

Clark

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #26-2002

**DECEMBER 3, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY AGENDA

- ITEM #193-2002** To consider action relative to adopting the December 3, 2002 Consent Agenda.
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- ITEM #199-2002** To consider action relative to having the Town Manager review department budgets and work programs, and work with the department heads during this fiscal year to identify and secure savings which could be used to reduce the tax rate in fiscal year 2004.
- ITEM #200-2002** To consider action relative to having the Freeport Town Council endorse a letter to the Governor Elect concerning property tax relief, an equitable school funding formula, and sales tax.
- ITEM #201-2002** To consider action relative to an amendment to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance to allow one hour parking in front of Dansk on Main Street.
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OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Report from the FCS Board of Directors on the sale of the DeLorme Building.
2. Report from Dale Olmstead on Regional Waste Systems.

ITEM #203-2002 To consider action relative to an Executive Session concerning Police and Dispatch negotiation.

Adjourn.

AGENDA
FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #26-2002
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 3, 2002 – 7:00 P.M.

FROM: Dale C. Olmstead, Jr.

TO: Kenneth Mann, Chairperson, Mann Road
Susan Campbell, Vice Chairperson, Hunter Road
John Arsenault, Prout Road
Rod Regier, South Street
Charlotte Bishop, Maquoit Drive
Rich DeGrandpre, Timber Ridge Road
Andrew Arsenault, U.S. Route One

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #25-2002 held on November 12, 2002 and accept the Minutes as printed.

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

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

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BE IT ORDERED: That the December 3, 2002 Consent Agenda be adopted.

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NOTE: Linda replaces Michelle Hart and Rich replaces Robert Stevens on the Committee.

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ITEM #202-2002 To consider action relative to a Town Council hearing on the consideration and action of revocation of the Atlantic Seal B&B Victualers License.

MOTION: That the hearing be opened.

MOTION: That the hearing be closed.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Council revoke (or not revoke) the Atlantic Seal B&B Victualers License.

NOTE: Taxes have not been paid per an agreement with the Town.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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MOTION: That the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss Union contract negotiations.

MOTION: That the Council reconvene.

Adjourn.

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ITEM #190-2002 To consider action relative to an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License.

BE IT ORDERED: That the application for an Alcoholic Beverage License issued to Dayna Riley be approved.

Dayne Riley d/b/a Freeport Café, 31 U.S. Route One

ITEM #191-2002 To consider action relative to awards from the Dr. Gould Fund.

BE IT ORDERED: That 24 individuals be awarded a total of \$2,581.49 to provide for the payment of medical expenses.

ITEM #192-2002 To consider action relative to a street closure.

BE IT ORDERED: That from January 23 to January 26, inclusive, Mill and Depot Streets be closed to the intersection of Mill Street to provide for the Winter Fest Luge Run.

End of Consent Agenda

TOWN OF FREEPORT
Memo

MEMO TO: Dale C. Olmstead, Jr.
FROM: Johanna Hanselman
SUBJECT: Gould Trust Fund
DATE: November 20, 2002



During the quarter including the months of September, October, November, 2002 the following amounts were authorized for the Gould Trust Fund:

Gould Fund: **\$2,581.49**

Number of Individuals Assisted: 24

Please place this item on the next Town Council agenda for their approval. Thank you.

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING #26-2002
FREEPORT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 3, 2002-7:00 P.M.**

<u>CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Kenneth Mann, Chairperson
Mann Road

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Susan Campbell
Hunter Road

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John Arsenault
Prout Road

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Rod Regier
South Freeport Road

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Charlotte Bishop
Maquoit Drive

x

Rich DeGrandpre
Timber Ridge Road

x

Andrew Arsenault
U.S. Route One

x

Chair Mann called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and pointed out that the Council had its first agenda meeting a week ago and the majority of the Council was able to attend. The public is always invited to these and the next one will be held next Tuesday at 8 a.m.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #25-2002 held on November 12, 2002 and accept the Minutes as printed.

Councilor Campbell referred to page 2 regarding the nine points Chair Mann plans to address in the coming year and asked that they be added to the minutes.

1. Direct the Town Manager to look toward savings in Fiscal Year 2002 to carry over to reduce the property tax rate for next year.
2. Next year's Town Manager's Budget should be based upon a review of all departments with an eye towards streamlining and cost savings as opposed to department head requests for spending increases.
3. Policies on tax rate increases and reserve account priorities need to be reviewed.
4. Our investment policy for reserves invested in the Stock Market needs to be changed.
5. We need to increase the pace of work on paper streets (try to bring this to conclusion).

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6. Solicit proposals for Charter Amendments and begin a process for public hearing and review for placement on the ballot for next year.
7. Return some on-street parking to Main Street.
8. Find a way to provide for business signs for businesses outside of the Village core.
9. Reopen agenda meetings to the public and other Councilors.

MOVED AND SECONDED: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #25-2002 HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2002 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED. (Councilors Campbell & A. Arsenault) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

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

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Comment Period be opened on Non-Agenda Items only. (Campbell & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop)

Sue Ann Williams-Lindgren inquired how members of the public could submit agenda item requests for Council meetings and Chair Mann explained the process.

Madelyn Baker shared her experience in trying to advertise a small business during Sparkle Weekend and how only non-profit groups can advertise in front of Ben & Jerry's. She does not belong to the Freeport Merchants Association and was informed that she could not pass out fliers during the parade if she was a parade participant. She could pass out fliers if she was on the sidewalk. She was disappointed that a small ad could not be posted in the Town Hall. Chair Mann offered to follow up on this last issue.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To close the Public Comment Period. (Campbell & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop)

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

ITEM #193-2002 To consider action relative to adopting the December 3, 2002 Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the December 3, 2002 Consent Agenda be adopted. (Regier & Campbell)

MOVED AND SECONDED: To remove Item 192-2002 from the Consent Agenda. (Campbell & J. Arsenault) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

ROLL CALL VOTE ON CONSENT AGENDA: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

ITEM #192-2002 To consider action relative to a street closure.

BE IT ORDERED: That from January 23 to January 26, inclusive, Mill and Depot Streets be closed to the intersection of Mill Street to provide for the Winter Fest Luge Run. (J. Arsenault & A. Arsenault).

Councilor Campbell raised concerns voiced last year by businesses that were impacted by street closures. Katherine Glover from the Freeport Merchants Association noted that all of the businesses on Mill Street have given their approval for the closure. Jim Plummer will be providing one day to construct the luge and

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another day to remove it. No overtime will be incurred.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

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Chair Mann explained that these are regulations that the Town has to adopt in order to receive matching money from the State, and is done every year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

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NOTE: Linda replaces Michelle Hart and Rich replaces Robert Stevens on the Committee. (Campbell & A. Arsenault)

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

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BE IT ORDERED: That Kenneth Mann be appointed as an alternate to the Regional Consolidation of Municipal Services Committee.

NOTE: Susan Campbell is already a committee member. (A. Arsenault & Campbell)

Chair Mann explained that the 5 town committee will work together on purchases, landfills, highways, etc. in order to save money and improve the product.

Councilor J. Arsenault asked if filling positions such as this will be decided upon at agenda setting meetings in the future. In the past the Chair asked if there were any Councilors interested in serving on particular committees and then the Chair would determine if there was any support for that person to serve on that committee. Chair Mann noted that most likely appointments will be handled by the Appointment Committee in the future but this is something he would be happy to discuss with the Council.

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Councilor Campbell reported on a meeting held back in October and noted that the next meeting is tomorrow night at Cumberland Town Hall and anyone interested is invited to attend.

Councilor Regier requested that Council Leadership make every effort to contact other Councilors. Otherwise attendance at these agenda setting meetings becomes compulsory. Just because a Councilor is not there, he or she should not be out of the information loop. Councilor Mann noted that this is an opportunity to place a nomination if Councilors feel they want to. (None were received).

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop).

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Chair Mann explained how this dedicated reserve account came into being. Rick Simard explained that the Two new cameras will be easier to operate for a long period of time.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To change the amount to \$1,500 (Regier & DeGrandpre)
ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

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Tom Edwards and Jay Harper explained how well this program is doing and that some of the equipment is old and in need of updating. Mr. Harper feels this will keep them up and running for the time being. He has no expectation for making other requests at this time. Completion of the new auditorium is not expected until Fall of '03. No training is included.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes)(1 Excused—Bishop).

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Councilor Regier distributed the following friendly amendment and explained that his goals are:

1. Order not just the Town Manager, but the schools, too
2. Aim for savings not just in FY04, but beyond
3. Include committees and anyone directing public resources
4. Related work load to employment level and improved technology

BE IT ORDERED: The Town Manager shall and the School Committee is requested to review the budgets and work programs under their respective control, and work with their department heads during this fiscal year to identify and secure savings which could be used for application to fiscal year 2004 and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Town Manager and Town committees which control, use or recommend the use of public resources shall review, and the School Committee is requested to review programs under their respective control and make recommendations to the Town Manager or the Town Council as appropriate for cost effective measures either to diminish the need for public resources, or to use those public resources more efficiently. (Regier & J. Arsenault)

Sue Ann Williams-Lindgren asked why the School Committee is not being directed to review their budget when 2/3 of the budget is used for schools. The whole budget is in need of careful review. Chair Mann explained that the Council does not have any authority to tell the School Committee how to spend their budget or demand that they even review their budgets. The School Committee has the authority to direct the Superintendent of Schools to review his budgets. The Council is doing the best it can with this amendment. Chief Fournier, Bart Carhart, Chief Scofield and Jim Plummer noted that they are looking forward to working with the Council and asked that the municipal budget not be slashed while leaving the school budget untouched. Councilor Campbell pointed out that the Council is not just looking for ways to cut money out of their budgets. It is looking at the work processes as well. It may be that being creative in doing their work, may be the savings in the long run. She used snowplowing at the school as an example.

Councilor J. Arsenault suggested that Council leadership keep the line of communication open with the School Committee to ensure that they know what the Council is trying to do. Chair Mann advised that the possibility of having a no tax increase next year is nil and void. Discussion followed. Councilor DeGrandpre noted that he is interested in working with the School Committee.

Councilor DeGrandpre urged people to express their concerns to the School Committee.

Genie Beaulieu, District 1 applauded the Council for having the courage to tackle this problem but warned that the Town is used to its services and the Municipal budget does not contain a lot of fat.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED ORDER: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

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Councilor DeGrandpre read the letter into the record. Chair Mann explained why he drafted this letter. He asked for input. Councilor Regier suggested using the Governor Elect's first name in both places. Chair Mann asked the Town Manager to redraft the letter and send it off while copying the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee.

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Chair Mann noted that this issue is a new direction for the Town. This issue is urgent to him and he took the unusual route of bypassing the Parking and Traffic Committee. The majority of the Council felt strongly about doing this and trying to get it done before the Christmas season, keeping in mind the proposed reconstruction of portions of Route One. Businesses in Freeport could experience a hard year because of this reconstruction. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss with DOT the reconstruction project.

Councilor J. Arsenault asked Chair Mann if any discussion has taken place with business owners to determine whether they feel it is good for their businesses or not and whether any traffic information was received from the Police Department on safety issues. He is concerned that this may impact the buses and he would have preferred to work with the Parking and Traffic Committee because they would have had an answer to all these questions. It is very unusual to bypass a sub committee. Chair Mann noted that a public hearing is being scheduled and anyone with any concerns can attend the meeting and bring them up for consideration. The present Council is very pro business and is willing to try to help businesses flourish. The Council will be meeting with the Parking and Traffic Committee and will give them direction on what to work on. Councilor DeGrandpre noted that there are a lot of issues to discuss at the public hearing. Councilor J. Arsenault noted his concerns that the Council may possibly circumvent other committees in the future which will make people not want to serve on these committees. More discussion followed.

Katherine Glover, Freeport Merchants Association, noted that she has received phone calls from concerned Merchants. None of them have been approached. She wanted some clarification on why this is being proposed. Tour bus companies will be attending the public hearing. Chair Mann reiterated the reasons why this is being proposed.

Sue Ann Williams-Lindgren urged the Council to not rush into this, to delay the public hearing and consult with the Parking and Traffic Committee as well as the Police Department to get the necessary data. She brought up process issues as well. Genie Beaulieu noted she was shocked to find this issue on the agenda tonight without asking for input from the Freeport Merchants Association and the Traffic and Parking Committee and rushing the process. Madelyn Baker from District 2 noted how difficult it is for a disabled person to park and shop in Freeport. The Freeport Merchants Association should be made aware of this issue. More discussion took place.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (5 Ayes) (1 Nay—J. Arsenault) (1 Excused—Bishop).

ITEM #202-2002 To consider action relative to a Town Council hearing on the consideration and action of revocation of the Atlantic Seal B&B Virtualers License.

Chair Mann advised that a new agreement has been reached and the Council only needs to table this indefinitely.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To table indefinitely. (Regier & A. Arsenault)
ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop).

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Report from the FCS Board of Directors on the sale of the DeLorme building.

Harry Blumenthal, President of the Board of Directors of FCS, advised that in June of 2000 they purchased the DeLorme building for \$600,000, with a donation of \$100,000 from David DeLorme. They paid the taxes on the DeLorme Building when they purchased it. The purchase was not a wise move without funds. They spent their operating money. They have since sold the building for \$775,000 to the Porters but all of their expenses have not been deducted. In addition, a major contributor is asking for the return of a large donation. If they return this donation, they will be in the red.

They need space but will move slowly. They are hoping that some money from the sale of the DeLorme Building will allow them to proceed. They also hope that the referendum bond money will be applicable.

While discussing the referendum bond, Councilor Regier suggested that the Council direct the Town Manager to prepare a time line, bond requirements, etc. for the Town's obligations for the funds so that it can be part of a conversation with FCS for their own calendar and their plans. Chair Mann agreed that this should be done tonight. The community needs to know what it can do or cannot do. Councilor Regier is certain that there will have to be another referendum on this in the future.

Beth Finlayson noted that there are more people in need of services in this community than ever. Mr. Blumenthal concurred that FCS needs more space and invited Councilors to visit their facilities. Chair Mann noted that the Town appreciates all the work that FCS did in the purchase and sale of the DeLorme Building. He noted that it would be helpful for leaders to communicate more often. Ms. Finlayson pointed out that a copy of their audit will be available after December 16. Councilors requested that a copy be given to Mr. Olmstead when it is available.

There was consensus that Mr. Olmstead give Councilors a report on disposition of the bond, the timeline and the ramifications for use.

2. Report from Dale Olmstead on Regional Waste Systems.

Chair Mann noted that this report was requested from Mr. Olmstead based on the fact that there was a lot of information last time on contracts that RWS may be leading the Town towards.

Mr. Olmstead advised that RWS is attempting to find a way to bring back commercial waste that has been diverted from them. Towns will be given options to amend their Ordinances and require waste to flow through the system. If Towns choose not to do that, RWS will attempt to identify any diverted waste from that community to other systems and Towns will be expected to pay a bill equal to that lost waste. Contracts have been requested by the haulers. Discussion followed. Councilor DeGrandpre mentioned the

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insurance bite for small haulers Mr. Olmstead has requested that insurance rates be lowered to comply with the insurance rates at the local level.

Mr. Olmstead mentioned that Freeport haulers do not attend these meetings. They can call RWS and ask them to send them their notices. Chair Mann asked Mr. Olmstead to take care of this for the 3 or 4 haulers in Town. Once they are on the mailing list, they will be notified automatically.

There is another meeting next week and Mr. Olmstead will get more information then.

Town Policies

Chair Mann noted that everyone should have this for their review.

School Policies

Judy Hawley provided a huge pile of policies and Councilor Campbell reviewed most of them. She recommended that the table of contents be copied for Councilors and if there is any portion that Councilors would like, Judy will arrange for the copying.

National Guard Communication

Chair Mann asked for an update on the running track discussed in the newspapers. Mr. Olmstead, Donna Larson and Bob Lyman have been working with Joanie Benoit Samuelson and Nike to figure out where to place a running track in Freeport. It appears that the best spot is at the high school. They are working with a local landscape architect along with one from Boston engaged by Nike. They determined that the high school's field is the best location. It can be located there without dislocating many of the existing playing fields. The Town has to prepare the base for the track so they have asked the National Guard if they are willing to take on the base preparation. Ms. Larson and Mr. Lyman are providing the information requested by the National Guard. It appears they are interested and will do this project. The Town leases a pit which will provide the base material needed. The Town will have to pay for the material. The National Guard will also be doing training exercises while it is doing this project. They will need space for these exercises.

Chair Mann was informed by a concerned resident that Freeport may have to go out and construct more playing fields because of this running track. Mr. Olmstead did not have the information that shows why the high school is the best place for the running track or whether more playing fields will have to be developed. Mr. Olmstead offered to request that Bob Lyman give a detailed report at the next Council meeting. Councilor Campbell noticed that there is a 30 day deadline to provide a response. She also asked how many activities may be displaced and Mr. Olmstead did not know.

Chief Fournier's Letter

Councilor Campbell had a question about the table top training exercises. She asked Mr. Olmstead if he knew what this was about. Mr. Olmstead pointed out that Chief Fournier will work with the County and get the plan updated and to the Council in February but the training exercises to make sure the plan works well is not budgeted for.

Signing of the Warrants by the Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Mann noted that Hedy has been very helpful. He shared some of the bills that came to his attention. He suggested looking at the list of contractors and subcontractors in the future and determine if they can be done in-house. Councilor A. Arsenault pointed out that signatures should be legible on Town documents.

Mr. Olmstead explained the bills that Chair Mann pointed out.

Proposed Town Council Meeting Schedule

Chair Mann mentioned that this schedule is subject to change.. He is considering sending a letter to these committees asking if they have any issues to discuss. If not, the Council could cut down on some of these workshops. He and Vice Chair Campbell have also been discussing the fact that department heads do not come into workshop settings and discuss their concerns or problems. It would make sense for Councilors to work with these people throughout the year to make any Ordinance changes. Councilor Campbell noted that it was helpful to get materials up front from committees or department heads. She suggested perhaps a one-page outline for them to fill in and get back to Councilors. Other Councilors concurred that structure would be helpful in advance of these meetings. Councilor A. Arsenault noticed that some evenings there are three committees scheduled and perhaps some of them could be prioritized to allow more time. Councilor Campbell suggested putting this schedule on the Agenda Planning Meeting next week.

Chair Mann noted that Committee assignments and goals are due by this Friday. If anyone has any interest in a discussion with a particular committee, they should indicate it on the sheet.

Councilor Regier suggested having a budget meeting in January with the Town Manager and the School Committee. Other Councilors concurred.

ITEM #203-2002 To consider action relative to an Executive Session concerning Police and Dispatch negotiation.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss Union contract negotiations. (J. Arsenault & Regier) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

MOVED AND SECONDED That the Council reconvene. (J. Arsenault & Regier) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

Adjournment

MOVED AND SECONDED That the Council adjourn at 11:09 p.m. (J. Arsenault & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (6 Ayes) (1 Excused—Bishop)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Coffin

Sharon Coffin, Council Secretary

- 1) Direct the Town Mgrs to look for Toward saving in FY2002 to carry over to reduce the Property tax ~~income~~ Rate for next year.
- 2) Next Years Town Managers Budget should be Built upon a Review of all Departments with an eye towards Streamlining and Cost Savings - as opposed to Dept Head requests for spending increases
- 3) Policies on Tax Rate increases and Reserve account Priorities need to be reviewed
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- 7) Return some on Street Parking to Main Street
- 8) Find Way to Provide for Business Signs for Business out side of the ~~Core~~ Village Core
- 9) Re open Agenda Meetings to the Public and other Councilors

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Dale C. Olmstead, Jr.
Town Manager

November 26, 2002

Governor-Elect Baldacci
200 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor-Elect:

We, the people of the Town of Freeport, congratulate you on becoming Maine's next governor. We greatly need your leadership and experience during this economic low tide.

In southern Maine we are facing several issues that need immediate attention at the state level. As chairman of the Freeport Town Council, I urge you to prioritize these issues that are exasperating voters in Freeport and nearby coastal communities. First, we need property tax relief. Second, we need a more equitable school funding formula that contributes more than a meager 5% to our school budget. Third, we need to have an equitable portion of the sales tax that is generated in Freeport and sent to Augusta refunded to the Town of Freeport for municipal use.

I know these are complicated issues, but citizens here are eager for change and an end to legislative stalemate. If I can assist you in any way, perhaps by hosting a "town hall" meeting with locally elected officials, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Mann, Chairman
Freeport Town Council

cc: Senator Beth Edmonds
Representative Thomas Bull

AGENDA MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2002 – 8:00 A.M.
TOWN HALL

Agenda

1. Discussion on the Town Council Agenda for the December 17, 2002 Town Council Meeting.
2. Discussion on workshop schedule.

November 26, 2002

Request from Chair Ken Mann to place on the December 3, 2002 Town Council Agenda

To consider action relative to amendments to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance (Chapter 48) to allow one hour parking on the east side of Main Street from Bow Street to Mechanic Street (Section 48-303) and to eliminate bus loading and unloading on the east side of Main Street from Bow Street to Mechanic Street (Section 48-311), as follows:

Section 48-303 One Hour Parking Zones

#6. On the east side of Main Street from Bow Street to Mechanic Street

Section 48-311 Bus Loading and Unloading

~~1. On the east side of Main Street from Bow Street to Mechanic Street.~~

~~2.~~

1. On the west side of Main Street from Ben & Jerry's store (Map 11, Lot 65) to Justin's Way.