

COUNCIL MEETING #5-80
MARCH 10, 1980
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: Council Room

MINUTES

TOWN OF FREEPORT MEETING OF THE FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL

☒ Regular
☐ Special

Council Chairman Bonney called the Meeting to order.

Moved and Seconded - That the Town Clerk report on the returns of the March 3, 1980 Municipal Election. (Councilors Swan & Curtis)
(6 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and Seconded - That the Town Clerk's Report be accepted.
(Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

Roll Call of Members

	Present	Excused	Absent
Vaughndella Curtis, Pine Street	X		
Elizabeth Ruff, Durham Road	X		
Leo Valliere, 10 Park Street		X	X
William Lunt, Webster Road	X		
John Swan, 48 Bow Street	X		
Hollis Willett, Lower Flying Point	X		
Edward Hindley, Wardtown Road	X		

Moved and Seconded - That the Minutes of Meeting #4-80 held February 19, 1980 be amended to provide that the vote on Item #26-80 be corrected to show 6 Yes 0 No. (Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes)(0 No)

Moved and Seconded - To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #4-80 held February 19, 1980 and accept them as amended. (Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

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Moved and Seconded - That nominations for the position of Council Chairman be accepted. (Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations cease. (Councilors Swan & Willett) (6 Yes) (0 No)

ITEM #31-80

Be It Ordered - That Vaughndella Curtis be elected Chairman of the Freeport Town Council.
(Councilors Swan & Ruff) (5 Yes)
(1 Abstention, Councilor Curtis)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations for the position of Council Vice-Chairman be accepted. (Councilors Ruff & Swan) (6 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations cease. (Councilors Ruff & Curtis) (6 Yes) (0 No)

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Be It Ordered - That John Swan be elected Vice-Chairman of the Freeport Town Council.
(Councilors Ruff & Lunt) (3 Yes) (2 No)
(1 Abstention, Councilor Swan)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman be reopened. (Councilors Ruff & Willett) (6 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations cease. (Councilors Lunt & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

ITEM #31-80

Be It Ordered - That Hollis Willett be elected Vice-Chairman of the Freeport Town Council.
(Councilors Ruff & Lunt) (3 Yes) (3 No)

Moved and Seconded - That we defer election of a Vice-Chairman until the next regular meeting when all the members are in attendance. (Councilors Ruff & Swan) (5 Yes) (1 No, Councilor Lunt)

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ITEM #32-80

Be It Resolved - That the Freeport Town Council hereby publicly express its sincere appreciation to Edward M. Bonney for his devoted service, leadership and faithful attention to the duties of his office, for the courtesy and consideration shown to his fellow councilors, and to his many contributions to the Town of Freeport and its citizens during his tenure as Chairman for the Town Council from March 14, 1978 to March 10, 1980.
(Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

ITEM #33-80

Freeport Town Council Resolution:

Whereas, William Pushard has served as District Four Councilor since March 1977, and

Whereas, he has faithfully and with dedication performed the duties of his office, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved - That the Freeport Town Council hereby publicly expresses its appreciation to William Pushard for his faithful attention to the duties of his office, for the courtesy shown to his fellow councilors, for his devoted service on behalf of the Town of Freeport and its citizens during his tenure as District Four Councilor, and

Be It Further Resolved - That a copy of this Resolution signed by the Town Council be prepared and presented to Mr. Pushard.
(Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

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Moved and Seconded - To waive the second reading. (Councilors Swan & Willett) (6 Yes) (0 No)

ITEM #34-80

Freeport Town Council Resolution:

Whereas, Edward M. Bonney is the first councilor to have served two consecutive terms as Freeport Town Council Chairman, and

Whereas, Mr. Bonney demonstrated superior leadership qualities during his tenure as Town Council Chairman on several controversial issues including the construction of side-walks on Main Street, purchase of the property at 16 Main Street, purchase of a fire truck and fire fighting equipment, and purchase of a computer, and

Whereas, Mr. Bonney is returning to the role of private citizen, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved - That the Freeport Town Council hereby credits (or blames as the case may be) Edward M. Bonney for the positive consideration of any controversial issue occurring during his tenure as Town Council Chairman, and

Be It Further Resolved - That the members of the Freeport Town Council and the Town Manager (especially the Town Manager) make every effort to refrain from referring to Mr. Bonney as Freeport's "Dictator of the Decade", and

Be It Further Resolved - That a copy of this Resolution signed by the Town Council be prepared and presented to Mr. Bonney (Councilors Swan & Ruff) (6 Yes) (0 No)

Town Manager Benway stated there is a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 1980, regarding the County Budget which he will attend.

A letter from John Nelson was received requesting that the School Building Committee would like to meet with the Town Council and tentatively March 25 has been scheduled for a workshop meeting.

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Moved and Seconded - That we waive the second reading. (Councilors
Swan & Hindley) (6 Yes) (0 No)

ITEM #35-80

Freeport Town Council Resolution:

Whereas, The Town of North Yarmouth is celebrating the Tricentennial founding of Ancient North Yarmouth, and

Whereas, the Town of Freeport was a portion of Ancient North Yarmouth until its incorporation in 1789, and

Whereas, Today's residents of North Yarmouth have graciously invited Freeporters to participate in the Tricentennial celebration of Ancient North Yarmouth, and

Whereas, Edward M. Bonney, Town Council Chairman, Vaughndella Curtis, Town Council Vice Chairman, Hollis Willett, District Councilor, and Bruce Benway, Town Manager, represented Freeport at the Town Meeting for Ancient North Yarmouth on March 6, 1980, now

Be It Resolved - That the Freeport Town Council hereby publicly expresses its appreciation to the residents of North Yarmouth for the warm reception given to Freeports' representatives at the Town Meeting for Ancient North Yarmouth, and congratulates the Town of North Yarmouth in its efforts to celebrate the Tricentennial of Ancient North Yarmouth.

(Councilors Willett & Swan) (6 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 3:06 P.M.
(Councilors Swan & Willett) (6 Yes) (0 No)

The foregoing was recorded by:

Mary D. Wescott
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Council Secretary

Dist: Council, Town Attorney, Auditor, Bookkeeper, Town Clerk,
Police, Highway, Library, Development Coord., Supt. Schools