 held December 15, 1987, and accept the Minutes as printed.

(Councilors Nelson & Grady) (5 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #1-88      Be It Ordered - That Robert Hartnett be appointed, effective immediately, to serve as a member of the Grove Street Municipal Building Committee.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Hartnett qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by January 15, 1988.  
                 (Councilors Nelson & Grady)

For the record, Councilor Paterson is in attendance at 7:32 P.M.

(4 Ayes)    (2 Abstain, Councilors Hartnett & Paterson)

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ITEM #2-88      Be It Ordered - That William Plouffe be appointed, effective immediately, to serve as a member of the Coastal Waters Commission until April 1, 1990.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Plouffe qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by January 15, 1988.  
                 (Councilors Nelson & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - To table Item #3-88 (Appointment to Coastal Waters Commission) until January 19, 1988.  
(Councilors Nelson & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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ITEM #4-88      Be It Ordered - That Elizabeth High be appointed, effective immediately, to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission until September 1, 1989.

Be It Further Ordered - That Ms. High qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by January 15, 1988.  
                 (Councilors Nelson & Goddard)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - To table Item #5-88 (Appointment to Conservation Commission) until January 19, 1988.  
(Councilors Nelson & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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ITEM #6-88      Be It Ordered - That the following donated amounts for the Construction of Parking Lots and Roadways be accepted:

L.L. Bean, Inc.	\$6,250.00
Freeport Historical Society	6,350.00
Richard & Michael Marino	58,670.00

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

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ITEM #7-88      Be It Ordered - That a Public Hearing be scheduled for January 19, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. in the Media Center at Freeport High School to discuss the adoption of proposed General Assistance Guidelines for the Town of Freeport.

Be It Further Ordered - That 30 copies be made and distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office and the B. H. Bartol Library for inspection by citizens.  
(Councilors Goddard & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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ITEM #8-88      Be It Ordered - That the Town Manager be designated as the Enforcement Agent for Wharfing Out Permits issued by the Town Council.

Be It Further Ordered - That the Town Manager be authorized to utilize the assistance of the Codes Enforcement Officer and the Harbormaster in determining compliance with the terms and conditions of permits issued by the Town.  
(Councilors Paterson & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - That Item #9-88 (Action relative to a Conservation Easement) be tabled until January 19, 1988.  
(Councilors Bonney & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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ITEM #10-88      Be It Ordered - That John A. Nelson be reappointed, effective immediately, to serve as a member of the Land Bank Commission until January 1, 1991.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Nelson qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by January 15, 1988.  
(Councilors Bonney & Paterson)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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ITEM #11-88      Be It Ordered - That Wallace Soule be reappointed, effective immediately, to serve as a member of the Land Bank Commission until January 1, 1991.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Soule qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by January 15, 1988.  
(Councilors Nelson & Goddard)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - To table Item #262-87 (Application for a Malt & Vinous License) be tabled indefinitely.  
(Councilors Bonney & Paterson)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn and the Licensing Board convene.  
(Councilors Nelson & Grady)    (6 Ayes)    (0 Nays)

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Roll Call of Members

Present  
Robert Hartnett  
John Nelson  
Edward Bonney  
William Grady  
John Paterson  
Kirk Goddard  
Mary Wescott  
Dale Olmstead

Absent & Excused

Robert Stevens

Moved and Seconded - That Item #263-87 (Application for a Victualer's License) be tabled indefinitely.

(Members Paterson & Grady) (8 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and Seconded - That the Licensing Board adjourn and the Council reconvene.  
(Members Grady & Goddard) (8 Yes) (0 No)

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Moved and Seconded - That the Town Manager read the bids submitted for the Purchase of a New Fire Truck.

(Councilors Paterson & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Town Manager Olmstead requested that the Fire Chief read the bids.

Chief Fournier reported that five bids had been received initially but had been rejected because they did not meet the Fire Department specifications. Chief Fournier then contacted four other companies and requested that they submit bids. Following are the results received:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment for \$176,800.00 did not meet specifications.

Young Fire Equipment for \$184,637.00 did not meet the bid requirement.

Grumman Fire Equipment submitted a bid for \$178,816.00 and Chief Fournier recommends this bid be accepted.

ITEM #269-87      Be It Ordered - That the Bid submitted by Grumman Fire Equipment in the amount of \$178,816.00 for the Purchase of a New Fire Truck be accepted.  
(Councilors Paterson & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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Other Business:

1. Chairperson Hartnett mentioned the fact that some citizens were concerned that the council meetings were not being covered in full as Cable TV's policy is to shut off their recordings at 10:30 P.M. Councilors expressed hope that the meetings would be covered in full and perhaps compensation might be paid to the volunteers to accomplish this; there would be further discussions.
2. Town Manager Olmstead brought the Council up to date on the Bennett Mooring; there was much discussion on two specific letters that the Harbormaster had sent to Mr. Bennett directing him to remove his mooring; councilors felt there was no immediate rush to move the mooring at this time; councilors agreed that the Town Manager and the Harbormaster work together to get this problem resolved; it was agreed that a final decision would be made prior to April 1 "Boat Day".
3. Tax Acquired Property: Councilor Nelson had drafted a policy pertaining to the handling of tax acquired property and wished that two particular items be considered: 1) a policy should be implemented on how the tax properties might be utilized, and 2) monies from the sales should be used to fund the Land Bank Commission; various boards were listed that should be notified; Council will bring this up on January 19 to formally adopt a policy.
5. David Thompson, Chairman of the Water Study Committee, went through various changes of the drafted Charter; this draft has been introduced to the Legislature and specific questionable areas would have to be decided by the Council no later than February; there was much discussion on the South Freeport Water District becoming a part.

5. Chairperson discussed the council goals and listed them according to priorities: 1) tax relief and tax reform - a suggestion was made that councilors meet with Nancy Clark and Jim Mitchell to discuss these problems - Councilor Nelson mentioned that this coming Thursday was a meeting with COG's Legislative Committee and he would report back to the Council - Councilor Goddard was concerned that the Legislature does not specifically react to what municipal officials report as being problems for their towns. 2) more interest in planning - a suggestion was made that councilors meet with the various committees to discuss planning issues. 3) district meetings - councilors felt this was beneficial. 4) traffic and parking problems. 5) municipal facilities. 6) impact fees. 7) affordable housing. 8) land bank funding. 9) structure planning. 10) cable tv. 11) comprehensive pay plan. 12) ad hoc committee regarding furnishing the new building.
6. Vice-Chairperson mentioned briefly the Land Bank Commission Plan; basically they would hold an annual meeting, must have a public hearing and once the plan is adopted, it would be filed with the Town.
7. Town Manager Olmstead stated that the library renovation is about to begin; bids are being solicited; many catalogs and magazines must be moved and stored in a heated, dehumidified storage area - the only area available is in Brunswick at a cost of \$70.00 per month.
8. Town Manager Olmstead notified the Council that Chase Langmaid of Prindle Insurance does not want to insure the remainder of the insurance policy for the Town; two insurance carriers have informed Mr. Olmstead they would be able to insure and will be providing the Town with quotes.
9. Town Manager Olmstead informed the Council there were a few tense moments this past weekend regarding an oil spill; George Waterman had been refurbishing the wharf and had left some equipment on the wharf - a pint of oil leaked out of the hydraulic system onto the water - DEP and Marine Resources have been notified - Mr. Waterman was fully covered by insurance and the oil spillage has been dispersed.

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Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 11:59 P.M.  
(Councilors Bonney & Nelson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

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

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