

COUNCIL MEETING #15-81  
AUGUST 4, 1981  
7:30 P.M. Council Room

M I N U T E S  
TOWN OF FREEPORT  
MEETING OF THE FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL

- ☒ Regular  
☐ Special

Chairman's Call to Order

Present Excused Absent

John Swan, Chairman, 48 Bow Street  
Hollis Willett, Vice Chairman, Lower Flying Pt  
Leo Valliere, 10 Park Street  
William Lunt, Webster Road  
David Coffin, Bartol Island Road  
Vaughndella Curtis, Pine Street  
Edward Hindley, Wardtown Road

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Moved and Seconded - That the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #14-81 held July 21, 1981 be waived and accept it as printed.  
(Councilors Lunt & Coffin) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - That the Proposed Franchise for Cable Television be subject to Public Hearing.  
(Councilors Willett & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Public Hearing be closed.  
(Councilors Willett & Lunt) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #80-81

Be It Ordered - That the Town Manager be authorized to sign and execute the Proposed Franchise Agreement with United Video Cablevision of Freeport, Maine.  
(Councilors Willett & Coffin)  
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That we waive the second reading.  
(Councilors Lunt & Coffin) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #81-81

Be It Ordered - That Reid Potter, Harold Winters and David Harris be appointed, effective immediately, to the Board of Appeals to serve until July 1, 1984.

Be It Further Ordered - That the above named qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Freeport Town Clerk by August 17, 1981.  
(Councilors Hindley & Curtis)  
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - That we waive the second reading.  
(Councilors Lunt & Willett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #82-81

Be It Ordered - That the Proposed Street Acceptance and Standards Ordinance of the Town of Freeport, Maine be herein introduced and submitted to public hearing on September 1, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Be It Further Ordered - That 30 copies of the Proposed Ordinance be printed and distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office and the B.H. Bartol Library for pick-up by citizens.  
(Councilors Coffin & Lunt)  
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #75-81

The Town of Freeport Hereby Ordains - That the Proposed Traffic Ordinance Amendments introduced on July 7, 1981 and submitted to Public Hearing on July 21, 1981 be adopted.  
(Councilors Willett & Coffin)  
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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ITEM #76-81

The Town of Freeport Hereby Ordains -  
That the Proposed Ordinance to  
Repeal the Concealed Weapon Ordinance  
introduced on July 7, 1981 and sub-  
mitted to Public Hearing on July 21,  
1981 be adopted.  
(Councilors Curtis & Lunt)  
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Town Manager Benway gave a short report on the Little River Bridge: the town engineer as well as Councilors Coffin and Willett and the Manager have all reviewed the bridge as to possible ways to repair it: part of the funds have been set aside in the Public Works Budget: due to the heavy flow of summer traffic it is suggested that work commence after October 1: the repairs should be completed within a 2-week period.

A discussion followed with Carol Wishcamper, Chairman of the School Committee (School Committee Members Hugh Phelps and Lance Fletcher were also present) and the Town Council regarding the extra amount of \$3,143 which must be further cut from the school budget. Chairman Swan pointed out that percentage wise the school had gained to their advantage: the original percentage of 57%/school and 43%/municipal had now changed to 58%/school and 42%/municipal. The Town Manager pointed out the 3 options available: (1) the Council could indicate that the action taken on June 16, 1981 stands, or, (2) the Council could consider a special appropriation which would take some 60 days for the recovering of the \$3,143, or, (3) the Council could wait and look at the School Committee final cuts and seek to make adjustments with them on an individual basis. Councilor Lunt recommended that "we leave it the way it is." Councilors Curtis and Valliere had not been aware that an error had been made in the figures. Town Manager Benway pointed out that when the tax rate is set, there will be an overlay amount which might be considered, or the miscellaneous and contingency account might be used. Chairman Swan stated that the Council were not prepared at this time to make a decision but the School Committee is to proceed with their cuts and present the final budget to the Council on September 1; there are a number of options which the Council can discuss.

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Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 8:32 P.M.  
(Councilors Lunt & Coffin)

The foregoing was recorded by:

*Mary D. Wescott*  
Mary D. Wescott, Council Secretary

Distribution: Council, Town Attorney, Auditor, Bookkeeper, Town  
Clerk, Police, Highway, Codes Enforcement, Library,  
Superintendent of Schools, School Committee Chairman