

M I N U T E S
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #34-96
NOVEMBER 25, 1996 - 1:36 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER

Genie Beaulieu, Chairperson Larue Drive	Present
Edward Campbell, Vice-Chairperson Gay Drive	Present
Alan Hindley Wardtown Road	Present
Kenneth Mann Mann Road	Present
Charlotte Bishop Maquoit Drive	Absent/Excused
Stafford Soule Arnold Road	Absent/Excused
David Soley Arnold Road	Absent/Excused

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MEETING COME TO ORDER FOR THE PURPOSES OF A BALLOT RECOUNT. (Chairperson Beaulieu and Vice-Chairperson Campbell)

Attorney William Plouffe explained each procedure to all parties present.

Representing the "NO" vote - Thomas Maier and Marie Maier

Representing the "YES" vote - Mary Kennedy and Horace Gower

At 2:03 - 2:07 an inspection was performed of all municipal void, spoiled and test ballots. Mr. Maier stated he was satisfied with the inspection.

At 2:15 all the regular ballots from each district were inserted into the optechs. The tallying was completed at 3:02 as follows:

District 1	915 votes cast, broken down as follows: YES=456 / NO=413 There were 46 blank ballots 1 red-lined ballot was counted as Yes
District 2	1,000 votes cast, broken down as follows: YES=446 / NO=520 There were 34 blank ballots 2 red-lined ballots were counted as No
District 3	995 votes cast, broken down as follows: YES=536 / NO=431 There were 28 blank ballots 1 red-lined ballot was counted as Yes

District 4 1,016 votes cast, broken down as follows: YES=475 / NO=515
There were 26 blank ballots
No red-lined ballots were in dispute

At 3:43 the "questionable ballots" were hand-counted and resulted in the following results:

District 1 NO = 11 / YES = 12
 1 disputed ballot

District 2 NO = 30 / YES = 15
 No disputed ballots

District 3 NO = 4 / YES = 5
 1 blank - no disputed ballot

District 4 NO = 8 / YES = 5
 1 disputed ballot

Council determined the 2 disputed ballots as follows: 1 YES / 1 NO

As a result of the ballot recount, the following tallies are the end results of the November 5 Referendum Question:

YES = 1,953 / NO = 1,935

Chairperson Beaulieu adjourned the meeting at 4:07 P.M. with Vice-Chairperson Campbell seconding the motion.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary D. Wescott
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Town Clerk

STRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

pointing to your choice(s), like this: 

candidates to be marked for each office.

on the ballot, write in the candidate's name and address on the line provided

3.

ADVISORY QUESTION No. 1

The Town Council is seeking voter opinion on the possible implementation of a pay-per-bag solid waste disposal system. **WOULD YOU FAVOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PAY-PER-BAG SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM?**

EXPLANATION: A pay-per-bag system would require that residential trash be placed in a certain type of bag for collection. Bags could be purchased locally with the cost covering the bag and disposal of the waste. Transportation costs would not be included. Communities that have adopted this type of system, such as Pownal, Durham and Falmouth, have experienced a lowering of waste volumes and an increase in recycling. This "non-binding" question will assist the Town Council in deciding this issue.

YES 
NO 

ADVISORY QUESTION No. 2

The Town Council is seeking voter opinion on the possible implementation of a single hauler residential waste collection system. **WOULD YOU FAVOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE HAULER SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION?**

EXPLANATION: A single hauler collection system would be awarded through a competitive bid process and be bid out on a periodic basis. Towns that have adopted a single hauler collection system, such as North Yarmouth, pay as little as \$0.88 per week for trash collection. With Freeport's multi-hauler system, the average collection cost is \$2.25 weekly. A single hauler system does not guarantee a reduction in cost. This "non-binding" question will assist the Town Council in deciding this issue.

YES 
NO 

REFERENDUM QUESTION

SHALL THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ENACTED?

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AND DEVELOPING LAND TO PROVIDE FOR AN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY. THE TOWN OF FREEPORT HEREBY ORDAINS: That a sum not to exceed \$450,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing and developing land to provide for an outdoor recreational facility. To meet said appropriation, the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer are authorized to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Freeport in a total principal amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, and the discretion to fix the dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates, places of payment, forms, and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery on behalf of the Town of Freeport, and to provide for the sale thereof, is delegated to the Chairperson of the Town Council and the Town Treasurer.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The Town of Freeport has sought additional recreation space for several years. Recognizing that as the Town's population grows, the utilization of existing space has been maximized and suitable tracts of land are not readily available in this Town. The Recreation Committee unanimously recommends that the citizens of Freeport be offered the opportunity to purchase land for an outdoor recreational facility. A potential site has been identified, which is located on the Upper Mast Landing Road, and consists of 39 acres (Tax Map 20 Lot 2). The site appears to satisfy many of the needs identified in the comprehensive plans, including hiking trails, picnic areas, conservation areas, open space for playing fields and could provide an all-season site accessible to a majority of Freeport residents. Further analysis of this site is needed and both State and Local Permits must be obtained. Should the site not meet the recreational needs of the Town or permits cannot be obtained, the Recreation Committee will pursue other potential sites. A Town Council vote will be required before any site is acquired. The Recreation Committee is particularly interested in promoting partnerships between the Town and citizen groups to develop a Town Recreation Facility.

YES 
NO 

AMOUNT OF BOND ISSUE:	\$450,000.00
INTEREST TO BE REPAYED:	204,375.00
TOTAL TO BE REPAYED:	\$654,375.00

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING.