

FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #06-2004
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 6, 2004 – 7:00 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

ABSENT

EXCUSED

Rod Regier, South Street	X		
Thomas Rumpf, P.O. Box 819, S. Freeport	X		
John Arsenault, Prout Road	X		
Charlotte Bishop, Maquoit Drive	X		
Rich DeGrandpre, Timber Ridge Road	X		
Frederick White, 45 Pleasant Hill Road	X		
James Cassida, 5 Timber Ridge Road	X		

Chair Regier called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Chair Regier clarified that on page 5 of the Minutes referring to the Town Manager developing an operating budget that is no more than a \$250,000 increase and the schools developing a budget of not more than a \$500,000 increase for this coming fiscal year, this is the limit for the increase in local property tax support.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting 05-2004 held on March 16, 2004 and accept the Minutes as amended (Arsenault & Bishop) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes)

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Announcements

Chair Regier paid tribute to Stan Davis, who recently died. He had been a life member of the Fire Company and the work he did with his construction firm is central to a lot of infrastructure in town such as the Middle School and Community Library.

Chair Regier pointed out that Shaw's will be opening on April 16 at 7 a.m. A formal opening celebration will take place at 11 a.m.

On March 19th, Chair Regier attended a meeting at the Maine Economic Development Center to discuss Regionalization.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – 30 Minutes (Non-Agenda Items Only)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To open the Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items Only (Arsenault & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

Bart Carhart advised that he and Mike Pottle attended a two-day annual conference and were awarded the Recycling Program of the Year for 2004 by the Maine Resource Recovery Association. On behalf of the recycling staff, he thanked everyone who supported the program as well as the voters who supported the bond to build a new building that includes bathrooms.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To close the Public Comment Period (Arsenault & Bishop)
VOTE: (7 Ayes).

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: To take action on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson.

ITEM #61-2004 To consider action relative to adopting the March 16, 2004 Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the March 16, 2004 Consent Agenda be adopted.
(DeGrandpre & Bishop)

Chair Regier explained the items to members of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #62-2004 To consider action relative to the Project Development Process of the Community Center Project funded in part by a grant from the Maine Municipal Investment Trust Fund. **(Public Hearing)**

Chair Regier asked Councilor Cassida to read the resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Freeport wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for Municipal Investment Trust Fund assistance to carry out a community development program; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law has been complied with and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Freeport Town Council that the Town Manager, Dale Olmstead:

- 1) Is authorized and directed to submit an application for the following project and dollar amount(s) within the State of Maine's MITF Program:

MITF Project: Community Center

Amount: \$500,000 (MTF Funds)

To the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the Town of Freeport, substantially in the form presented to this council;

- 2) Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the Town of Freeport required as part of such applications; and
- 3) Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing and said program(s), consistent with the Freeport Charter and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.
(Cassida & DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be opened. (Arsenault & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

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Mr. Olmstead explained that it is necessary to provide more detail on the application that was successfully presented to the State a few weeks ago. As part of the review process, providing the State with more detail on the project, each community is required to solicit public input on the project proposal. We are also required to provide the State of Maine with an Attendance List of those people who were in attendance during the public hearing. An attendance sheet is circulating and everyone is encouraged to sign it. Councilor Cassida is chairing the Community Center Project Committee, which was formed, and the charter given at the Council meeting on March 2, 2004. Councilor Cassida advised that this is a wonderful committee and he is happy to be working with them. The committee has met and agreed that the first order of business is to get an architect on board to assist them in the planning process. They drafted an RFP, which was mailed out yesterday. This RFP was distributed to a select group of area architects and the deadline for their response is April 30. They are hoping to have an architect selected and working with the committee by the middle of May. All of the former coalition community center groups that participated in the former DeLorme project have been invited to participate in the new project. Councilor Cassida noted that the committee is making good progress.

Bob Stevens of Porters Landing noted that he has been appointed to serve on this committee. Other Committee members are here as well. This is vital to FCS and we are fortunate to have the property on Depot Street to make its contribution to the project and that the Town has adjacent land. He thanked Councilors for initiating requests to the State and is looking forward to working with Councilor Cassida.

Elaine Wilmont, Treasurer of Freeport Elders and a member of the FCS Board is in attendance to provide support. The Elders and Teens need space in the Community Center.

Judy Miskill of Marquis Road, President of FCS, advised that she is excited about the prospect of having a community center to work closely with other groups to better serve the community. It is really needed.

Peter Warren of Lambert Road is also on the FCS Board. He noted that the community center will be very valuable to the Town and is desperately needed. He thanked everyone for their efforts in obtaining the grant.

Ron Smith, a member of the FCS Board, is very excited to get started on the community center.

Gladys Curtis, Manager of the Clothes Tree, and a member of the FCS Board of Directors, pointed out the need for this facility.

Marilyn Traiser, Interim Director of FCS, pointed out the need for space. They definitely need to expand.

Jerry Scholfield, Chief of Police and Freeport resident, noted his support for the Community Center concept and that the Police Department supports it as well.

Jason Donohue of Dennison Avenue applauded the effort to locate the community center in the heart of Freeport and thanked everyone involved.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be closed. (Cassida & Arsenault) VOTE: (7 Ayes).

Mr. Olmstead pointed out that the goal is to have the application completed by May 31, 2004.

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Councilor DeGrandpre noted that the community center concept is a great thing. Councilor Arsenault is happy it is now moving forward. It will be wonderful for the elders and youths of Freeport. Councilor Rumpf pointed out the importance of locating the community center in the downtown area and applauds all the people that worked on it. Councilor Cassida advised that this is a wonderful thing and he is excited to work on it. It is something all Freeport residents will be proud of. Chair Regier thanked everyone who agreed to work on this and bring it to fruition.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public comment during the development stage of the project. We are in the development stage and these comments will assist the committee in putting together its application.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #63-2004 To consider action relative to proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance concerning commercial waste hauling agreements (Chapter 28). **(Public Hearing)**

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be opened. (Arsenault & Rumpf) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

Mr. Olmstead explained the recommendation. Notice was mailed to all commercial haulers along with documents. Notice was mailed to other haulers but without documents.

Councilor DeGrandpre had questions which were addressed by Mr. Olmstead. Discussion followed. Complaints will be investigated by the Police Department but the Town Manager will be notified.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To amend the Waste Hauler Agreement to read in Paragraph 7, the Town shall investigate ~~credible~~ complaints it receives from third parties with respect to noncompliance of any party with its contractual obligations to the Town. (Cassida & Rumpf) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be closed. (Rumpf & Cassida) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

BE IT ORDERED: That the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance be approved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Commercial Waste Hauling Agreement be approved as amended. (Arsenault & Bishop) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

ITEM #64-2004 To consider action relative to approving projects to be submitted to PACTS for funding through the Biennial Transportation Improvements Programs – BTIP.

BE IT ORDERED: That the proposed BTIP projects outlined in the memo from the Town Engineer dated March 29, 2004 be submitted to PACTS for consideration. (Rumpf & DeGrandpre)

Mr. Olmstead explained that road improvements in certain areas come under the PACTS District. He noted how confusing this is but three eligible projects have been identified and he is asking the Council to authorize submittal of these projects to PACTS for consideration. Chair Regier pointed out that there are several references in the Town Engineer's memo dated March 29, of Route One, from

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Maple Avenue to Holbrook Street. Rather than saying Holbrook Street, he believes it should say "Kendall Lane". Other Councilors concurred and Mr. Olmstead agreed to make the changes.

Todd Smith of 6 Kendall Lane asked why his lane was being discussed, and Chair Regier explained The proposed projects being considered. Discussion followed.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To change those three references to Holbrook Street to Kendall Lane in the Town Engineer's Memo. (DeGrandpre & Arsenault)
VOTE: (7 Ayes).

Councilor White asked if the Public Works Director and Police Dept. put up signs as directed at the last Council meeting. Kristen Senter of 7 Kendall Lane advised that the lit sign was installed yesterday and a faded speed limit sign was installed two days after the Council meeting. She mentioned that trees block the lit sign and it is too far down Kendall Lane for good visibility. She offered her lawn as a location for the lit sign because it would be very visible there. Jim Plummer noted that he has ordered new signs and will look into the pruning issues.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED ORDER: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #65-2004 To consider action relative to the disposition of the Soule School Property.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Municipal Facilities Committee report on its recommendations. (White & Arsenault) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

Councilor DeGrandpre, Chair of the committee explained that they have met many times and pulled together a good deal of information. They are prepared to make a recommendation to the Council that is based on observations that the Soule School building should probably be removed. Parking is currently the only existing use on the property. There was no intention to make this property a parking lot but by default it is happening. The committee is not sure where to go with an RFP for used on this site. After speaking with members of the public, the committee feels the Town should ask if somebody wants this building before it is taken down. There maybe someone who would like to save the building. The committee is considering holding another public hearing after the request process takes place.

Councilor White read a line from a document titled Draft Guidelines for Requests for Proposals for Soule School Property, dated April 1. He read a list of compatible uses that could exist on this property. Councilor Rumpf noted that the committee came to the conclusion that it is not appropriate for the Town to be investing in either rebuilding the existing building or bringing it up to code or building a new building as an investment of tax dollars for the Town. They agreed that they should investigate if there is enough interest on the part of the private sector or a community group to make a proposal to take the lead on that if they felt it was important enough.

Chair Regier noted that if there is no response, before the building is demolished, there should be a defined sense of how the property will be used afterward. He suggested that the Council go through the Request for Proposals Process trying to focus on the ultimate use for that property. The first step will be an RFP for the building or the site.

Councilor DeGrandpre read the proposed guidelines. Chair Regier asked for public comments.

Gaitano Pitucci thanked the committee for its work. He has been following the process since the beginning. He requested that the Council schedule a public hearing on April 20 so that there is an opportunity to prepare comments regarding what appears to be substantially different in some aspects in the method of accomplishing what is proposed here. People will be able to adequately respond to

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what is printed now. Bart Carhart asked for clarification on Item #3 - *not significantly alter the wooded character of the back of the property*. Councilor DeGrandpre noted that people indicated that they enjoyed the wooded portion of the property and did not want a larger portion of the property developed. More discussion followed. Chair Regier explained the process if RFPs go out. Councilor White wants to be sure members of the public understand the proposals from start to finish. More discussion followed.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To change the date of the public hearing to June 15, 2004. (DeGrandpre & Rumpf) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

Spencer Drake of South Freeport pointed out that he has been following this process and he would prefer to have six people sit down and work it out. Big meetings are confusing and nothing appears to get done.

BE IT ORDERED: That the recommendations of the Municipal Facilities Committee concerning the disposition of the Soule School property and building be received by the Town Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for April 20, June 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss the recommendations of the Municipal Facilities Committee as amended. (White & Arsenault) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

ITEM #50-2004 Tabled March 16, 2004.

To consider action relative to adopting a Five Year Capital Plan and approving a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2005.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Five Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2005 to 2009 and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 be approved. (Bishop & Rumpf)

Chair Regier noted that the Council now has on the floor the entire amended Five Year Capital Budget. This is where amendments to specific line items will be entertained.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To amend Item #50-2004 as follows:

1. Amend Education Article by eliminating the purchase of the pickup truck for \$30,500 but funding the snowplow and sander for \$7,500. (Arsenault & Bishop) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).
2. Amend the Fire Department Article by eliminating the used service truck for \$15,000. (Arsenault & Cassida) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).
3. Amend the Public Works Article by eliminating the one-ton truck, but purchasing a \$7,500 plow and sander. (Arsenault & Cassida) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes). (Councilor Arsenault explained the reasoning).
4. Amend the Public Works Article by adding the purchase of a standard 2-wheel drive pickup truck for \$14,000. This is for the Superintendent, replacing his ¾ ton going to the school). (Arsenault & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:**
5. Amend the Police Department Article by reducing the cost of the pickup truck replacement from \$25,000 to \$19,000. (Arsenault & Cassida) **VOTE:** (7 Ayes).
6. Amend the amounts to be expended from reserves as follows
 - o Public Works reserves decrease from \$308,000 to \$281,500

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- Police reserves decrease from \$35,000 to \$29,000 (Arsenault & Rumpf) VOTE: (7 Ayes).
- 7. Amend the amount to be expended from Fund Balance from \$328,000 to \$269,500. (Arsenault & Cassida) VOTE (& Ayes).

Chair Regier explained that a lot of discussion has taken place regarding pickup trucks, which has resulted in a substantial savings over what was proposed in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Chair Regier pointed out that there is a \$45,000 request to purchase scales (without computer software) at the Recycling Center. Bart Carhart displayed a drawing and explained the roadways and where the scale would be located. He explained that they collected 75% of their costs. Discussion followed. Chair Regier asked if there is any desire to amend this \$45,000 request. Mr. Carhart has been talking to the Town Engineer and suspects that they could use a 30' scale, which would be less expensive than a 40' scale.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To eliminate this \$45,000 line item from the Capital Budget for this year (White) (No second was forthcoming).

MOVED AND SECONDED: To increase the total from \$45,000 up to \$47,500 to ensure the payment of the scale. (Arsenault & Cassida) VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Nay—White).

Chief Fournier requested that the figure for the Traffic Light Preemption System be reduced from \$15,000 to \$12,000.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To change the \$15,000 figure to \$12,000 for the Traffic Light Preemption System. (Rumpf & Cassida) VOTE: (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: To amend the Capital Plan as outlined in the revised document dated April 6, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the following Capital Budget Items be funded for Fiscal Year 2005.

EDUCATION

<u>2004 (FY 05)</u>	<u>Capital Funding</u>
1. Technology Upgrades	\$60,000
2. 84 Passenger Bus	\$70,000
3. Roof Replacement – High School – Membrane (1A Section)	\$32,000
4. Pick Up Truck – 4 Wheel Drive w/ sander and (small) plow	\$30,500
	\$7,500
5. Mast Landing – Sidewalk Repair/Replacement (asphalt) \$25,000	
6. Mast Landing Repairs – cabinet repair	<u>\$25,000</u>
	<u>\$242,500</u>
	\$219,500

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2004 (FY 05)

1. Traffic Light Preemption System
2. Protective Clothing
3. ~~Service Pickup (Used)~~

Capital
Funding
~~\$15,000~~ \$12,000
\$14,000
~~\$15,000~~
\$44,000 \$26,000

RESCUE UNIT

2004 (FY 05)

1. Protective Clothing
2. Rescue Equipment

Capital
Funding
\$14,000
~~\$20,000~~
\$34,000

PUBLIC WORKS

2004 (FY 05)

1. Dump Truck Chassis Replacement (Wheeler)
2. Dump Truck Body and Sander
3. Snow Plow and Wing Plow Replacement
4. Liquid Calcium/Ground Speed Control System
5. ~~One-Ton Truck with Plow and Sander (Request for State Road Turnback)~~
6. Front End Loader
7. Standard 2-wheel drive pickup truck

Capital
Funding
\$78,000
\$28,000
\$24,000
\$10,000
~~\$48,000~~ \$7,500
\$120,000
\$15,000
\$308,000 \$267,500

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

2004 (FY 05)

1. Scales and Computer

Capital
Funding
~~\$45,000~~ \$47,500

COMPREHENSIVE TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

2004 (FY 05)

1. Pettingil Road and Scotch Pine Road Reconstruction/Drainage
\$39,000
2. Merrill Road Reconstruction/Drainage
3. Merrill Road Drainage
4. So. Freeport Road Culvert Replacement (Town's Share)
\$15,000
5. Kendall Lane Sidewalk (Town's Share)

Capital
Funding
\$65,000
\$10,000
\$37,500
\$166,500

DESTINATION TIF VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

2004 (FY 05)

1. Main Street, west side (south of West Street)
2. Main Street, west side, Elm Street to Mosher Driveway
3. Main Street, west side, Mosher Driveway to Mallet Drive
4. Elm Street, south side

Capital
Funding
\$6,700
\$43,200
\$53,700
\$4,300

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5. Bow Street, north side, Middle Street north 185'	\$31,500
6. Bow Street, north side, Middle Street to RR tracks	\$32,700
7. Bow Street south, near Falcon Restaurant	\$28,100
8. Bow Street south, Depot Street to RR tracks	\$12,400
9. Mill Street, south side, at parking lot	\$15,000
10. Bow Street crosswalk	<u>\$2,500</u>
	\$230,100

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

<u>2004 (FY 05)</u>	Capital Funding
1. Copier Replacement	\$10,000
2. Refinish Town Hall Flooring and Counters	\$15,000
3. Computer Accounting Software Upgrades – Phase II	\$60,000
4. Plotter Replacement	\$10,000
5. Dunning Boatyard Improvements (Town Share)	\$26,000
6. Storage Facility – Public Safety	<u>\$55,000</u>
	\$176,000

POLICE DEPARTMENT

<u>2004 (FY 05)</u>	Capital Funding
1. Pickup Replacement – Special Enforcement	\$25,000 \$20,000
2. Bullet Proof Vest Replacement	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$35,000 \$30,000

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY GROUPS & OTHER REQUESTS

<u>2004 (FY 05)</u>	Capital Funding
1. Cemetery Improvements	\$10,000
2. Recreation Committee – Recreation Fields Update	<u>\$46,000</u>
	\$56,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the following amounts be expended from Reserve Funds to provide for items approved.

1. School Reserves	\$100,000
2. Fire Department Reserves	\$14,000
3. Rescue Department Reserves	\$34,000
4. Public Works Reserves	\$308,000 \$281,500
5. Comprehensive Town Improvement Reserves	\$166,500
6. Municipal Facilities Reserves	\$121,000
7. Police Reserves	\$35,000 \$29,000
8. Destination TIF Reserves	\$230,100

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That in lieu of bonding, ~~\$328,500~~ \$269,000 be expended from fund balance to purchase remaining items in Fiscal Year 2005 of the Capital Plan.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Proposed Five Year Capital Plan for Cable TV be approved and that the following items be funded from the Cable Reserve Account for Fiscal Year 2005:

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1. Cable Contract Negotiations	\$10,000
2. Replace Video Switcher	\$7,000
3. DVD Upgrade (High School)	\$20,000
4. Message Board Computer & Software Upgrade	\$6,000
5. Program Controller replacement (Bishop & Arsenault)	\$8,000

Mr. Olmstead advised that there have been many questions raised about the number of pieces of equipment that we were proposing to replace or purchase this year. There have been many questions raised about some of the equipment replacements scheduled throughout the Five Year Capital Plan. It became obvious that there is a need to have a workshop with department heads of Public Works, Fire and Rescue and dedicate it to equipment discussions and equipment needs for each department. There has not been time to field all the requests that have been coming in.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

Councilor Bishop thanked department heads for their cooperation in shuffling their equipment needs.

Chair Regier asked Mr. Olmstead to post on the Town's website the Capital Improvement Plan showing the amendments and also prepare a clean copy of the new Five Year Capital Plan so it is clear what has been adopted.

Councilors concurred that they would prefer to deal with the Solid Waste Fees at a later date. They will come up during the Operating Budget discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on proposed amendments to the Town Charter.

Bev Curry explained that one of the amendments concerns the timing as far as making absentee ballots available to voters. She explained the timeline involved and that more people are finding it convenient to use absentee ballots. She is proposing to cut 5 days from the time a person circulates papers (from 45 to 40 days). She would also like to be able to arrange names in alphabetical order rather than drawing them from a hat for the order on the ballot and eliminate the 5-day wait.

Mr. Olmstead advised that if the Council accepts the Town Clerk's proposal, the Town Attorney will be asked to prepare the proper charter amendment. It will be brought back to the Council for formal Council action. Councilors concurred that they have no problem with the proposed changes and they can be sent to the Town Attorney.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the Town Assessor would also like to seek a Town Charter amendment. He is recommending that an alternate be added to the Board of Assessment Review. They have been experiencing difficulties with attendance/scheduling and the proposed alternate will only vote in the absence of a regular member. Councilor DeGrandpre asked if the Board has provided any comments on this proposal. Mr. Olmstead did not know but offered to ask Mr. Konczal to get their recommendation. He will also find out if meetings are sometimes continued.

2. Discussion on Town of Gray Resolution on the elimination of the personal property tax.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the Town of Gray has passed a resolution concerning the tax cap initiative that will be on the ballot in November. He has been working with the Town Assessor on a

model to determine what the impact to Freeport would be, should the tax cap be approved by the voters. He suggested holding off on this until the Finance Director has completed his work. He suspects there will be a mid-May presentation to the Council at which time the Council can decide if it wants to endorse this kind of resolution.

3. Discussion on Transfer Station User Fees.

Mr. Olmstead pointed out that the Council agreed earlier that this would be addressed during the Operating Budget discussion.

4. Regionalism Update.

Mr. Olmstead explained that he and Councilor DeGrandpre attended a meeting last week in Cumberland. The RCC Report on regionalizing dispatch amongst the six communities involved in the study was incomplete and in some cases inaccurate. Each Town was asked to review the study and forward any errors they found relating to their community to the Town of Cumberland. He has since relayed all the information to Cumberland and hopefully it has been forwarded to FCC. He hopes they will return with a revised and more accurate document.

They also discussed the MDOT site on the Desert Road and the opportunity it might present to the Towns for a dispatch center. He was authorized to write a letter to the Governor concerning this site and received a letter on April 1 from the Commissioner outlining the process the State may use to dispose of the property. He suspects the Governor never read his letter. Now they are considering sending representatives to Augusta to explain how Regionalization can work.

5. Informational Exchange.

Bob Lyman's office has called about the running track noting there is great interest in it. He requested permission to draft the charge for a Track Committee to put the focus on people interested in this track. The appointed committee will report to the Council. To date the Council has looked at no Town funding for the track.

Chair Regier has had discussions with the School Superintendent and Chair of the School Committee and they are fully aware of the budget cap. They are in excess but they are close. The Council has a workshop with them next Tuesday but at this time, they are not sure there is enough information to discuss. Councilors concurred that the workshop should be postponed from the 13th to the 27th. Mr. Olmstead has to have the School budget by April 15 and he has to have the entire budget to the Council by the 1st of May.

Destination Freeport TIF has received tentative approval from the State's Planning Office. They will be sending a representative to Freeport to discuss some of the larger items on the list. The Kendall Lane sidewalk was not accepted but another bond issue is going to the voters in June. We will wait for the outcome in June and see what sources are available then. Our goal is to have the sidewalk in place by the time school opens in September.

Councilor Arsenault advised that the Freeport Merchants Association provided entertainment on Main Street last summer and they felt it was well received. The entertainers sold CDs and passed a hat which is not permitted in the Peddler Ordinance. Peddlers are only allowed to sell food items currently. Councilor Rumpf asked if the Town could provide an entertainment license to the Merchants for specific sites. Mr. Olmstead noted that the Town may have to revise the Peddler Ordinance to accommodate this. Chair Regier suggested that Councilor Arsenault obtain some operational guidelines from FMA and perhaps a recommendation from the FEDC and attend a Parking and Traffic Committee meeting. Councilor Arsenault agreed. He advised that the Freeport

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Merchants Association is in favor of this and he is confident they will create guidelines. Mr. Olmstead offered to meet with the Town Planner to determine what is needed to accommodate this.

Adjournment

MOVED AND SECONDED: To adjourn at 11 p.m. (Bishop & Rumpf)
VOTE: (7 Ayes).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Coffin".

Sharon Coffin
Council Secretary