

COUNCIL MEETING #5-82
MARCH 9, 1982
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 Freeport Town Clerk report on the returns of the March 1, 1982 Municipal Election.
(Councilors Curtis & Coffin) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Freeport Town Clerk's Report be accepted. (Councilors Curtis & Coffin) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Roll Call of Members

Present Excused Absent

John Swan, Chairman, 48 Bow Street
Leo Valliere, 10 Park Street
David Coffin, Bartol Island Road
Vaughndella Curtis, Pine Street
Robert Davenport, Bartol Island Road
Hugh Phelps, Porters Landing
Edward Hindley, Wardtown Road

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Moved and Seconded - That the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #4-82 held February 16, 1982 be waived and accept the Minutes as printed.
(Councilors Coffin & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations for the position of Council Chairman be accepted.
(Councilors Hindley & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations cease.
(Councilors Curtis & Hindley) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #21-82 Be It Ordered - That David Coffin be elected Chairman of the Freeport Town Council.
(Councilors Curtis & Hindley)
(6 Ayes) (1 Nay, Councilor Valliere)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations for the position of Council Vice-Chairman be accepted.
(Councilors Swan & Hindley) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That nominations cease.
(Councilors Swan & Hindley) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #21-82 Be It Ordered - That Vaughndella Curtis be elected Vice-Chairman of the Freeport Town Council.
(Councilors Swan & Hindley)
(6 Ayes) (1 Nay, Councilor Valliere)

Moved and Seconded - To waive the rules for Resolutions which are not on the Agenda.
(Councilors Curtis & Swan) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved by Councilor Curtis, read by Councilor Curtis & Seconded by Councilor Hindley the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, JOHN SWAN has served as Chairman of the Freeport Town Council from March 19, 1981 to March 19, 1982, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swan has demonstrated great expertise in placing his left foot on the left side of each issue and his right foot on the opposite side of each issue, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a special task force be commissioned to design a new seat especially for Mr. Swan which will allow him to more comfortably sit on both sides of an issue at the same time.

(Signed by Leo Valliere, Councilor-at-Large; David Coffin, Councilor-at-Large; Vaughndella Curtis, Councilor-at-Large; Robert Davenport-District 2 Councilor; Hugh Pheasant-District 3 Councilor; and Edward Hindley-District 4 Councilor)

(Council Vote: 6 Yes) (1 Abstain) (Councilor Swan)

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Moved and read by Councilor Curtis & Seconded by Councilor Hindley the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, JOHN SWAN has served as Chairman of the Freeport Town Council from March 1981 to March 1982, and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully and with dedication performed the duties of this office, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeport Town Council hereby publicly express its sincere appreciation to John Swan for his leadership, devoted service and faithful attention to his fellow councilors, and to his many contributions to the Town of Freeport and its citizens during his tenure as the Chairman of the Freeport Town Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be signed by the Town Council and presented to Mr. Swan.

(Signed by Leo Valliere, Councilor-at-Large; David Coffin, Councilor-at-Large; Vaughndella Curtis, Councilor-at-Large; Robert Davenport, District 2 Councilor; Hugh Phelps, District 3 Councilor; and Edward Hindley, District 4 Councilor)

(Council Vote: 6 Yes) (1 Abstain, Councilor Swan)

Council Chairman Coffin presented Mr. Swan his Resolution and a Placque from the Council and Town.

Moved and read by Councilor Hindley & Seconded by Councilor Swan the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, WILLIAM LUNT has served as Councilor-at-Large since March 1980, 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 express its appreciation to William Lunt 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 Councilor-at-Large, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution signed by the Town Council be prepared and presented to Mr. Lunt.

(Signed by Leo Valliere, Councilor-at-Large; David Coffin, Councilor-at-Large; Vaughndella Curtis, Councilor-at-Large; John Swan, District 1 Councilor; Robert Davenport, District 2 Councilor; Hugh Phelps, District 3 Councilor; and Edward Hindley, District 4 Councilor)

(Council Vote 7 Yes) (0 No)

Moved and read by Councilor Hindley & Seconded by Councilor Swan the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, HOLLIS WILLETT has served as District Two Councilor since March 1979, and

WHEREAS, he has faithfully and with dedication performed the duties of this office, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freeport Town Council hereby publicly express its appreciation to Hollis Willett 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 Two Councilor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution signed by the Town Council be prepared and presented to Mr. Willett.

(Signed by Leo Valliere, Councilor-at-Large; David Coffin, Councilor-at-Large; Vaughndella Curtis, Councilor-at-Large; John Swan, District 1 Councilor; Robert Davenport-District 2 Councilor; Hugh Phelps, District 3 Councilor; and Edward Hindley, District 4 Councilor)

(Council Vote 7 Yes) (0 No)

A discussion followed on the reorganization of Task Forces:

General Government Task Force: It was hoped that Mr. Lunt would remain on this committee. Mr. Davenport will take over as Chairman.

Library Task Force: Mr. Phelps will take over as Chairman. It was requested by Council Chairman Coffin that a report could be received by April 1 and would be appreciated.

Councilor Phelps also requested that he remain on the Education Task Force.

Town Manager Benway announced that Maggie's Mob, better known as Elaine Polakewich has graciously consented to again organize a 4th of July parade with one condition, that back-up financing be assumed by the Town, that is, to make a guarantee of up to \$1,000 if needed. Councilor Swan explained- this is not payroll of any kind, but monies that might be needed for advertising, setting up the parade, etc. The Council agreed to sponsor Maggie's Mob and the monies, if needed, would come out of Miscellaneous and Contingency Account.

Re: Control Expense Sheets which went out with the last agendas - Mr. Benway explained that the major overdrafts in Public Works is in the Overtime Account. The only major financial problem which Public Works would have is an "irrigation system" which the State insists must be done at the landfill-there is some confusion as to an actual agreement. Public Works will attempt to stay within the budget; the tree program may have to be dropped in order to do so.

Council Chairman Coffin stated that a workshop will be scheduled for the 16th of March with the School Committee to discuss the Charter Amendment and also to discuss which way the budget will go. Next regular meeting will be on the 23rd of March. Chairman Coffin would like each councilor to prepare a list of goals which he would like to see carried out, also a list of liaison positions which some councilors would prefer to represent or not.

Mr. Benway pointed out that Town Counsel Frinsko had been expected to attend the workshop on the 16th and the bill for his attendance would have been \$125. Therefore, it is suggested that some type of language be sent to Mr. Frinsko to look over and edit, then get back to the Council. Council agreed.

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 8:09 P.M.
(Councilors Swan & Hindley) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

Mary D. Wescott
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Council Secretary

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