

**FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL SUMMARY AGENDA
MEETING#20-2000
NOVEMBER 14, 2000
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ITEM #202-00 To consider action relative to the electing of a Chairperson and a Vice-chairperson for the Town Council.

ITEM #203-00 To consider action relative to endorsing Enhancement Grant Applications.

ITEM #204-00 To consider action relative to an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property (Keith Property)

NOTE: Council action is anticipated after the Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on filling the School Committee vacancy.

AGENDA

ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING #20-2000 FREEPORT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS NOVEMBER 14, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

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: David Soley, Chairperson, Arnold Road
John Arsenault, Vice Chairperson, Prout Road
Genie Beaulieu, Larue Drive
Edward Campbell, Gay Drive
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road
Gloria Fogg DeGrandpre, Wolf Neck Road
Robert Stevens, Porters Landing

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of #19-2000, October 10, 2000 meeting and accept the Minutes as printed.

MOTION: That the Town Clerk report on the returns of the November 7, 2000 election.

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS:

ROLL CALL OF NEW MEMBERS:

David Soley, Chairperson, Arnold Road
John Arsenault, Vice Chairperson, Prout Road
Genie Beaulieu, Larue Drive
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road
Robert Stevens, Porters Landing
Eileen Lowell, South Freeport Road
Karen Bricklemeyer, Bears Run

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

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ITEM #202-00

To consider action relative to the electing of a chairperson and a 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 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.

ITEM #203-00

To consider action relative to endorsing Enhancement Grant Applications.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Freeport Town Council endorse Enhancement Grant Applications to provide for paved shoulders on South Freeport Road and a planning grant to provide for the development of a Bicycle Pedestrian Plan.

ITEM #204-00

To consider action relative to an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property.

MOTION: That the Council enter into Executive Session.

MOTION: That the Council reconvene.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on filling the School Committee vacancy.

MINUTES
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #20-2000
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 14, 2000 – 7 P.M.

<u>CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Genie Beaulieu Larue Drive	X		
David Soley, Chairperson Arnold Road	X		
Edward Campbell Gay Drive	X		
John Arsenault, Vice Chair Prout Road	X		
Kenneth Mann Mann Road	X		
Gloria DeGrandpre Wolf Neck Road			X
Robert Stevens Porters Landing	X (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)		

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #19-2000 HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2000 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED.

MOVED AND SECONDED: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #19-2000 HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2000 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED (Councilors Arsenault & Campbell) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Town Clerk report on the returns of the November 7, 2000 election. (Councilors Campbell & Beaulieu) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens)

Town Clerk, Mary Wescott, reported the results as follows:

Eileen Lowell	3,483 (Councilor-At-Large)
Karen Bricklemyer	937 (Councilor, District 4)
Christopher Leighton	2,653 (School Committee)
Kenneth Guimond	2,358 (School Committee)
Kathryn Roy	2,763 (School Committee)
Donald Bail	2,386 (Sewer District Trustee)

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Paul Dunn	2,347 (Sewer District Trustee)
Leon Arsenault	2,760 (Sewer District Trustee)
Bradley Guay	2,767 (Water District Trustee)
Question #1, Charter Amendment	2,424 (yes) 1,865 (no)
Question #2, Advisory Question RE: Town Hall	1,759 (yes) 2,549 (no)
Question #3, Bonds for Expan. Middle School	2,841 (yes) 1,478 (no)
Question #4, Bonds for High School Science Wing	2,857 (yes) 1,461 (no)
Question #5, Bonds for High School Audit & Classrooms	2,674 (yes) 1,641 (no)
Question #6, Bonds for Fire Dept. Pumper	2,657 (yes) 1,672 (no)
Question #7, Bonds to Replace School Bus	3,249 (yes) 1,089 (no)
Question #8, Bonds for Burnett Road Bridge	1,550 (yes) 2,760 (no)
Total Number of Registered Voters:	5,425 +-
Total Number of Ballots Cast, Including Absentees:	4,476
Percentage of Voters Who Cast Ballots in Each District:	
% District #1	81%
% District #2	80%
% District #3	86%
% District #4	81%
Number of Voters Who Registered On Election Day:	318

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No. of 18 Year-Olds that Registered: 32

Number of Absentee Ballots Requested in Each District:

District #1	135
District #2	145
District #3	204
District #4	<u>138</u>
Total:	622

Mrs. Wescott praised the dedication and professionalism of the workers that handled the election for the Town. Chair Soley congratulated Bev Curry, Mary Wescott and John Arsenault for the tremendous job they did on election day. He suggested that the Council consider buying more voting booths and a replacement for the broken voting machine. An alternative voting machine would make sense as well. He mentioned the errors made on the ballot even though they were proofread carefully. Mr. Olmstead noted that discussions have been started on a joint bid effort with other areas to replace the old voting machines.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Town Clerk's Report be accepted. (Councilors Campbell & Beaulieu) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS:

Ms. Wescott called Ms. Bricklemyer and Ms. Lowell up to the front. They were sworn in and their pictures were taken.

Councilor Campbell shared his thoughts and thanked many people that have helped him through the years. He stepped down but did not go far.

ROLL CALL OF NEW MEMBERS:

David Soley, Chairperson, Arnold Road
John Arsenault, Vice Chairperson, Prout Road
Genie Beaulieu, Larue Drive
Kenneth Mann, Mann Road
Robert Stevens, Porters Landing (arrived at 7:45)
Eileen Lowell, South Freeport Road
Karen Bricklemyer, Bears Run

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

Organizational Meeting #20-00 – November 14, 2000

ITEM #202-00 To consider action relative to the electing of a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for the Town Council.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the name of John Arsenault be placed in nomination for the position of Council Chair. (Councilors Beaulieu & Mann) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations cease. (Councilors Beaulieu & Soley) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

BE IT ORDERED: That John Arsenault be elected chairperson of the Town Council. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

Councilor Arsenault took up the gavel.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the name of Robert Stevens be placed in nomination for the position of Council Vice Chair. (Councilors Beaulieu & Soley) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the nominations cease. (Councilors Beaulieu & Soley) (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

BE IT ORDERED: That Robert Stevens be elected Vice Chair of the Town Council. (Councilors Beaulieu & Soley) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (5 Ayes) (2 Excused—DeGrandpre & Stevens).

Chair Arsenault presented a plaque to David Soley for serving as Council Chair and accomplishing so many things in Freeport.

Councilor Beaulieu shared her thoughts regarding outgoing Councilor Campbell, noting his many accomplishments. He was presented with a plaque for his 10 years of very dedicated service. Mr. Olmstead noted that Town employees are in attendance tonight to honor Councilor Campbell. He recognized Councilor Campbell's accomplishments and presented him with a small gift. Pictures were taken. Councilors Stevens, Arsenault and Mann also had kind words for Councilor Campbell. They wished him well.

Councilor Mann noted that Councilor DeGrandpre is out of the country but will be here next month.

Reception for outgoing councilors and council officers followed

ITEM #203-00 To consider action relative to endorsing Enhancement Grant Applications.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Freeport Town Council endorse Enhancement Grant Applications to provide for paved shoulders

on South Freeport Road and a planning grant to provide for the development of a Bicycle Pedestrian Plan. (Councilors Beaulieu & Stevens)

Councilor Beaulieu explained the applications and answered questions.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: To take up an item out of order on the printed agenda (Councilors Beaulieu & Soley) (7 Ayes).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion on filling the School Committee vacancy.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the Town Charter requires that when a vacancy occurs on the School Committee, the Town Council has the authority to appoint a new member to the School Committee until the next regular election takes place. Councilor Soley noted that the School Committee has advised him that they would like the Council to expedite the process and appoint a new member as soon as possible. Councilor Mann would like the position advertised town-wide in public service announcements on Channel 7 and in the newspapers. Councilor Beaulieu echoed what Councilor Mann said and would like to make an appointment at a meeting in December. Councilor Lowell advised that Patrick Enking has shown an interest in serving on the School Committee and has met with the School Committee several times. She wanted the record to reflect this.

Councilor Beaulieu suggested that the applications be requested by November 30 and that this item be placed on the December 5 agenda. Councilors concurred that the applications should be requested by the 28th of November and the Appointment Committee could meet at 5 p.m. on the 29th for interviews. Mr. Enking will participate in the first interview. Councilor Beaulieu clarified that the existing Appointment Committee will be involved. She requested that Councilor Lowell should attend that meeting as an observer.

ITEM #204-00 To consider action relative to an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss the 92 acres owned by Scott and Margaret Keith on the Pownal Road. (Councilors Soley & Beaulieu) (7Ayes)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Council reconvene. (Councilors Soley & Beaulieu) (7 Ayes)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Town Council accept the contract that has already been signed by Margaret and Scott Keith and West Freeport Partners, Inc. and that we authorize the

Town Manager to sign this contract tonight on behalf of the Town of Freeport. We further move that we pay for the \$220,000 purchase price for this property by taking \$50,000 out of the Hedgehog Mountain Fund and by taking \$100,000 out of the Land Bank Fund and that we authorize the Freeport Conservation Commission to raise the remaining funds by grants or donations as they deem appropriate. In addition, we move that we authorize the Freeport Conservation Commission to move forward with this transaction and do everything that is diligent to move forward and report back to the Town Council on December 19 to give feedback on the due diligence. We finally move that the Council authorize up to \$7,000 from the fiscal year 2001 Miscellaneous and Contingency Account to pay for the cost of the due diligence that the committee feels appropriate. (Councilors Soley & Beaulieu)

Councilor Mann noted why he will be voting in favor of this. Councilor Beaulieu wanted the record to reflect that if we get to 2002 and we haven't raised the \$70,000 from outside sources, whatever hasn't been raised will be taken from the Land Trust. The record should reflect that the \$220,000 will be paid over time with 0% interest.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes)

Mary Sauer advised that a tour will take place on Sunday at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to meet at the Hedgehog Mountain Parking Area.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To adjourn at 9:30 p.m. (Councilors Beaulieu & Stevens) (7 Ayes)

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Coffin
Council Secretary