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**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #10-99  
MAY 25, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**SUMMARY AGENDA**

**ITEM #128-99 To consider action relative to the adoption of Municipal, School and Winslow Park budgets for fiscal year 2000 (Public Hearing).**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Adjourn.**



**MINUTES**  
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<b><u>CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER:</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>
Genie Beaulieu, Vice Chair Larue Drive	X		
David Soley, Chairperson Arnold Road	X		
Edward Campbell Gay Drive	X		
John Arsenault Pleasant Hill Range Road	X		
Kenneth Mann Mann Road	X		
Gloria DeGrandpre Wolf Neck Road	X		
Stafford Soule Arnold Road	X		

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**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:** TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #9-99 HELD ON MAY 18, 1999 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED.

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** TO TABLE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #9-99 HELD ON MAY 18, 1999 to the June 1, 1999 meeting since Councilors have not had an opportunity to review them. (Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

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

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**ITEM #128-99**      To consider action relative to the adoption of Municipal, School and Winslow Park budgets for fiscal year 2000 (Public Hearing)

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**MOVED AND SECONDED:** That the proposed Municipal, School and Winslow Park budgets for fiscal year 2000 be subject to Public Hearing (Councilors DeGrandpre & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

Mr. Olmstead walked through some issues such as

- How much money Freeport gives to Human Service Agencies in comparison to surrounding towns.
- Why the Police Chief has asked for \$250 for an additional phone line
- Costs for striping roads.
- Fees for solid waste disposal—and the cost of clean-up days in the spring and fall.

Madelyn Baker inquired about increases in salaries for Bob Lyman, Diane Boucher and Dale Olmstead. She suggested that their designated raises be distributed to Freeport's teachers. Chair Soley noted that the School Committee sets the pay scale for the Superintendent and Mr. Lyman and Mr. Olmstead responded to her questions.

Mary Kennedy noted that she has not had time to analyze the funding given to various agencies. She explained what towns participate with the Freeport Elders. She pointed out what other Towns donate to their agencies and does not feel that the Freeport Elders are the highest receiver of Town funds.

Mary Ellen Carew and Joyce Racine encouraged the Council to support the School Budget as submitted to allow the schools to go forward.

Councilor Mann pointed out that his request for striping was not for the Wolfe Neck Road but was for the Flying Point Road but the estimate may be close. Mr. Plummer did not know what the exact amount was.

Mr. Horne and Mary Sauer mentioned that they have \$2,500 in the Conservation Commission budget and asked if they could carry it over to cover printing costs for the Open Space Plan for the public hearing. They may need to hire a consultant to help make any necessary changes They were instructed to use or encumber the money that they have now for the distribution of the Open Space Plan and any consultants they may need by chair Soley. Councilor Beaulieu added that the Council will look at some of these things as it moves along next year. Chair Soley noted that the Council will vote on June 1 whether or not to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Board on June 15 to go over the Open Space Plan.

Steve Jordan, a member of the Board of Directors of the Freeport Elders Association asked the Council to support the budget submitted by the Freeport Elders. He feels they have made remarkable progress with the seed money given to them.

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**MOVED AND SECONDED:** That the Public Hearing be closed. (Councilors DeGrandpre and Campbell) (7 Ayes).

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** That the proposed Municipal, School and Winslow Park budgets for fiscal year 2000 be tabled until June 1, 1999. (Councilors DeGrandpre & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

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**MOVED AND SECONDED:** To introduce an item not on the printed agenda (Councilors Campbell & Arsenault) (7 Ayes)

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** Councilors wishing to have budget amendments considered on June 1, 1999 shall be required to provide their amendments to the Town Manager by noontime on May 27, 1999 for inclusion in the June 1, 1999 Council packet.

Councilor Campbell explained that this will allow all Councilors and the public to be informed in advance of where the Council is headed with the budget. It will help to streamline the meeting.

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**The vote was 6 Ayes/1 Nay-(Mann)**

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**On Landfill Revenues,** Mr. Olmstead indicated that staff recommends that the cost of shingle disposal be moved to \$50, demolition materials to \$25, brush to \$70 and for future clean-up weeks, eliminate taking free of charge, shingles and demolition materials. Four Councilors agreed that they could go along with the Town Manager's recommendation if brush was eliminated from the changes. Councilors opposed were instructed by Chair Soley to submit an amendment.

Chair Soley mentioned giving authority to give School Dept. permission to carry over to their next budget up to \$51,000 of what is in their current operating budget. There was no opposition to this proposal.

Chair Soley noted that there is \$13,000 less in the school's numbers than was discussed last week. The Council would give the School Dept. permission to accept \$1,792,889 from the State and would also say that if Freeport gets more than that from the State, the money will be used to lower the tax rate. If the State does not come through, he suggested guaranteeing the School Department that they would get that amount from the Town's municipal funds. He mentioned that he suspects that the School Department will most likely get more than the \$1.8 million. Councilor Mann suggested passing the budget without the guarantee. Mr. Olmstead pointed out that the Council has until the Assessor commits taxes to make adjustments to the budget which will be September 1. He encouraged the Council to act next week and support the \$90,000 guarantee. Councilor Beaulieu agreed that this is the right thing to do. Councilor Campbell indicated that he, too favors the guarantee.

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Councilor Arsenaault pointed out that he would like to make two amendments to the Community Service Budget—increase the Elders budget by \$1,000 (Five other Councilors agreed) and restore \$500 to CHANS. Other Councilors concurred.

Raising the Police budget by \$250, Councilors concurred that this is necessary. Mr. Olmstead noted that water testing is reduced by \$5,000.

Chair Soley suggested removing \$3,000 from the budget for the Pownal boundary line issue. He noted that anyone opposed can submit an amendment.

Councilor Beaulieu mentioned \$1,500 is allocated for holiday decorations and how residents are distressed that there have not been any garland and overhead lights in recent years. Councilor Mann suggested looking into it further to find out what can be done.

Councilor Mann would like to restore \$500 to the Community Health Agency. They helped 12 families and operate similar to CHANS. There were four Councilors in agreement.

**MOVED AND SECONDED:** That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 P.M.  
(Councilors Arsenaault & Campbell) (7 Ayes).

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Coffin, Recording Secretary