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FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #23-89

FREEPORT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SEPTEMBER 26, 1989

7:35 PM

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<u>CHAIRMAN'S CALL TO ORDER</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
John A Nelson, Chairman, Church Street	X		
Robert Stevens, Vice-Chairman, Porters Landing		X	X
William Grady, Elm Street Extension	X		
Kirk Goddard, Mast Landing	X		
John Paterson, Flying Point Road	X		
Edward Campbell, Gay Drive	X		
Edward Bradley, Flying Point Road	X		

Moved and Seconded - To correct the Minutes of September 19, 1989, Meeting #22-89, to show that Councilor Bradley arrived at the same time as Councilor Paterson.

(Councilors Bradley & Paterson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #22-89 held September 19, 1989, and accept the Minutes as printed, as amended.

(Councilors Goddard & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Public Hearing on the establishment of Freeport's 4 voting districts be continued.

(Councilors Grady & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Public Hearing be closed.

(Councilors Grady & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #165-89

Be It Ordered - That the proposed boundaries for Freeport's 4 voting districts, as submitted to Public Hearing on September 12 and September 26, 1989, be approved and become effective on January 1, 1990.

The configurations are as follows:

District 1 = 1,387

District 2 = 1,401

District 3 = 1,408

District 4 = 1,503

5,699

New Maps and Boundary Descriptions will be available for next year.

(Councilors Grady & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the proposed Construction Project of a New Upper Elementary School be subject to Public Hearing.

(Councilors Campbell & Bradley) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Supt. of Schools, Robert Lyman, explained that in order for the State to pay \$5,548,000 toward the New School, leaving Freeport's share of \$22,000, there must be a positive vote to build the school by the voters.

Steve Black, architect, gave a detailed description of the buildings - stating it covers 42,600 square feet, will house Grades 3 thru 5, will hold 360 students, faces southerly, will have a defined entrance separating school buses loading and unloading from passenger vehicles, will have 3 levels with 3 defined school areas.

Mr. Lyman further explained that the owner of the property is holding one small parcel which could be used for future expansion on the other side of the recreation field. Dept. of Transportation will consider cost-sharing for improving roads for student safety. The Town, at this point, has expended \$70,000 toward the New School - if the voters reject the School Project, the Town of Freeport will not be liable to go ahead with the construction, however, the \$70,000 will not be returned.

Moved and Seconded - That the Public Hearing be closed.

(Councilors Grady & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - To table Item #170-89 (To consider action relative to a transfer of funds for correcting a drainage problem) until October 3, 1989.

(Councilors Bradley & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the Town Clerk report on a Petition receiving calling for a Limitation on Annual Increase in Expenditures.
(Councilors Paterson & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Town Clerk, Mary Wescott, reported that a Petition to "AMEND ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FREEPORT BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 6.12 AS FOLLOWS: 6.12 LIMITATION ON ANNUAL INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES." had been presented to the Town for circulation and signatures. 60 Petitions had been picked up from the Clerk's Office - 32 had been returned and checked. 588 signatures were required - the Town Clerk verified 679 names - the People's Petition will be in November's Election.

ITEM #171-89 Be It Ordered - That a Public Hearing be scheduled for October 3, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Freeport Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss a proposed amendment to the Charter of the Town of Freeport (Article VI, Section 6.12) calling for a Limitation on Annual Increase in Expenditures.

Be It Further Ordered - That a Public Notice of this Hearing be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation seven(7) days prior to the Public Hearing.
(Councilors Paterson & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #172-89 Be It Ordered - That the Town Manager's appointment of Richard Simard as Civil Defense Director be confirmed.
(Councilors Grady & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #173-89 Be It Ordered - That Elizabeth High be reappointed to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission until September 1, 1992.

Be It Further Ordered - That Ms. High qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by October 6, 1989.
(Councilors Goddard & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #174-89 Be It Ordered - That Peter Ainsworth be appointed to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission until September 1, 1992.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Ainsworth qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by October 6, 1989.
(Councilors Campbell & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #175-89 Be It Ordered - That James McCormack be appointed to serve as a member of the Shellfish Commission until July 1, 1990.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. McCormack qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by October 6, 1989.
(Councilors Bradley & Paterson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #176-89 Be It Ordered - That James Butt be reappointed to serve as a member of the Cable T.V. Regulatory Board until October 1, 1992.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Butt qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by October 6, 1989.
(Councilors Goddard & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - To table Items #177-89 and 178-89 (action relative to appointments to the Cable T.V. Regulatory Board) indefinitely.
(Councilors Goddard & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #179-89 Be It Ordered - That Harry Blumenthal be reappointed to serve as a member of the Design Review Board until October 1, 1992.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. Blumenthal qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by October 6, 1989.
(Councilors Campbell & Bradley) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #180-89 Be It Ordered - That Richard DeGrandpre be appointed to serve as a member of the Traffic and Parking Committee until October 1, 1991.

Be It Further Ordered - That Mr. DeGrandpre qualify by swearing an oath of office before the Town Clerk by October 6, 1989.
(Councilors Grandy & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #181-89 Be It Ordered - That twelve (12) applicants receive a total amount of \$2,440.23 from the Dr. Gould Trust Fund.
Note: Specific information concerning the twelve (12) applicants is on file at the General Assistance Office.
(Councilors Goddard & Campbell) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Other Business:

1. A presentation on a New County-Wide Jail for Cumberland County was made by Edward Bonney, Cumberland County Commissioner, and Wade Sanders, Administrator of the present jail: a new jail is needed because 1) the present one is too small, 2) the present one is not safe and does not create a secure environment for inmates and workers, and 3) is very inefficient and costful. The present jail was built to accommodate 100 prisoners - it actually houses 238 inmates. The jail serves 26 communities as a holding facility - the jail is not in compliance with State or Federal standards, however, the Department of Corrections has given variances to keep the facility open predicated on the County resolving the problem - 72% of all prisoners are County residents - 44% live in Portland. The future jail will house 340 prisoners, should be adequate through the year 2,010, and will house juveniles in a separate facility. It will need 20% more staff and 130% more beds. Several sites were looked at which were close to the courthouses - the new facility is scheduled in back of the Old Union Station - has approximately 10 acres - a second parcel considered was on Outer Congress Street behind the Regional Waste Systems. It is estimated to cost 11¢ per \$1,000 of valuation for each community in Cumberland County - monies are based on a 30-year cost analyses - maintaining the present facility would cost over \$345,000,000 - to renovate would cost over \$314,000,000 - new construction would cost over \$256,000,000. If voters reject the new jail - they would only be able to house 100 inmates in the present building and other prisoners would have to be housed elsewhere at a considerate cost. The Administrator, Mr. Sanders, pointed out they are going to institute a program whereby the inmate would work and the monies earned would go toward defraying the inmate's upkeep.

Other Business Continued -

2. Councilor Grady reported on the Traffic and Parking Committee: the Committee is looking at the T.Y.Lin Study on Parking, signage for the merchants, some recommendations from the Police Chief, and library parking problems.

Bill Easton, the Consultant, explained "time of day parking" which limits parking to a certain portion of the day - he stated that might work in Town, but, strongly recommended that Freeport not use it.

Councilor Goddard was excused at 10:29 P.M.

3. Councilor Campbell invited councilors to join the Freeport Comprehensive Plan Committee for an informal evening of discussion and conversation concerning the future of our Town - we need your help to put the pieces together. The meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, September 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. at the Freeport Fire Station, 16 Main Street. Items to be discussed will be: natural resources, commercial growth, quality of education, public services, employment opportunities, affordable housing, transportation, residential growth.
4. Chairman Nelson mentioned that last week was the culmination of the Bicentennial activities; he wished to have a ceremony honoring all the people that worked on the committee.

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 11:05 P.M.
(Councilors Campbell & Grady) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

Mary D. Wescott
Mary D. Wescott, Council Secretary

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