

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #19-98
NOVEMBER 10, 1998 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY AGENDA

ITEM #227-98 To consider action relative to electing a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Town Council.

Reception for outgoing councilors and council officers to follow meeting.

8:00 P.M.

ITEM #228-98 To consider action relative to a Public Hearing on the proposed transfer of the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement from FrontierVision Partners to Casco Cable Television.

ITEM #229-98 To consider action relative to an Executive Session with the Town Attorney and the Cable T.V. Regulatory Board to discuss the proposed transfer of the CableT.V. Franchise Agreement.

Adjourn.

AGENDA

ORGANIZATION COUNCIL MEETING #19-98 FREEPORT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER 10, 1998

SPECIAL NOTE: This agenda is a working agenda that includes background information and is for distribution to Council members only.

FROM: Dale C. Olmstead, Jr.

TO: Genie Beaulieu, Chairperson, Larue Drive
David Soley, Vice-Chairperson, Arnold Road
Edward Campbell, Gay Drive
Alan Hindley, Wardtown Road
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road
Stafford Soule, Arnold Road
Gloria Fogg DeGrandpre, Wolf Neck Road

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the minutes of #18-98 and accept the minutes as printed.

MOTION: That the Freeport Town Clerk report on the returns of the November 3, 1998 election.

MOTION: That the Town Clerk's report be accepted.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS:

ROLL CALL OF NEW MEMBERS:

Genie Beaulieu, Chairperson, Larue Drive
David Soley, Vice-Chairperson, Arnold Road
Edward Campbell, Gay Drive
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road
Stafford Soule, Arnold Road
Gloria Fogg DeGrandpre, Wolf Neck Road
John Arsenault, Prout Road

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

To take action on the following items of business as ready by the Council Chairperson.

ITEM #227-98 To consider action relative to the electing of a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Town Council.

MOTION: That the nominations for the position of Council chairperson be accepted.

MOTION: That the nominations cease.

NOTE: Voting.

BE IT ORDERED: That _____ be elected chairperson of the Town Council.

MOTION: That the nominations for the position of Council vice-chairperson be accepted.

MOTION: That the nominations cease.

NOTE: Voting.

BE IT ORDERED: That _____ be elected Vice-Chairperson of the Town Council.

Presentations and comments from the Council to outgoing councilors.

Reception for outgoing councilors and council officers to follow meeting.

8:00 P.M.

ITEM #228-98

To consider action relative to a Public Hearing on the proposed transfer of the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement from FrontierVision Partners to Casco Cable Television.

MOTION: That the Public Hearing be opened.

MOTION: That the Public Hearing be closed.

ITEM #229-98

To consider action relative to an Executive Session with the Town Attorney and the Cable T.V. Regulatory Board to discuss the proposed transfer of the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement.

MOTION: That the Council enter into Executive Session with the Town Attorney and the Cable T.V. Regulatory Board to discuss the proposed transfer of the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement.

MOTION: That the Council reconvene.

NOTE: Anticipated council action on the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement is expected.

Adjourn.

MINUTES
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #19-98
November 10, 1998 – 7:00 P.M.

<u>CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Genie Beaulieu, Chairperson Larue Drive	X		
David Soley, Vice-Chairperson Arnold Road	X		
Edward Campbell Gay Drive	X		
Alan Hindley Wardtown Road	X		
Kenneth Mann Mann Road	X		
Gloria DeGrandpre Wolf Neck Road			X
Stafford Soule Arnold Road	X		

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #18-98 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED.

MOVED AND SECONDED: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #18-98 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Freeport Town Clerk report on the returns of the November 3, 1998 election. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

Town Clerk, Mary Wescott, reported on the results of the November 3, 1998 election:

Councilor At Large John Arsenault:1,535
 Alan Hindley:1,040
 Amy Adams:510

Councilor, District I Jack Maier:325
 Genie Beaulieu:359

School Committee Richard Hendee, Jr.:1,913
Debra Olken:2,204

Sewer District Trustees Arthur (Stan) Davis, Jr.:~~1,913~~ 1855
Edward Hindley:2,006

Water District Trustee Genie Beaulieu:17 (she has agreed to accept this position)

Referendum Question on Fire Truck Yes- 2,007 No- 921

Registered Votes (approximately:5,100)

Number of Ballots Cast:3,304

Percentage of Voters casting ballots (approximately) 65%

New Voters Election Day: 168

Absentee Ballots: 280

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Town Clerk's report be accepted. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS: Mary Wescott swore in Councilors, Genie Beaulieu and John Arsenault. Ms. Beaulieu was also sworn in as Water District Trustee

ROLL CALL OF NEW MEMBERS:

Genie Beaulieu, Chairperson, Larue Drive-present
David Soley, Vice-Chairperson, Arnold Road-present
Edward Campbell, Gay Drive-present
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road-present
Stafford Soule, Arnold Road-present
Gloria Fogg DeGrandpre, Wolf Neck Road-excused
John Arsenault, Prout Road-present

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

To take action on the following items of business as ready by the Council Chairperson.

ITEM #227-98 To consider action relative to the electing of a chairperson and vice-chairperson for the Town Council. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations for the position of Council chairperson be accepted. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To put forth nomination of David Soley as Council Chairperson. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations cease.
(Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

BE IT ORDERED: That David Soley be elected chairperson of the Town Council. ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations for the position of Council vice-chairperson be accepted. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To put forth nomination of Genie Beaulieu as Council Vice chair. (Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations cease.
(Councilors Mann & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

BE IT ORDERED: That Genie Beaulieu be elected Vice Chairperson of the Town Council. (Councilors Mann & Soule)
ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

Outgoing Councilor Hindley was thanked for his dedication and hard work. Chair Beaulieu was also recognized for her contributions to the Town. A reception followed.

Chair Soley asked Councilors to think carefully about what they want to have as goals for the coming year and get them in writing to Kelly Profenno by 11/24. He also asked Councilors to indicate their interest in committees with "1" being used for their highest preference. This, too, needs to be submitted to Kelly Profenno by 11/24. If Councilors notice that there are Council meetings scheduled that they are very interested in but know in advance they will be unable to attend, they should notify Kelly Profenno. It may be possible to switch the topic to a different meeting. Mr. Olmstead noted that the 2/16 meeting is scheduled during school vacation week. It may need to be canceled if Councilors will not be in attendance.

Chair Soley explained that "jawing sessions" have been scheduled beginning 12/1 at 6 p.m. These are anticipated to be one-hour meetings where Councilors sit down without a specific agenda and talk about any issues they have on their mind and how things are going.

Chair Soley shared a list of his personal agenda items that he would like to do while on the Council this year. He suggested that Councilors compare their goals with his and then on 12/1 at 6 p.m., talk them through and come up with team goals.

Councilor Mann reported that he has walked the Town line in reference to the Pownal line. They found a number of problems as spelled out in the Surveyor's Report. The next step is to meet with Pownal representatives and discuss solutions and resolution to the problems such as replacing missing monuments and marking the Town line to meet State standards. He asked for authorization to go ahead and meet with Pownal representatives and then come back with recommendations needed for funding these improvements. It was the consensus of the Council that Councilor Mann should represent the Town of Freeport in connection with the Pownal issues and after learning all the issues, report back to the Town of Freeport.

ITEM #228-98 To consider action relative to a Public Hearing on the proposed transfer of the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement from FrontierVision Partners to Casco Cable Television.

MOVED AND SECONDED That the Public Hearing be opened.
(Councilors Soule & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre)

Lola Lea of the Cable Board asked if their report will be made part of the public record. Chair Soley indicated that it would.

John Cantwell thanked the members of the Cable Board for all their hard work.

MOVED AND SECONDED That the Public Hearing be closed.
(Councilors Campbell & Soule) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre).

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MOVED AND SECONDED That the Council enter into Executive Session with the Town Attorney and the Cable T.V. Regulatory Board to discuss the proposed transfer of the Cable T.V. Franchise Agreement. (Councilors Arsenault & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused – DeGrandpre).

MOVED AND SECONDED That the Council reconvene.
(Councilors Beaulieu & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused-DeGrandpre).

BE IT ORDERED: That the Cable Television Franchise transfer agreement made this 10th day of November, 1998 by and between Frontier Vision Operating partnership, L.P., Casco Cable Television, Inc. and the Town of Freeport, be approved subject to the Town's receipt of a signed guarantee of the franchise agreement and the transfer agreement by Susquehanna Media Company.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the letter of understanding between the Town of Freeport and Frontier Vision Operating Partners, L.P. dated November 10, 1998 be approved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the town Manager be authorized to sign both documents on behalf of the Town of Freeport. (Councilors Campbell & Beaulieu) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused – DeGrandpre).

Chair Soley welcomed Casco Cable to the Town of Freeport.

Adjournment:

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Council adjourn. (Councilors Campbell & Beaulieu) (6 Ayes) (1 Excused – DeGrandpre).

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Coffin

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Recorder